



Frequently asked questions: Open House usage and activations

1. What kind of event can be hosted at the Open House?

- Any event that aims to use the Open House space for engagement can be hosted at the Open House. The Open house was designed to celebrate 27 years of Democracy in South Africa.
- We encourage music, performance, poetry, dance, exhibitions, fashion shows, design and interaction, as well as speakers corners for freedom of speech.
- Activations for other events are also encouraged in this great open space
- We are open to ideas for the Open House, provided they adhere to the rules and regulations of the space.
- Busking is allowed unless it requires animals or dangerous props

2. What kind of events are not allowed to be hosted at the Open House?

- Any event that promotes profanity using nudity, alcohol and substance abuse , stigmatisation and the oppression of human rights **will not be allowed** to be hosted at the Open House. The Western Cape Government reserves the right of admission for events hosted at the Open House, and events that do not comply or who have not been given permission will be dealt with.

3. I want to host a Public Art event at the Open House, what do I need to do?

- Firstly, you need to visit our web page www.westerncape.gov.za/events. Click the 'Contact us' page, fill out the details and we will make contact with you directly
- Visit the City of Cape Towns Public Art page around more information for a Public Art Permit : Hyperlink: <http://www.capetown.gov.za/City-Connect/Apply/Licences-and-permits/Public-art/Apply-for-a-public-art-permit>
- If your public art performance meets the minimum criteria for an event, then you will need to [apply for an events permit](#).

4. I would like to host an event with food traders at the Open House, how do I go about doing this?

- Firstly, you need to visit our web page www.westerncape.gov.za/events. Click the 'Contact us' page, fill out the details and we will make contact with you directly

- You will need to apply for a hawking in meals licence via the City of Cape Town to gain permission to sell food at the Open House : hyperlink:
<http://www.capetown.gov.za/work%20and%20business/doing-business-in-the-city/business-support-and-guidance/informal-trading>
- We encourage event organisers to start this process as soon as possible.

5. Will I be able to apply for road closures around the Open House?

- Yes, you will however need to consult the City of Cape Town for an Event Permit
<http://www.capetown.gov.za/City-Connect/Apply/Licences-and-permits/Filming-and-events/Apply-for-an-event-permit>
- You do not need an Event Permit when you provisionally book the Open House via our web page of the Western Cape Government. We encourage event organisers to start on this process as soon as possible.

6. Do all events require an Events Permit as well as Noise Exemption Certificate?

- No, not all events require an Events Permit or Noise Exemption Certificate. If your event adheres to the requirements of the space and noise levels of the City of Cape Town, you will not be required to get an Event Permit or Noise Exemption Certificate. **If you are [applying to host an event](#) or want to be exempted from complying with the regulations due to building construction, there is a chance you might need a noise exemption permit to see your application through.**
- A fully completed application for a noise exemption permit must be submitted 15 days before the event
- In terms of a noise disturbance without a certificate, Busking is allowed unless it requires animals or dangerous props
- Hyperlink <http://www.capetown.gov.za/City-Connect/Apply/Licences-and-permits/Business-and-trade/Apply-for-a-noise-exemption-permit>

7. I will not get my Event Permit in time from the City of Cape Town and this might impact on my event. What should I do?

- You need to delay your event date or face having to be reported to the City of Cape Town by surrounding businesses and residents