

## Protests & Demonstrations

Everyone has the right to demonstrate and protest using the city's public spaces and highways. Whilst your cause is important, to ensure that the venue you wish to use is available and the safety of those protesting, we suggest that you liaise with Nottinghamshire Police and other city agencies to help minimise disruption to others.

### Static protest & gatherings

Nottingham has a designated space for small scale protest and debate called Speakers Corner a part of the national Speakers' Corner initiative designed to promote free speech and public speaking. So long as they are lawful, you may use it to express views, ideas or opinions.

Speakers' Corner is located just off Old Market Square adjacent to the Brian Clough statue. Speakers' Corner is available to individuals without prior booking, however during November and December, the space available for such gatherings is reduced due to Winter Wonderland.

The Code of Conduct set out by the Speakers' Corner Trust specifies that users:

- Are strictly non-adversarial and non-partisan.
- Do not use offensive language.
- Respect alternative opinions.
- Show courtesy to other speakers and members of the public.
- Seek common ground rather than confrontation – you must not use hate speech or support extremist views
- Limit time to a maximum of 10 minutes if others are waiting to speak
- Activity does not include the use of amplification, gazebos or other structures
- Does not include the distribution of printed matter or the solicitation of donations
- The space is used to engage, inform and enrich opinion – and wherever possible, entertain!

Further information on the Speakers Corner Trust can be found here [Link](#)

For larger static protests and gatherings, to ensure that the venue you wish to use is available and for the safety of those protesting, we suggest that you liaise with Nottinghamshire Police to help minimise disruption to others.

Trading, distribution of printed matter, the solicitation of donations or the staging of regulated entertainment as a part of any static protest or gathering is not permitted in the city centre under the Public Space Protection Order.

#### Processional Protests or March

Whereas a demonstration is a static protest (as above), a processional march takes place on the public highway. Legally the organiser must give Nottinghamshire Police 6-days' notice of any processional protest or march. The notice must be given in writing to the Police and must include the proposed date, time and length of protest.

Nottinghamshire Police can be contacted at [operationalplanning@Notts.Police.uk](mailto:operationalplanning@Notts.Police.uk)