



Diverse Sensory Calm Spaces Hire Deck





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Diverse UK's purpose is to reduce social isolation for autistic and neurodivergent people by creating communities, social groups and work opportunities for them.

Our work at festivals and events enables us to fund our social events, directly reducing loneliness, and improving the well-being of our community. We're very proud that the majority of our team are neurodivergent.

SENSORY CALM SPACES

A Sensory Calm Space is a purpose-built, low-stimulation environment where attendees can pause, regulate, and recover from sensory overload.

It's staffed by Autism and Mental Health professionals and supported by those with lived experience.

It works by reducing sensory load with calm lighting, blackout drapes, soft furnishings, and grounding tools.

SENSORY CALM SPACES

WHY HAVE A SCS?

- Provides a safe space to de-escalate anxiety and overwhelm
- Meets the needs of your event goers
- Reduces demand for welfare and medical teams
- Promotes inclusion and accessibility of your events, supporting return visits
- Works towards meeting your requirements under the Equality Act 2010

WHY USE DIVERSE UK?

- Staffed by Neurodiversity and Mental Health experts and people with lived experience
- We pioneered this product and have over 25 years experience of supporting Autistic and Neurodivergent people
- Our team includes accessibility experts and event consultants
- We have a wealth of clients, including at Glastonbury and the King's Coronation



THE FOUNDERS

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HARRY JONES

Harry Jones is an accessibility consultant and founder of Accessible Events, specialising in the design and delivery of inclusive environments for live events.

She created the concept of Sensory Calm Spaces for festivals and live events after identifying the lack of appropriate environments for neurodivergent and disabled audiences experiencing sensory overwhelm, pioneering this approach within the sector before it became more widely adopted.



ANDREW POWELL

Andrew Powell has spent over 30 years supporting autistic people and their families, working to create more opportunities for connection, friendship, and community.

In 2016, Andrew founded Diverse UK, building on the success of a Bristol-based autism social group he helped establish in 2000. He currently chairs the board of trustees and oversees the Sensory Calm Space project.





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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Trained staff
- All equipment for a 6m x 6m Sensory Calm Space, including blackout drapes, adapted lighting, seating, sensory tools, and AV equipment
- All sensory materials, tactile and vestibular input tools, and seating for staff and visitors
- Branded triage gazebo for welcoming attendees

WHY IT WORKS

Feedback is consistent across events. Attendees describe avoiding meltdowns, seizures and panic attacks; improved wellbeing and self-regulation; and the confidence to engage fully, knowing they can say “*I need a time out*” at any moment. National media coverage has recognised Diverse Sensory Calm Spaces at major festivals as a significant step forward in accessibility.



THE DETAILS

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WE NEED...

What do we need from you?

- A 6m x 6m structure with waterproof flooring (larger sizes negotiable)
- External space for additional support / waiting area
- Power 13 amp sockets, water, WiFi, and accessible toilets nearby
- Crew Tickets for staff and volunteers + meal tokens
- Promotion of the Sensory Calm Space for customers
- Named point of contact for the duration of organising/on-site operations
- On-site logistics including space location, vehicle access, parking, and staff camping if required

TS & CS

Booking

Confirms on receipt of a written agreement or purchase order. Operational adjustments may be made where necessary.

Indicative Costs

Hire starts from a standard package, scalable for additional spaces or extended hours.

Delivery & Safety

Services are delivered with skill and care, in line with industry best practice. Clients must ensure a safe, accessible environment. Staff will need to arrive one or two days before your event starts to build the space.

Liability & Intellectual Property

Diverse UK holds insurance. Materials and methods remain our property. Confidential information must not be shared without consent.



Voices From 2025

“Walking in I was overwhelmed and in tears. I’m leaving with a smile and a calm child. This is priceless.”

— *Bestival*

“If it wasn’t for this safe space I would have had a huge meltdown. This needs to be the standard for all festivals.”

— *Download Festival*

“Thank you so much for this space, it made all of the difference to our day. Every festival big or small should aspire to protect its attendees with this crucial service. Thank you again!”

— *Waterworks London*

“The only reason that I came back to the festival was because I knew that this would be here again. Last year I had a meltdown and thought I was going to have to leave but your staff helped me. This year I have planned my routes so I know where the nearest space is at all times. Now I can really start to enjoy being at Glastonbury.”

— *Glastonbury Festival*

