

Queer Formal[®] MELBOURNE 2024

SOCIAL SCRIPT



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WHAT IS THIS EVENT

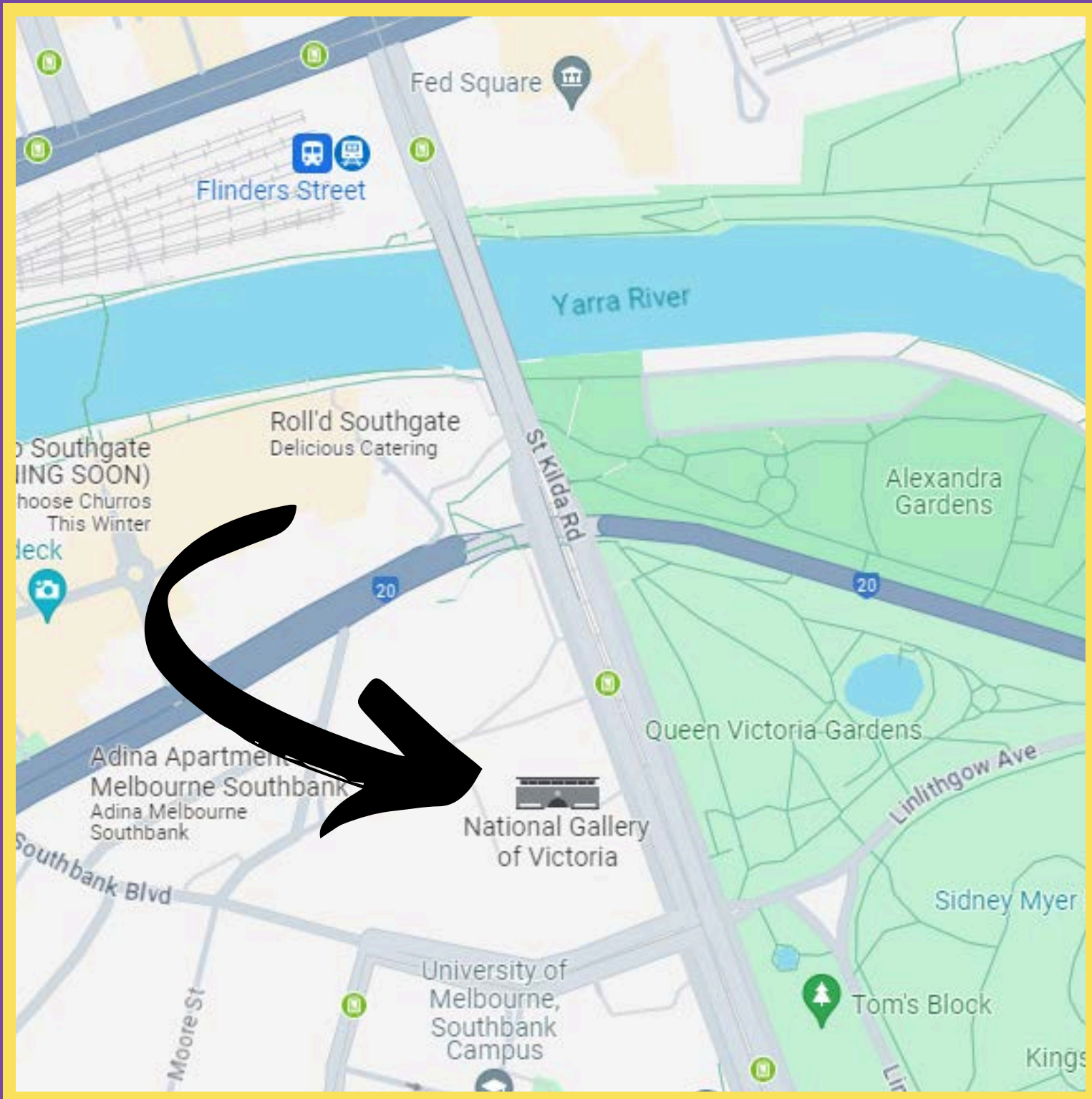
- Queer Formal is an in person dance party for LGBTQIA+ youth aged 12 - 19
- This is a space to make some amazing Queer Youth Pals
- There is live music, drag performances and DJ's
- You can wear whatever you feel comfortable in!
- You can bring a date if you would like (*as long as they have a ticket!*)
- There will be food and soft-drink served at the event
- You can explore the National Gallery Of Victoria!

WHEN AND WHERE

- **DATE:** Saturday 6th July 2024
- **TIME:** 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM AEST
- **LOCATION:** National Gallery of Victoria, 180 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne VIC 3006
- **COST:** FREE!

You must have a valid ticket to attend this event.

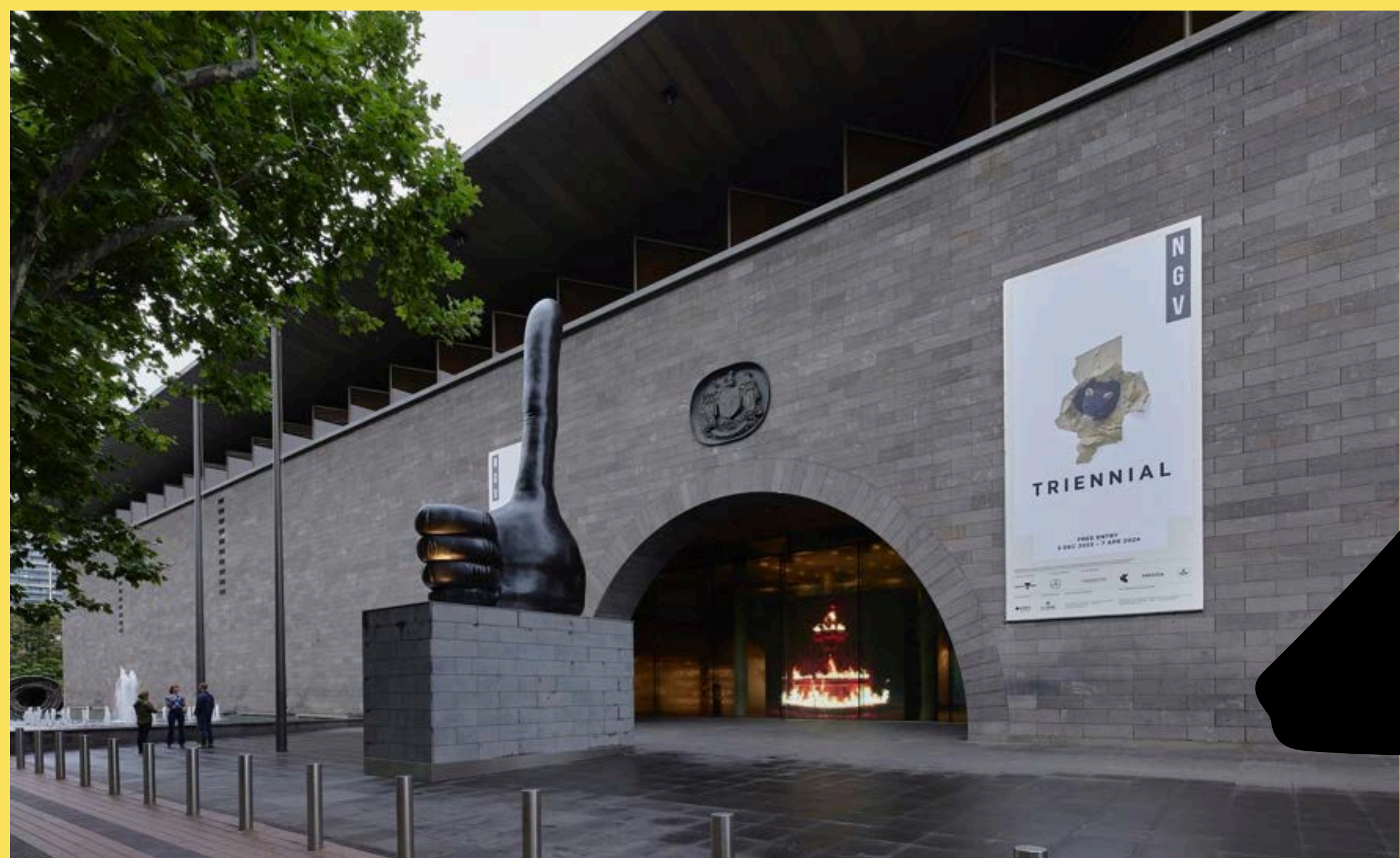
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National Gallery of Victoria
180 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne VIC 3006
[\[GOOGLE MAPS LINK\]](#)

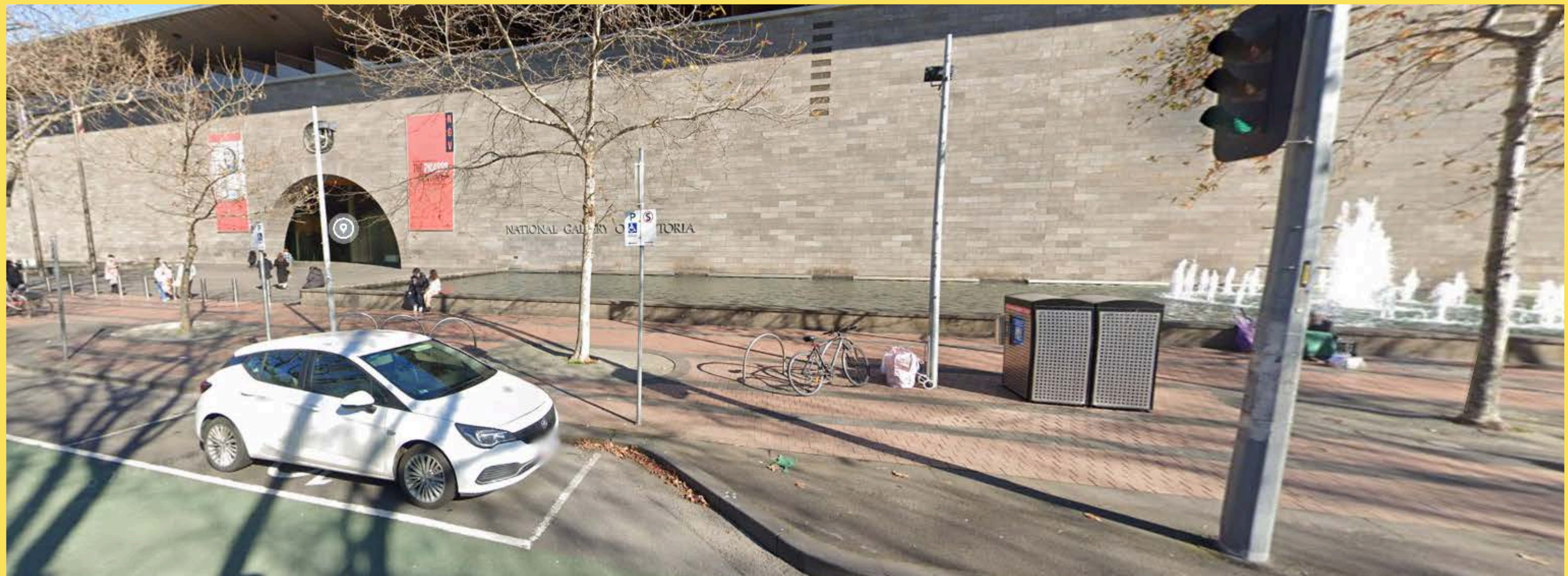
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ENTRANCE



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STREET VIEW



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GETTING THERE

- **Tram:** Swanston Street/St Kilda Road trams (1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 16, 64, 67, 72) travel past NGV International. Get off at the Arts Precinct stop.
- **Train:** The closest train station is Flinders Street station, which is a 6 minute walk away. Cross the bridge on St Kilda Rd, and walk past the Victorian Arts Centre.
- **Car:** Drop off points are located outside the Arts Centre Melbourne and on the Russell Street Extension for the Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia
 - Paid accessible parking is available at the Arts Centre Melbourne and at Fed Square

GETTING THERE - VLINE

- **VLINE** usually ends at Southern Cross Station!
- At Southern Cross, you will need to get to Flinders Street Station
- There will be a train leaving from Southern Cross to Flinders street every 5 minutes

HOW TO FIND THE RIGHT TRAIN:

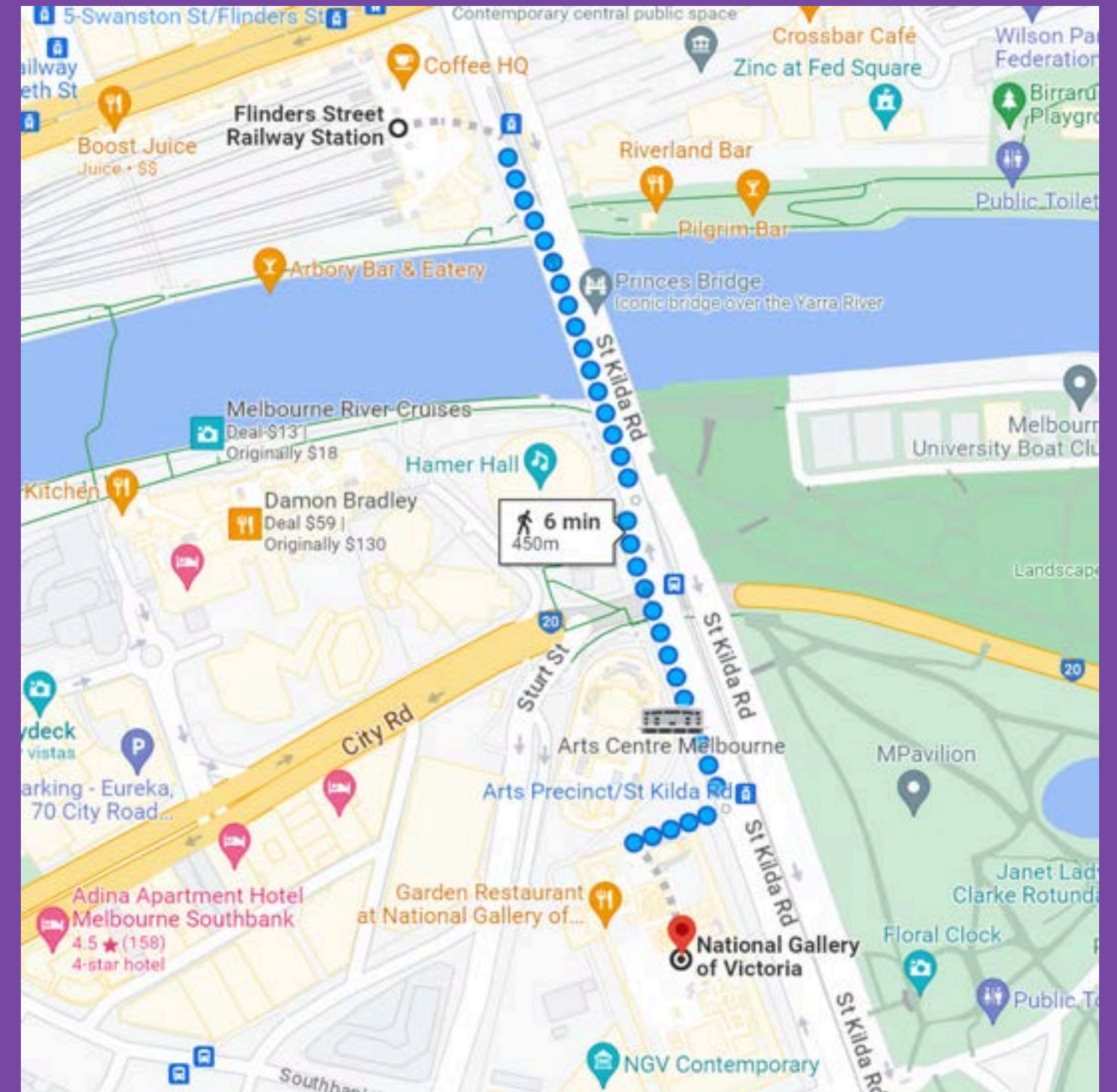
- Download the PTV app and use the *Journey Planner* function to find the first train heading to Flinders Street Station. The app will tell you what platform to go to.

OR

- Ask a PTV staff member (they will be wearing an orange PTV vest) which platform you need to go to to get to Flinders Street.
- Flinders street should only be **ONE** stop away

GETTING THERE SAFELY

- Minus18 Youth Workers and Safety Angels will be present at Flinders Street Station, and will walk with you to NGV
- They will help you get home safely at the end of the event!
- We will have a group walking to and from the event! Meet at the Flinders Street Station steps at:
 - **6:10pm - 6:15pm** - Meet at Flinders Street
 - **10pm - 10:15pm** - Meet out the front of the NGV



DIRECTIONS FROM FLINDERS STREET

- Exit station via Swanston St. Walk south on Swanston St
- I can meet the Safety Angels on the Flinders Street steps at **6:10pm**
- Walk for 6 min (450 m) via St Kilda Rd. The walk is mostly flat
- Continue onto Princes Bridge/St Kilda Rd
- Continue to follow St Kilda Rd
- Slight right to stay on St Kilda Rd
- Turn right. You will arrive at NGV!

MINUS18 YOUTH WORKERS AND SAFETY ANGELS

Minus18 Youth Workers and Safety Angels are all members of the LGBTIQA+ community and are here to help you! They will be available at the event if you are feeling overwhelmed.

- All our Youth Workers are qualified professionals, and do an amazing job of supporting attendees and making sure they have a fun and safe night!
- Safety Angels are incredible volunteers who help to make your night super special

If I need support at the event, I can ask to speak to a Youth Worker. If I am non-verbal and need support, I can present at the Quiet Space, located in the Member's Lounge.

MINUS18 YOUTH WORKERS AND SAFETY ANGELS

Our friendly Youth Workers will be wearing:

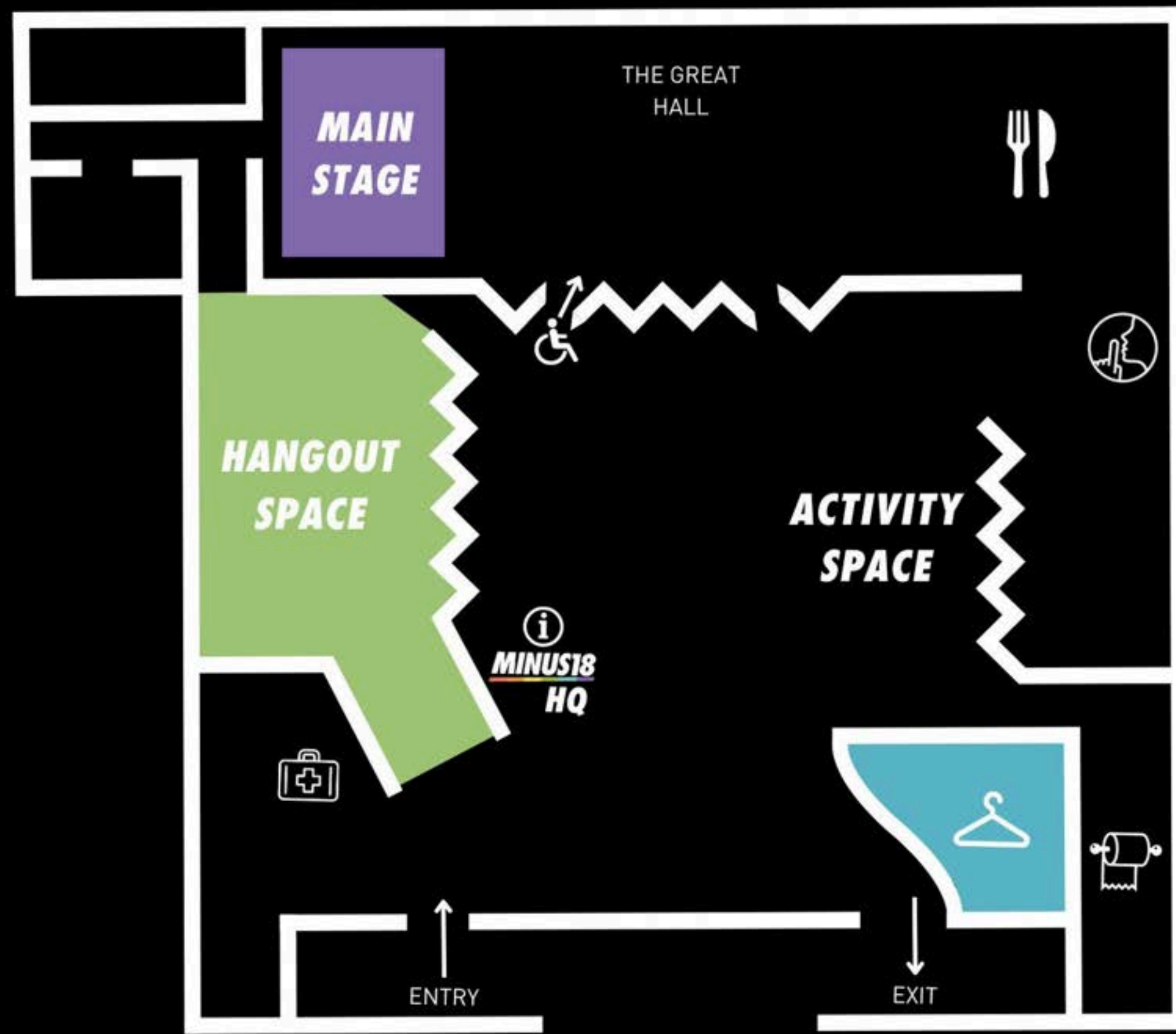
- Black Minus18 Youth Worker t-shirts
- Rainbow lanyards
- Pride flags

Our **Safety Angels** will be holding Minus18 branded signage and wearing pride flags so you can spot them!

If you are waiting at Flinders Street Station, keep an eye out for our Safety Angels and Youth Workers!

VENUE MAP

National Gallery of Victoria
(NGV)



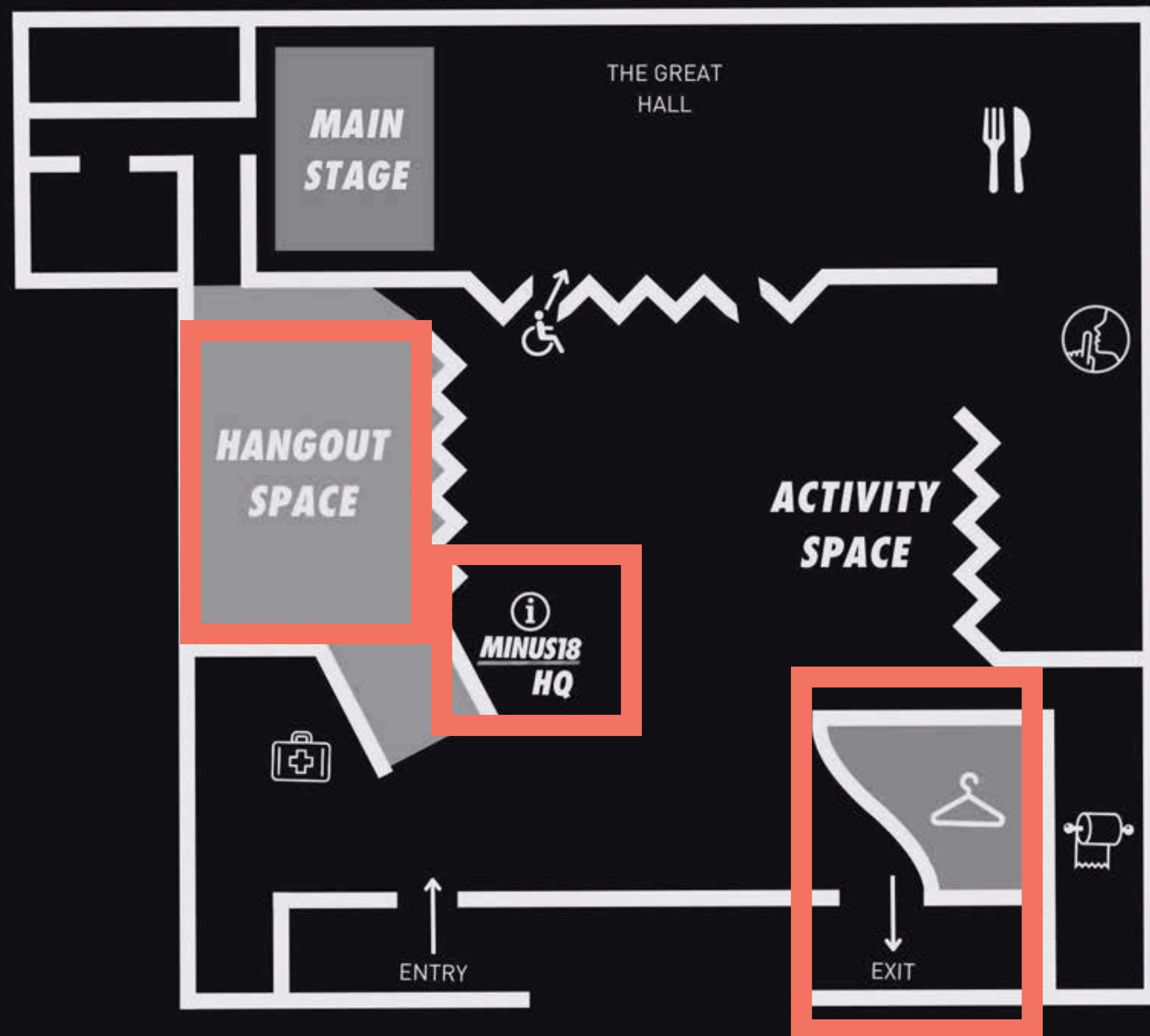
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HIGH SENSORY



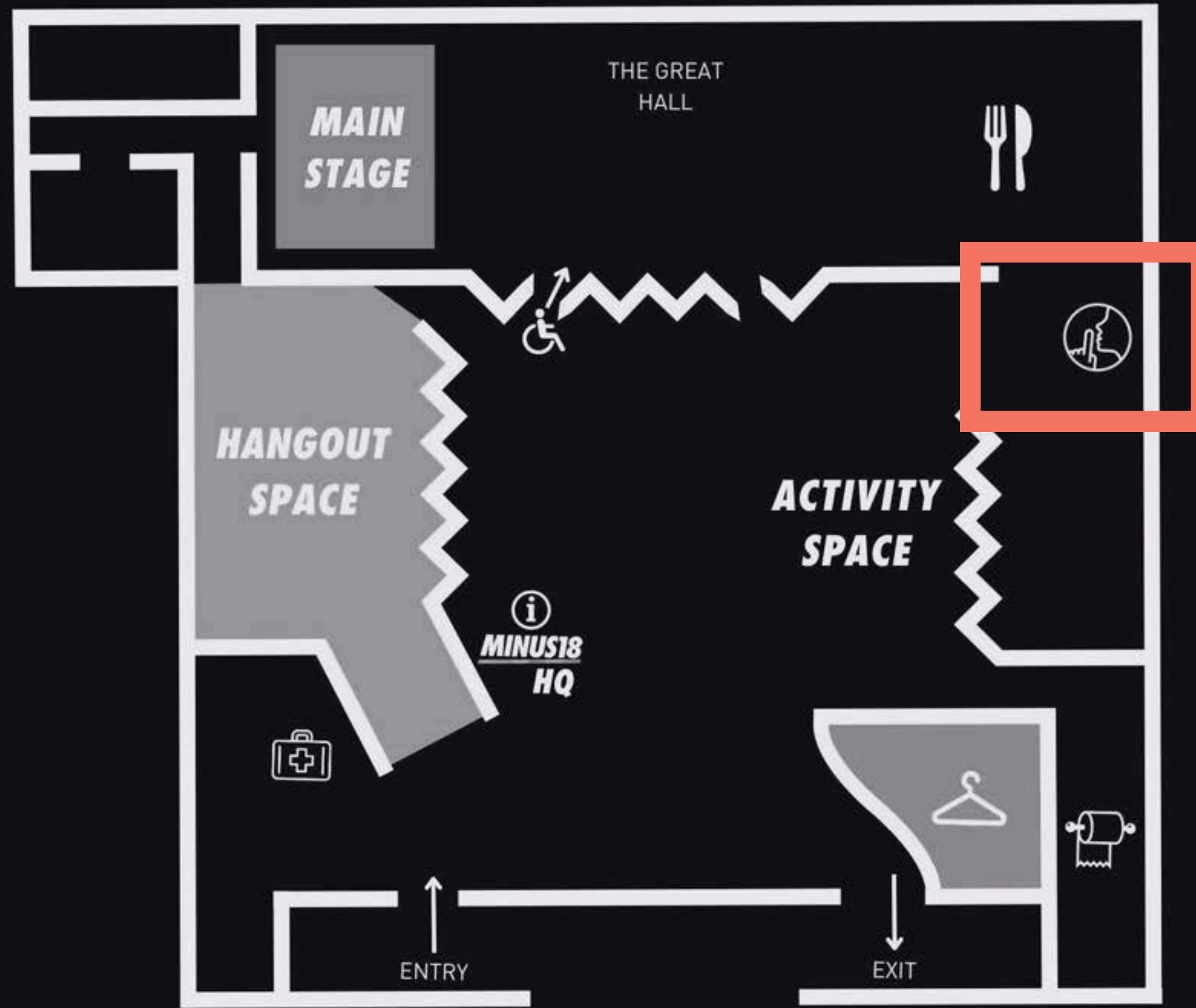
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MID SENSORY



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LOW SENSORY



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WHAT TO BRING

- A fully charged phone (we'll have some chargers at Minus18 HQ though if you need!)
- A facemask (if you want to)
- An empty water bottle (that you can fill once inside)
- Noise cancelling headphones (if you want to)
- A mobility aid (if applicable)
- A fidget toy if you need!

SENSORY GUIDE - SOUNDS

- Announcements
- Loud chatting
- Music
- Shouting and whooping
- Singing

SENSORY GUIDE - TACTILE FEELS



- Crowd movement
- Shared personal space
- Change in ground surface (wooden boards to concrete)
- Temperature changes
- Vibrations from music - depending how close you are to the stage

SENSORY GUIDE - SMELL

- Food and Drinks
- Deodorant
- People smells (e.g. sweat)
- Perfume

SENSORY GUIDE - SIGHT

- Bright lights on stage
- Large crowds
- Performers in costume
- Lots of colour
- High ceilings
- Camera flashes
- Performers on stage who might display different expressions, movements and audience interactions

SENSORY GUIDE - EMOTIONAL SENSES

- Excitement: You may experience anticipation and excitement at different points of the event
- Connection: You may feel connected with the community around you
- Euphoria: You may feel euphoric during the event
- Overwhelmed: You may feel overwhelmed at different points of the event. There are youth workers and quiet spaces to support you!

SENSORY GUIDE - STIMMING

Stimming involves repetitive movements, vocalisation or object manipulation!

- You may see people stimming at this event!
- You may want to stim at this event!

This event is a safe space for stimming and all emotional expression!

ENTERING THE EVENT

- I will walk to the entrance of the National Gallery of Victoria
- There will be Minus18 Safety Angles and Youth Workers near the entrance to help guide me in the line
- There will be security at the front of the venue
- I will get my ticket ready on my phone for scanning (this will be in your email inbox)
- I will show my digital ticket to the Minus18 staff
- The Minus18 staff will scan my ticket and I will be able to enter the venue (valid ticket holders)
- If I have a bag, Minus18 Youth Workers will do a bag check
- I can go to the cloak room and put my bag away if I want to

ENTERING THE EVENT

- There are no vapes or cigarettes allowed at this event.
- I can arrive to line up any time from 6:00pm onwards
- There are no pass outs - if you leave you won't be able to come back inside

MINUS18 HQ

- Some of our amazing Young Leaders will be at Minus18 HQ to say hi and tell you about the event!
- You can pick up a pronoun pin
- If you don't want to be in any photography you can get a wrist band here to let our photographer know
- You can get the Scavenger Hunt Competition Map!
- We will have phone chargers available
- You can pick up some earplugs

WHAT CAN I DO AT THIS EVENT - DANCE FLOOR

- I can listen to the performances
- I can dance the night away!
- I can join the *strut your stuff* dance circle
- I can chat to other queer youth
- I can dance with other queer youth
- I can start or join a conga line (*there is always at least one*)
- I can clap at the end of each performance
- I can sit down on a chair if I need a break

WHAT CAN I DO AT THIS EVENT - HANG OUT SPACE

- I can chat with some queer youth friends
- I can make a Zine with Vic Health
- I can add to the EACH affirmation wall
- I can make a friendship bracelet with Queerspace Youth
- I can speak to a Youth Worker
- I can sit down and take a break if I need it
- I can do some drawing
- I can see spin the wheel at the National Youth Survey Table

WHAT CAN I DO AT THIS EVENT - ACTIVITY SPACE

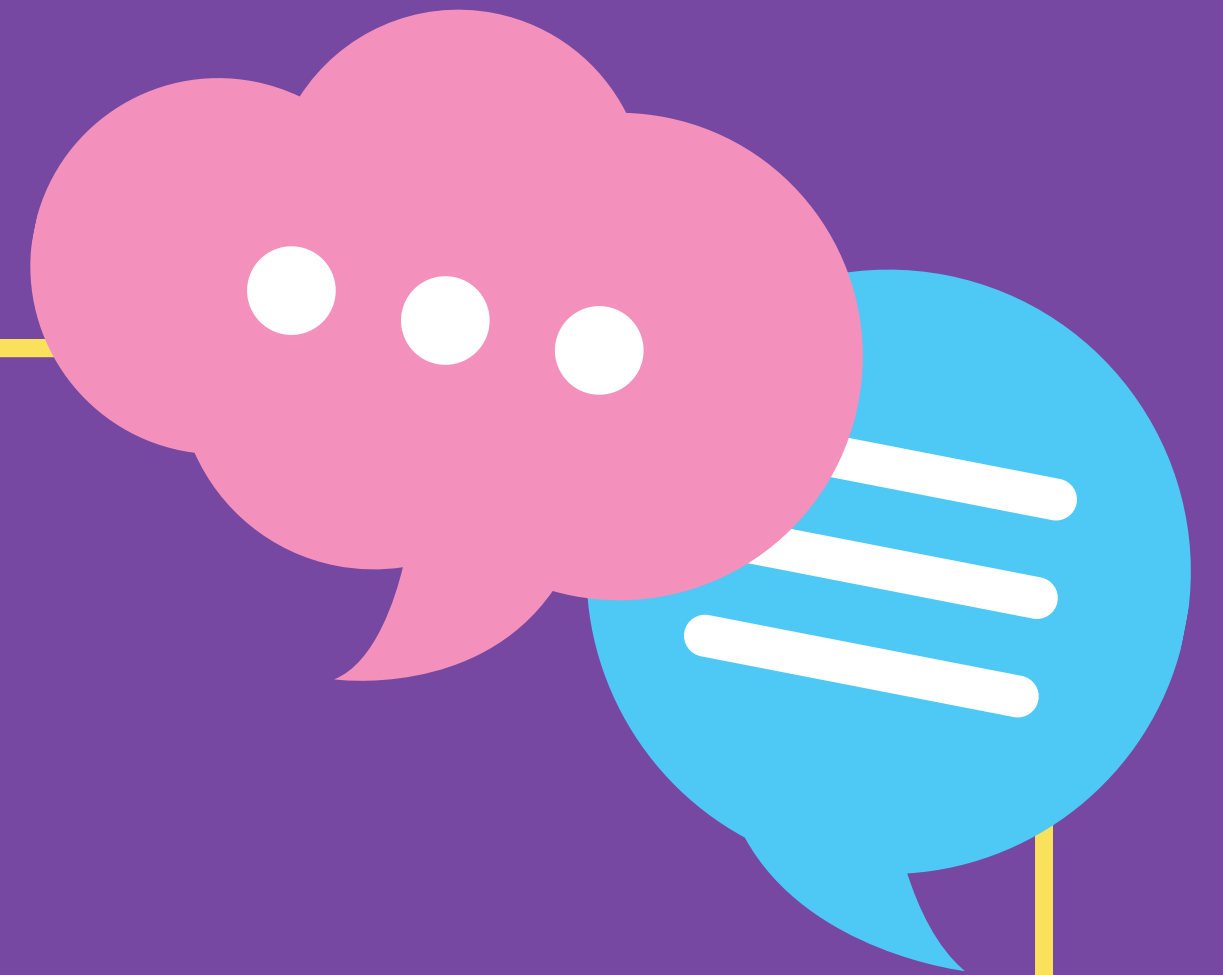
- I can get a photo at the Bonds Photobooth
- I can join the NGV Gallery tour on level 2
- I can get a Pride Patch from the Converse Customisation Pop-Up
- I can sit on a chair and relax
- I can speak with some other attendees
- I can take a photo at the Rain Bows
- I can speak to a Youth Worker

WHAT TO EXPECT - ACCESSIBILITY

- First Aid provided by St Johns Ambulance
- There are two Auslan interpreters on the main stage
- There are lots of Youth Workers available to support you
- There is lift and ramp access to all event areas
- There are low sensory spaces available in the Quiet Space and Level 2 Exhibition if you need a break
- All-gender bathrooms

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- Hey, I love your outfit! Where did you get it?
- Do you have a favourite band or tv show?
- Who has been your favourite act so far?
- Who is your favourite TV or Movie character?
- What's a hobby of yours? Mine is...
- Do you want to have a dance?!
- What's your favourite song?



WHAT IF I NEED HELP?

- I can speak to a Youth Worker and ask for help
- I can tell a friend I need to speak to a Youth Worker
- I can go to the Quiet Space and sit with a Youth Worker
- I can tell the Minus18 crew I need some help
- I can speak to St Johns First Aid for medical help
- I can speak to a Young Leader about the event

CONTACT

Minus18 is committed to creating safe and accessible spaces for all queer youth! If you have any feedback on this social script, please get in touch via email

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