

Accessibility statement for Falmouth University Research Repository

This accessibility statement applies to Falmouth University Research Repository, also known as FURR. We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website. For example, that means you should be able to:

- *view elements of the website clearly*
- *search and retrieve records on the website in an intuitive way*

We've also made the website text as simple as possible to understand.

[AbilityNet](#) has advice on making your device easier to use if you have a disability. Please also see our [Assistive technology overview](#) to find out more about the accessibility features in different programs, apps and devices.

How accessible this website is

We know some parts of this website are not fully accessible:

THIS WEBSITE RUNS ON VERSION 3.4.5 OF EPRINTS SOFTWARE HOSTED AS A SERVICE BY EPRINTS.ORG AND HAS BEEN CUSTOMISED FOR OUR OWN REQUIREMENTS AND BRANDING. THERE MAY BE PARTS OF EPRINTS WHICH ARE NOT FULLY ACCESSIBLE OVER WHICH WE DO NOT HAVE FULL CONTROL

Feedback and contact information

Please [contact us using our webform](#) if you need information on this website in a different format like accessible PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille. You will get a confirmation within five working days that your form has been received and a full response within 20 working days.

Reporting accessibility problems with this website

We're always looking to improve the accessibility of this website. If you find any problems not listed on this page or think we're not meeting accessibility requirements, please [contact us using our webform](#). You will get a confirmation within five working days that your form has been received and a full response within 20 working days.

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

Falmouth University is committed to making its website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

Compliance status

This 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

THERE MAY BE PARTS OF EPRINTS WHICH ARE NOT FULLY COMPLIANT WITH WCAG 2.1 AA STANDARDS WHICH ARE LIMITATIONS OF THE SOFTWARE PROVIDED AND BEYOND OUR CONTROL

Accessibility problems include the following :

- Missing language attribute
- Some missing alternative text elements on labels & images
- Very low contrast of some page elements

Content that's not within the scope of the accessibility regulations

This section covers issues that we do not need to fix right now. The law calls these exemptions.

Research papers, theses, articles and other content

The main purpose of Falmouth University Research Repository is to record searchable metadata about the research output of Falmouth University staff and students and as a place to deposit and host research. The deposits are in the original format provide by the academic concerned. This can include materials in PDF format, links to external sites, images, video, representations of works of art and other many other types.

In 2023, we implemented accessibility checks for new deposits. This means that we ensure all images have an alternative text attribute. We also check all MS Word, MS PowerPoint and PDF documents using a proprietary accessibility tool, returning failed items for amendments by the author. Occasionally we can upload a version of a record from a publisher and find that it is inaccessible. We record items failing these checks in a Deposit Log along with a reason, so that we know why. For items added prior to 2023, we have a long term, ongoing project to go check accessibility for all these items.

What we're doing to improve accessibility

We are currently on Version 3.4.5 of Eprints, hosted as a service by the developers. There are potentially further upgrades that can improve accessibility. See the road map provided by the suppliers of the system Eprints Services here for details:

[Accessibility roadmap for Accessibility Test - Accessibility Test \(eprints-hosting.org\)](#)

Third-party content on External Platforms

Our website contains third-party content on external platforms. We do not have control over and are not responsible for the accessibility of this content, but we make best endeavours to work with the third party to improve its accessibility. This may include:

- *Links to academic's work hosted on external websites such as Youtube*

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was initially prepared on 19/05/2022. It was last reviewed on 16/10/2025.

This website was last tested on 16/10/2025. The test was carried out by the Falmouth Exeter Plus Library, Systems Librarian.

We have selected the pages to test for this statement as follows. There are two types of page within FURR, static pages and dynamic (record) pages. We have selected typical pages of both types of page listed in Appendix 1.

We tested these using the WAVE evaluation tool. Results can also be found in Appendix 1.

Appendix 1. WAVE Tool Report on Sample Pages

These are the sample static pages :

main search page - <http://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/cgi/search/advanced>

main browse page - <http://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/view/subjects/arch.html>

Sample dynamic pages :

search results sample -

http://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/cgi/facet/simple2?q=art&_action_search=Search&_action_search=Search&_order=bytitle&_basic_srctype=ALL&_satisfyall=ALL

Record page (not signed in) - <http://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/4352/>

Record page (signed in) -

<https://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/cgi/users/home?screen=EPrint%3A%3AView&eprintid=4352>

URL of Sample Page	Description of Error	Notes/Solution
https://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/	24 x missing alternative texts	Front page images in carousel missing alternative text attributes - Eprints
https://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/	2 x linked image missing alternative text	Add alt attribute with value a description of image - Eprints
https://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/	1 x missing form label	Searchbox not associated with label - Eprints
https://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/	1 x missing language attribute	Add lang="en" to html element - Eprints
https://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/	1 x empty button	Magnifying glass search button graphic requires text eg aria-label="Search" - Eprints
https://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/	33 x very low contrast errors	Adjust image carousel images contrast - Eprints

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http://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/cgi/search/advanced	8 X Missing alternative text from images	These are icons with adjacent text labels: Use an empty alt attribute (alt="") because the text already provides the context - Eprints
http://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/cgi/search/advanced	2 X Linked image missing alternative text	Add alt attribute with value a description of image - Eprints/Falmouth
http://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/cgi/search/advanced	1 x missing language attribute	Add lang="en" to html element - Eprints
http://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/cgi/search/advanced	2 X Missing Form Label	Looks like suppressed form elements in page design - Eprints
http://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/view/subjects/arch.html	13 X Missing alternative text	These are icons with adjacent text labels: Use an empty alt attribute (alt="") because the text already provides the context _ Eprints
http://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/view/subjects/arch.html	2 X Linked image missing alternative text	Add alt attribute with value a description of image - Eprints/Falmouth
http://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/view/subjects/arch.html	2 X Missing form label	Searchbox not associated with label - Eprints
http://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/view/subjects/arch.html	1 X Language missing or invalid	Add lang="en" to html element - Eprints
http://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/cgi/facet/simple2?q=art&_action_search=Search&_action_search=Search&_order=bytitle&basic_srctype=ALL&_satifyall=ALL	8 X Missing alternative text	These are icons with adjacent text labels: Use an empty alt attribute (alt="") because the text already provides the context _ Eprints

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http://repository.falmouth.ac.uk/cgi/facet/simple2?q=art&_action_search=Search&_action_search=Search&_order=bytitle&basic_srctype=ALL&_satisfyall=ALL	1 X Language missing or invalid	Add lang="en" to html element - Eprints
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