

# Lumini



By Architects of Air

An extraordinary space of light & colour for  
extraordinary projects, places & people.



# About Architects of Air

Architects of Air design, build and tour Luminaria - an inflatable sculpture people enter to be moved to a sense of wonder at the beauty of light and colour. Since 1992 more than three million visitors in over 40 countries across five continents have been welcomed into Architects of Air's monumental Luminaria. Each new creation is a maze of winding paths and inspiring domes where the visitors may lose themselves in sensory bliss, immersed in radiant colour that comes simply from daylight shining through the Luminarium fabric.



## About Lumini

A Lumini is a smaller Luminarium designed to serve socially driven host organisations that wish to create a special offering to a particular community of people, an offering that will be enhanced by Lumini's special visual and spatial qualities. A Lumini is designed for use as a functional hosting space where the light and colour experience is not an end in itself but is a complement to whatever activity takes place inside. Lumini are accessible to all, including those with physical disabilities and mobility issues. They embrace all ages, abilities, languages and cultures.

Lumini are to be used as a space for programmed activity to benefit a select audience. The broad range of possible activity within Lumini can include performance, workshops, movement, yoga, sensory, culture, learning, wellbeing and more. Activities within the Lumini requires the host presenter to programme the activity, advised and supported by AoA. Past Lumini events include:

Schools, special schools & education:

- Ash Field Academy, Leicester, UK - The Amazozo Project: sensory workshops with SEN pupils
- Trinity School, Dagenham, UK – a week-long residency with Lou Coleman
- La Mont-sur-Lausanne, Switzerland – Special Needs Centre anniversary celebration
- Nottingham Trent University, UK - Lumini installation for Student Wellbeing Week 2023

Community groups & places:

- Brighton Shed Theatre, Brighton, UK - '[Brighton Moves](#)' community focused events & workshops
- Milton Keynes, UK - 'Art in the Park', Islamic festival – Lumini as a meeting place
- Leeds, UK – 'I Love West Leeds' arts celebration
- Barnsley, UK - a workspace for design & build workshops and film screening

Culture, workshops, festivals, arts & performance:

- [Birmingham 2023](#) - bank holiday festival hosting sensory, performance & yoga workshops
- Parque de las Ciencias, Granada, Spain – poetry in a science museum
- CERN international nuclear research laboratory, France – photo projection
- 'Osmosis' collaboration with Salamanda Tandem in Telford, Redditch & Nottingham.



# Testimonials...

- *"Architects of Air's Lumini project brilliantly delivered a truly inclusive creative experience with many community groups."* - Shona Powell MBE, Nottingham Lakeside Arts
- *"Every one of our team felt it was a real privilege to have had the opportunity to work with AoA. We can't praise Lumini Managers highly enough..."* - Helen Chesters, Arts Development Officer for The Borough of Telford & Wrekin

## ... and little "miracles"

- *"Julie who has PMLD looked up for the first time when she entered the Lumini"* - Julie's Mother
- *"The Lumini experience was priceless"* - Paul, student lead on Ash Field School project
- *"My son Eric, who is autistic and has Down Syndrome, played for the first time in the Lumini."* - Eric's mother

Please also see our [YouTube channel](#) for videos from events across the world.



## Hosting a Lumini

### LUMINI OPERATIONAL HOURS

The Lumini operational hours may vary according to The Presenter's needs. AoA will advise on the number of stewards to be provided per event, and how many AoA Lumini Managers will need be required to be present throughout the duration of the presentation.

### STAFFING

**Lumini Managers** - Lumini travel with a minimum of two Lumini Managers whose main responsibility is the safe installation and management of the physical structure of the Lumini. They instruct The Presenter's staff in the installation of the Lumini and in the stewarding of the visitors.

**Stewards** - welcome visitors, manage the airlock doors and monitor people in the Lumini. Depending on the scale of the event, The Presenter provides a team of a minimum of 3 stewards with good communication skills & sufficient maturity to ensure safe management of visitors.

At large events that are in the public space a Front of House Manager / Duty Manager is required by The Presenter to ensure the good performance of the stewards and success of the programme within Lumini.





# Lumini Technical Information

The beauty of the Lumini is that they can be reconfigured and adapted to suit a number of sites either indoors or outdoors, grass surface or hard surface.

The technical requirements are simple. The Lumini is quick and easy to erect; laying out the structure and anchoring can take only half a day depending on the size of the Lumini. Once installed, the Lumini is inflated only during operational hours and deflated overnight.

**THE LOCATION** - The Presenter will, if possible, supply an accurate site plan. For outdoor spaces, consider the drainage of the site and provision in case of waterlogging. Depending on the location The Presenter may be required to provide barriers and a protective layer to cover the surface.

**ANCHORAGE** - On grass AoA's anchor pins can be used to penetrate the ground to a depth of up to 80cm. Surfaces not permitting use of pins require The Presenter to provide ballast.

**ELECTRICITY** - a continual supply of 16 or 32 amps depending on the Lumini size

**CREW** - The Presenter to provide 3 to 5 fit, competent persons for the installation and demount.

**AIR-CONDITIONING / HEATING / LIGHTING** - If the weather demands it, heaters or air-conditioning can be connected to our blowers. If the Lumini is to be inflated after sunset, external lighting will enable it to remain operational to visitors.

**WEATHER** - Rain is rarely a problem except if there is poor site drainage. If the sun is out it will be warmer inside than outside. Wind speeds exceeding 35 km/h (22 mph) may justify closing the Lumini.

**WATER SUPPLY** - for cleaning the Lumini and drinking water for staff to be available throughout.

**SAFETY** - Lumini has been evaluated by independent structural engineers and has its own safety manual available on request. In over 32 years of touring, we have a 100% safety record.

**SECURITY** - At all times The Presenter will ensure the security of the Lumini, particularly when the Lumini Managers are not on-site and overnight.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFO** - Architects of Air has a comprehensive resource of documentation to inform and guide presenters with all aspects of a Lumini presentation; these will be shared with presenters in the lead up to the event.





# Lumini costings

To begin a costing proposal, please let us know:

- Proposed site location & address & a Google maps link if relevant; if indoors a site plan / specifications / dimensions (including height) is useful
- Proposed dates & operational hours
- Intended programme of work to be conducted within Lumini
- Any other information you think is relevant / important for us know

Each enquiry requires a tailored offer due to the variables in size, site, technical & staffing requirements. To align with the Lumini ethos of aiming to be more financially and technically accessible, AoA will tailor its Lumini financial offer to The Presenter's resources as much as possible.



## Thank you.

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