Accessibility statement for the University Research Information Repository - Pure

This accessibility statement applies to https://research.edgehill.ac.uk/.

This website is run by Edge Hill University. Pure is a centrally supported current research information system (CRIS) that is a commercial product designed and developed in partial accordance with internationally recognised Web Content Accessibility guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA.

We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. For example, that means you should be able to:

- zoom in up to 200% without the text spilling off the screen
- navigate most of the website using just a keyboard
- navigate most of the website using speech recognition software
- listen to most of the website using a screen reader

AbilityNet has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability.

How accessible this website is

We know some parts of the Pure website are not fully accessible:

- you cannot modify the line height or spacing of text
- most Word and PDF documents are not fully accessible to screen reader software
- ranks of headings do not yet fully follow WCAG 2.1 standards
- contrasts on the page do not yet fully follow WCAG 2.1 standards

Feedback and contact information

If you would like to provide feedback related to the accessibility of this website or require information in a different format like accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille please complete this form, providing the necessary information:

We will consider your request and respond within 10 days.

Reporting accessibility problems with this website

We're always looking to improve the accessibility of the Pure website. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, contact: ResearchSystems@edgehill.ac.uk.

Enforcement procedure

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the 'accessibility regulations'). If you're not happy with how we respond to your complaint, contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).

Technical information about this website's accessibility

Edge Hill University is committed to making all of its websites accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

The Pure website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.1 AA standard, due to the non-compliances listed below.

Non-accessible content

The content listed below is non-accessible for the following reasons.

Non-compliance with the accessibility regulations

the Pure portal interface is provided by Elsevier B.V. We are aware of specific accessibility issues with the current version of the Portal interface, which Elsevier B. V has committed to resolve by February 2021. Please see the Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) report they provide for further details.

Disproportionate burden

At 31 July 2020, the Pure website featured over 811 files associated with the University's research outputs and published from September 2018. Each of these files would require individual assessment for accessibility and (where required) the application of certain measures to make the document accessible. Having assessed the issues present in a sample set of files from the website, we estimate that actioning this would take over 800 hours to

resolve, the equivalent of one person working for 26-27 weeks full-time, with a specific commitment of 30 hours per week. This assessment excluded doctoral theses.

Considering the benefits taking such measures, we acknowledge that [there are over 14 million disabled people in the UK](#) (Scope) and also that, ["As of 2017, there are around 350,000 people on the registers of blind and partially sighted people in the UK"](#) (RNIB).

A separate assessment of the Pure website indicates that 72.6% of items in the research repository have never been downloaded. Furthermore, only 36 items have received more than 300 downloads.

Finally, there are no known requests to date for Pure items to be made accessible.

Considering the above, we have concluded that the benefits of making all files in Pure accessible would not justify the time-based cost to the University. We therefore claim it would not be reasonable to take these measures due to a disproportionate burden. Instead, we will take a targeted approach to improving the level of accessibility of the website; please see the next section for details.

What we're doing to improve accessibility

The following measures show how and when we plan to improve accessibility on this website.

Measure	Timescale
Files will be made accessible upon request via a dedicated request form.	Response provided within 10 days. Most or all requests will be completed within this timeframe.
All items with more than 300 downloads will include accessible versions.	Work to start in September 2020. The 36 files in scope are expected to be completed by a review due in March 2021.
Researchers will be asked to deposit author manuscripts in an accessible format. Requests will be made through individual communications and via a dedicated communications campaign.	Work starts in September 2020. The effectiveness of the measure will be reviewed in March 2021.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 21 September 2020. It was last reviewed on 21 September 2020.

When assessing the claim for a disproportionate burden, a sample set of 10 files were downloaded from the website and assessed, representing a wide range of research outputs.

This website was last tested on 31 May 2019. The test was carried out by the Elsevier Digital Accessibility team. As Elsevier B.V. powers websites for multiple clients on the Pure platform, they tested accessibility on a sample client, judged to be largely representative.

You can read the full accessibility test report from Elsevier's own [Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) report](#).