# FUTURES ACCESS GUIDE

## Venue - Daniels Spectrum

585 Dundas St E, Toronto, ON M5A 2B7

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## How to Use This Guide

This Access Guide is for people a part of the FUTURES Program. Inside, you will find information about AccessNow, FUTURES, access elements, the facilitation team, and contact information.

This Access Guide is a living document, if there are elements you want to learn more about, things you want to include, or general comments, please let the FUTURES team know.

We hope this Access Guide supports your FUTURES experience!

## What is AccessNow?

AccessNow's mission is to establish a go-to resource for accessibility information. We are building a connected platform to empower people to discover a world of accessible opportunities, make better decisions and remove barriers.

## What is FUTURES?

FUTURES is a leadership development program that empowers youth to explore identity, grow as leaders, and build lasting connections—all while making a difference.

## Land Acknowledgment

AccessNow acknowledges that we are on the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

AccessNow also acknowledges that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands. These lands were once part of a much larger system, with countless nations whose histories may not have been fully documented and are now home to a diverse array of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis communities.

We encourage cohort members to learn about and regularly acknowledge the historic and current relationship that exists between the unceded and ceded land on which we live and the First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

AccessNow acknowledges the historical oppression of lands, cultures and the original Peoples in what we now know as Canada.

## How am I getting there?

This guide will help you navigate to the correct location when programming takes place in person at the **Daniels Spectrum building.**

The address is: 585 Dundas St E, Toronto, ON M5A 2B7.

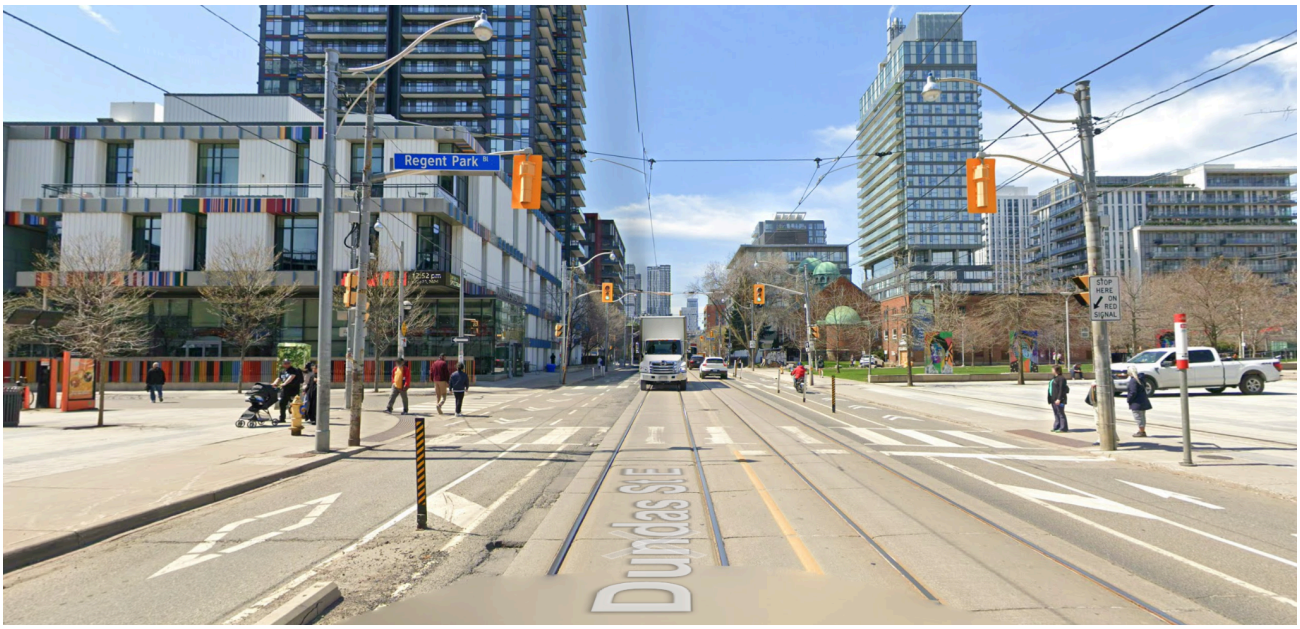
### Can I travel by Car or by WheelTrans?




Yes! If arriving by WheelTrans, or being dropped off by car, ask them to drop you off at the north entrance which is located on Dundas St. E. There will be a short curb ramp that you may use to access the sidewalk and then to enter the building.
There is also paid parking available below the building.

## Can I take public transit?

Yes. If arriving by Dundas Streetcar (505) **Westbound**, you will get off at “Dundas St East at Regent Park Blvd” (Stop Number: 15873). Turn left and cross the street at the first set of traffic lights (Regent Park). Cross the street again, turning right. Enter the North Entrance by using the double doors facing Dundas St. East.








The **Eastbound** Dundas Streetcar (505) stops right outside the doors of the North Entrance (“Dundas St East at  Regent Park Blvd” (Stop Number: 15872). There is a short ramp leading to the street approximately 4 meters (6 steps) from the north entrance/exit.



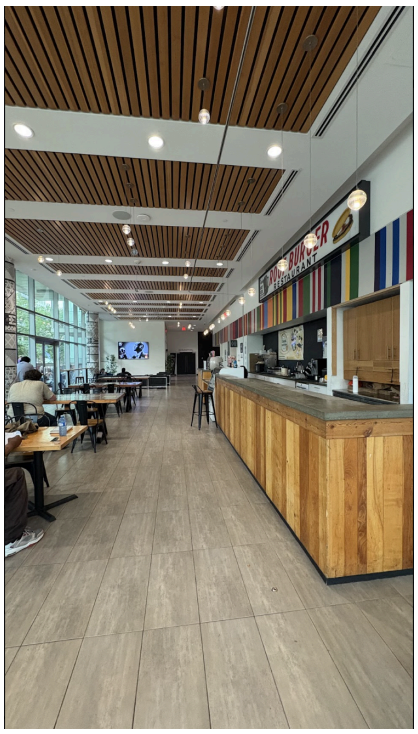


## How do I enter the building?

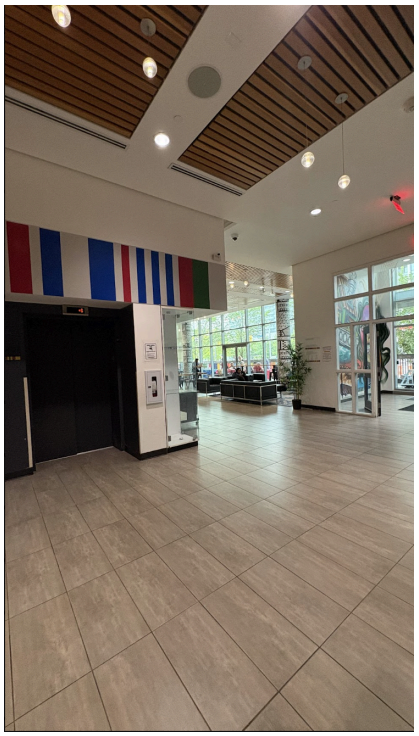
When entering the North entrance, right after entering the external doors into Daniel Spectrum, there will be a small vestibule. The automatic door button is on your left hand side, at hip height. The second set of doors open inwards.



Moving through the Community Living Room & Cafe, travel roughly 24 meters (32-34 steps) until you reach the Lobby. Turn right, and you will approach the two elevators.



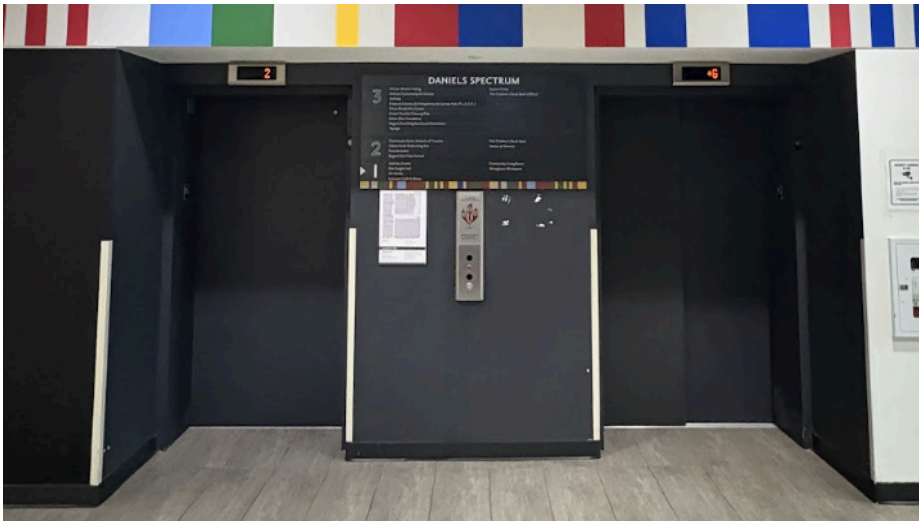






## How can I access the elevator?

'Up' button is positioned equally between the two elevator doors—roughly 27 inches from each, and 36 inches from the ground.




When inside the elevator (right)*, the control centre (which includes tactile labeling) is positioned on the right hand side of the elevator door—approximately a distance of 9" from the door, and 45 inches from the ground.

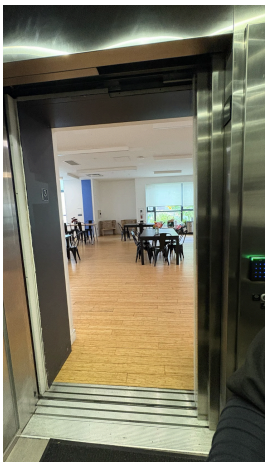
*Note, the elevator on the left is slightly smaller, but the measurements of its features are very similar.




Take the elevator to **Floor 3.**

## What can I expect on Floor 3?

When exiting the elevator,  you will see a large lounge area featuring a kitchenette for the right. Exit the elevator and turn right. Travelling down the wide hallway, **Meeting Room #1** can be found on the left hand side 11 meters (15-18 steps) down the hallway. Across Meeting Room #1, to your right, is the **Women's Washroom.**













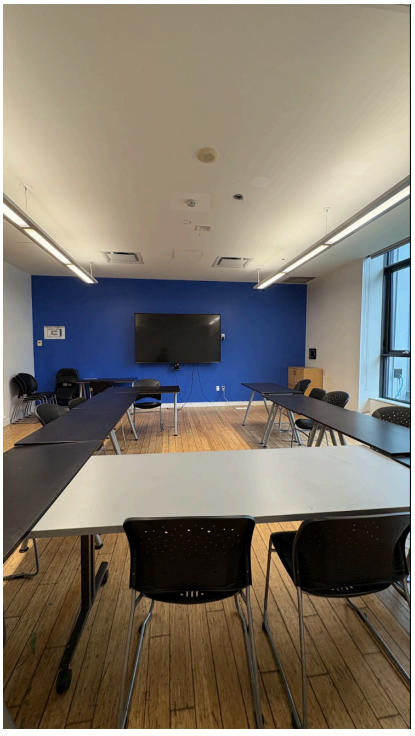
Continuing down the hallway, **Meeting Room #2** is also on the left hand side, roughly 10 meters (12-15 steps) from Meeting Room #1—or, a total of 20 meters (27-30 steps) when coming straight from the elevator. Similarly, the **Men's Washroom** is across the hall from Meeting Room #2.

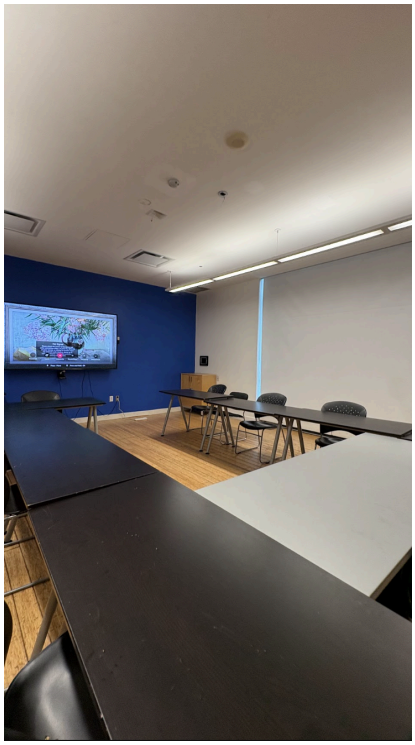


## What can I expect in Meeting Room #1?

Meeting Room #1 features double doors which open into the room—the right door will be fixed open when you arrive. When entering the room, there will be multiple long tables, positioned in a ‘U’ shape facing west. Moveable chairs are stationed around the perimeter of the table arrangement. The west leaning wall features a large digital screen, while the north wall is primarily one large window looking out to a garden that is primarily foliage. The window features solid blinds that can be rolled down via a string on the left hand side.

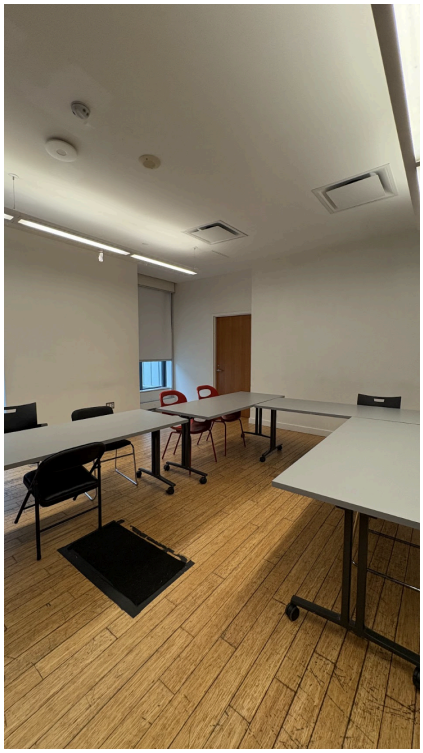


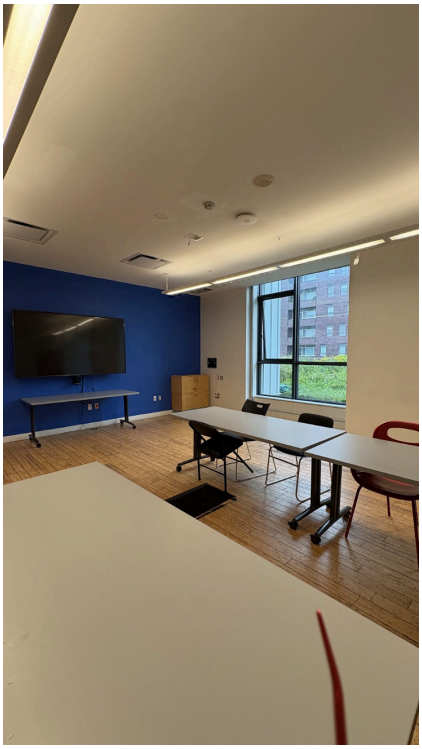




## What can I expect in Meeting Room #2?

Meeting Room #2 features double doors which open into the room—the right door will be fixed open when you arrive. When entering the room, there will be multiple long tables to your right, positioned in a ‘U’ shape facing west. Moveable chairs are stationed around the perimeter of the table arrangement. The west leaning wall features a large digital screen, while the north wall is primarily one large window looking out to a garden that is primarily foliage. The window features solid blinds that can be rolled down via the string on the left hand side.







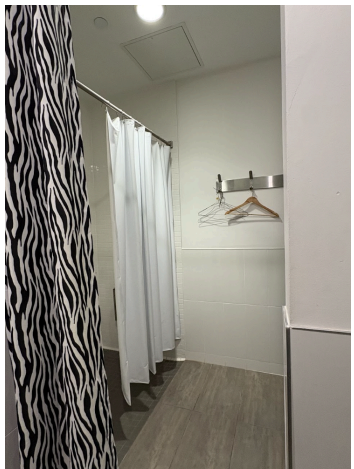
## How can I navigate to the Women's Washroom on Floor #3?

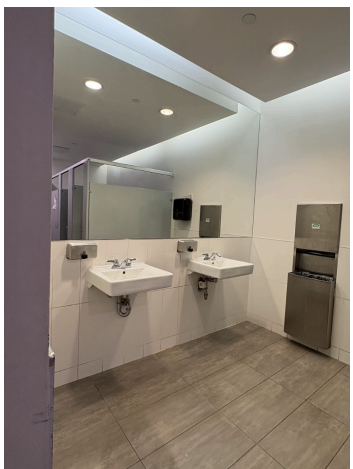


When exiting the elevator, turn right and follow the hallway 12 meters or (15-18 steps). The Women's Washroom will be on your right, with the "Door Open" button on the right hand side of the external door (which opens into the washroom). When entering the washroom, there is an 'S' like privacy hallway.

Begin by traveling 2 meters (4 steps) straight, then turn right, travel an additional 2 meters (3 steps). The washroom features two sinks, one accessible shower, two stalls and one accessible stall. To reach the accessible stall, turn right–which will be 2 meters (3-4 steps) on your left. Directly across from the accessible stall is an accessible, walk-in shower and change room. From here, two sinks (33" from ground and 20" apart) can be found 3 meters (6 steps) to your right.







## How can I navigate to the Men's Washroom on Floor #3?

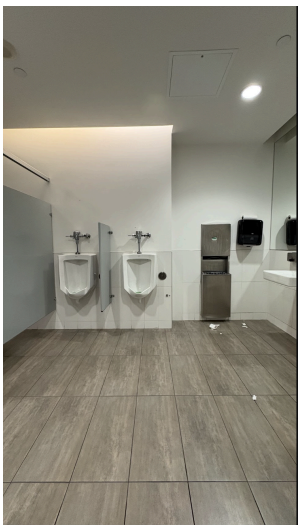


When exiting the elevator, turn right and follow the hallway 20 meters or (27-30 steps). The Men's Washroom will be on your right, with the "Door Open" button on the right hand side of the external door (which opens into the washroom). When entering the washroom, there is an 'L' shaped privacy hallway.

Begin travelling 1 meter (3 steps) straight ahead and turn right. Urinals will be 2 meters (5 steps) ahead—one directly in front of you, and another to the left of it. To reach a sink, turn left and travel 1 meter (3 steps), with another sink to the right (20" apart).

The mens washroom Features: two urinals, one accessible stall, two free standing sinks, and one accessible shower.

To reach the accessible stall, travel 2 meters (4 steps) to your left, and turn right into the stall. Directly across from the stall (roughly 4 steps) is an accessible shower.






## How can I navigate to the Women's Washroom on Floor #1?



**If starting at the North Entrance:** Travel roughly 20 meters (26-28 steps) straight ahead—the washroom is 2 meters (5 steps) to your right—the automatic door button is on the right hand side of the door (which will open into the washroom).

**If entering at the East Entrance:** Turn right to head into the main lobby space—the washroom will be 2 meters (5 steps) to your left—the automatic door button is on the right hand side of the door (which will open into the washroom).



When entering the washroom, travel 2 meters (3-4 steps) forward, then turn right. To the left (West wall), there is one long sink (34" high) with seven faucets, and a total of twelve stalls on your right hand side (East wall), with one accessible stall at the end of the room on the left.

To reach the accessible stall, travel 10 meters (12-14 steps) forward, the stall will be on your left. When exiting the accessible stall, travel 1 meters (2 steps) forward to reach the sink on your right.





Once finished, you may now travel back down the long room 9 meters (12-14 steps). Turn left, and find the automatic door button on your right—this door will open inwards.

## How can I navigate to the Men's Washroom on Floor #1?



**If starting at the North Entrance:** Travel roughly 20 meters (26-28 steps) straight ahead, then turn right, the washroom will be 2 meters (5 steps) to your right—the automatic door button is on the right hand side of the door (which will open into the washroom).

**If entering at the East Entrance:** Turn right to head into the main lobby space—the washroom will be a few steps to your left, then a few steps to your right—the automatic door button is on the right hand side of the door (which will open into the washroom).



When entering the washroom, you will be greeted with an 'S'-like shaped privacy hallway—travel 1 meter (2 steps) forward, 1 meter (2 steps) left, then 1 meter (2 steps) right.

There are four urinals, one single stall, one accessible stall, and one sink (34” high) with three faucets.
To reach the accessible stall, travel 5 meters (7 steps) forward. The stall will be directly in front of you, its door opening outward. Urinals are to your left. From here, the sinks are located roughly 2 meters (4 steps) behind you.





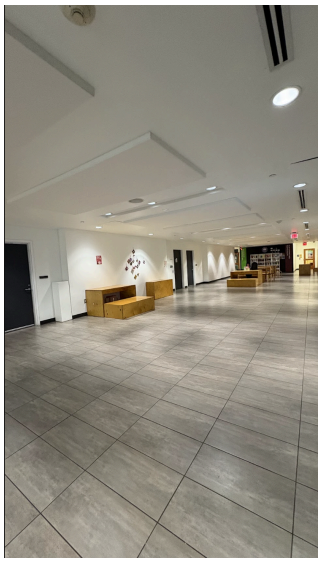
To begin exiting the washroom, travel 2 meters (5 steps) right–away from the sinks. The automatic door button in position on the wall in front of you at hip height, the door will open inwards. Travel 1 meter left (2 steps) and 1 meter (2 steps) right to completely exit the washroom.

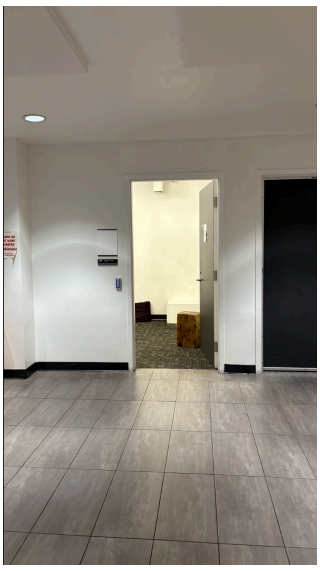
## Can I access a Prayer Room here?

Yes, there is a Prayer Room available at Daniels Spectrum. The first step to using the Prayer Room is obtaining the door code from a staff member—you may find them sitting at the entrance desk in the lobby.

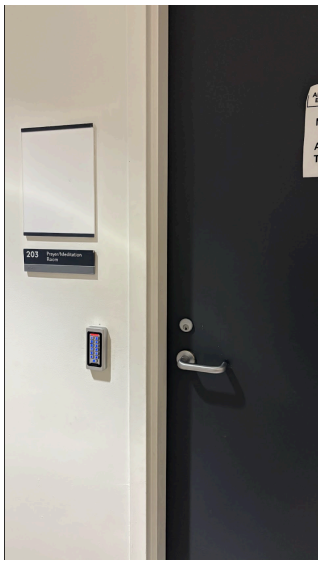
To reach the entrance desk from the North Entrance, travel roughly 20 meters (30 steps) straight ahead, and the entrance desk will be on your right. If entering at the East Entrance, turn right to head into the main lobby space, travel a few steps forward, and the entrance desk will be on your left.

Once you know the code to get into the Prayer Room, travel back to the elevators in the lobby. Take the elevator to the second floor and turn right towards the large hallway. Travel 10 meters (14-18 steps) forward, and 5 meters (8 steps) left.





The tactile keypad can be found on the left hand side of the closed door—the door automatically opens inward.






## How will this event be accessible to me?

### Who can I ask for help during the event?

The FUTURES team is here to assist you with whatever you need. Questions about the event can be directed to any FUTURES or Daniels Spectrum Staff on site. Any accessibility needs and any questions about the program when not in session can go to the FUTURES Team. This guide includes contact information for the FUTURES team on page 26.

### Will transcription be available?

Yes! Transcription and captioning will be available during programming and for all live and pre-recorded audio and visual media included in the session. This will not be available on Discord, as this platform does not support native live transcription or closed captioning.

### Will ASL interpretation be available?

Yes, ASL interpretation will be provided for each FUTURES Event.

## Will visual descriptions be available?

Descriptions of visual elements will be provided.

## What are the expectations for showing up in this space?

The room will be a relaxed space, this means you can take unplanned breaks, eat, move around, and do what you need and want to do to meaningfully engage with FUTURES programming.

## Who can I contact for more assistance?

The FUTURES Team is happy to help you!

For general questions, comments, access needs, or concerns, please email studio@accessnow.ca.

For programming specific questions, or concerns, please email futures@accessnow.ca.

We appreciate you reading through this Access Guide and we look forward to seeing you soon!