

People's Question Time - Ealing admissions policy

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1. Conditions of entry

As part of People's Question Time (PQT) at the Victoria Hall, admission for all visitors is conditional upon agreeing to go through the search procedures and complying with all security arrangements and instructions as detailed below.

The Greater London Authority (GLA) reserves the right to refuse admission.

2. Search procedures

All visitors wishing to enter PQT 2023, will be subject to a photo ID check and security search of both their person and any bags or carried items, including folding bicycles. The search aims to ensure that no prohibited items (please refer to the list displayed nearby) are either deliberately or accidentally brought into the building.

Please note that visitors may also be required to be searched prior to entry, and laptop computers may be required to be removed from their cases. Wheelchairs will also be subject to a search. If you have opened bottles, of drink you may be required to take a sip or dispose of it prior to entry. Sealed bottles are okay.

At the discretion of the Security Officer, visitors deliberately trying to conceal prohibited items or being obstructive, may be refused entry and reported to the police.

3. Visitor's behaviour and conduct

Visitors to PQT are respectfully requested to behave in a considerate manner at all times and comply with official instructions given by Security Officers and GLA Staff. Anyone who is considered to be a threat to good order will not be admitted. Visitors must not disrupt or interfere with the activities that are taking place at PQT.

The intimidation of Security Officers or other members of GLA Staff or public will not be tolerated and neither will assault on staff, aggressive behaviour, offensive, threatening or abusive language or gestures. This will be reported to the police, for further action to be considered.

Anyone displaying these behaviours or not complying with official instructions will be required to leave the PQT immediately and may at the discretion of the Security Officer be refused from future entry. Visitors are advised not to make comments to security staff that could be interpreted as a potential threat; such actions could result in the police being called.

4. Children

Young people under the age of sixteen will not be permitted access to the building unless accompanied by an appropriate adult or by prior arrangement. Security staff may ask for proof of age if the visitor does not look sixteen years of age or over.

5. Animals

The only animals permitted access to PQT are assistance animals and police search dogs with appropriate official identification.

6. Photography and filming

Photography and filming of PQT is permitted, provided flash photography is not used. Security and, or GLA staff may ask you to stop, where photography or filming interferes with the meeting. The use of camera or audio-video recording equipment in such a way, so as to cause alarm, distress or harassment of staff or visitors or using it in such a way that causes interference with their duties or visit is prohibited. No commercial photography or filming at PQT is permitted without prior written agreement from the Greater London Authority.

7. CCTV

For everyone's security and safety, monitored and recorded CCTV is in operation at Peoples Question Time.

8. Changes to security arrangements

Please note in the interests of everyone's health and safety, security arrangements are subject to no notice extension and change.

9. Prohibited items

To help protect the safety and welfare of both visitors and staff the following is a nonexclusive list of items that are prohibited from being brought into PQT:

- bladed items, including; pen knives, fixed bladed knives and scalpels
- offensives weapons such as tasers
- imitation or toy weapons, including toy hand grenades and guns
- items that could be readily converted into weapons
- component parts of weapons
- flares, fireworks or other pyrotechnics
- candles with naked flames
- party poppers, party canons and confetti
- helium filled balloons
- gas canisters
- strobe lights, high intensity torches and lasers
- hazardous materials eg. radioactive items, CS gas, pepper spray, glue, acids and alkalis
- spray paints or cans of paint
- powders that are not personal prescription medicines or for cosmetic purposes
- illegal drugs
- opened bottles / cans of alcohol
- pointed scissors / pointed tweezers
- knitting needles
- syringes (unless required for personal medical use)
- placards, banners, flags, leaflets and flyers
- mobile phone jamming devices
- masks
- items that could cause loud audible disruption i.e. whistles, megaphones, sirens, air horns, large radios / cd players / speakers
- covert surveillance and recording equipment
- climbing and abseiling equipment
- tools such as pliers, screwdrivers, wire cutters, padlocks, chains, saws or similar
- any items considered to be suspicious or unacceptable by security staff that the owner cannot provide a reasonable explanation for possessing
- items likely to cause offence.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION

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