

Access Guide





About the RDS

The RDS is an iconic, accessible and flexible venue located on a beautiful 42 acre site in Ballsbridge, close to all of Dublin city centre's amenities. It is regarded as Ireland's premier venue for exhibitions, conferences, meetings and entertainment events. The information in this guide should simplify your journey to the RDS, Ballsbridge.

Disabled Access

At the RDS there are car parking, facilities and venue access available for people with disabilities.

Event Information and Tickets

To discover what's on and to purchase tickets for RDS events [click here](#)

Contact us

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Address: RDS, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, D04 AK83.



Dublin Airport is a dual terminal international airport conveniently located approximately 10km north of Dublin City Centre, near the M50 and M1 motorways.

Serviced by direct routes to/from Europe, Middle East, Africa, Asia, Canada and North America with US Pre-clearance at the airport.

There are public transport links to/from the airport by bus and taxi.

Taxis are readily available for hire outside the airport and a journey to the city centre costs approximately €25.

Most international car rental companies have representation at the airport terminals.

For information on Dublin Airport flight arrivals and departures visit

www.dublinairport.com



From the Airport

The RDS is serviced by the Aircoach (Private airport bus) which brings you directly to and from Dublin Airport. Aircoach route 702 stops on the Merrion Road in front of the RDS main complex entrance.

For more information on timetables visit www.aircoach.ie or call +353 (0)1 844 7118.



Aircoach: The majority of Aircoaches are accessible but people requiring wheelchair access are advised to book in advance by telephone +353 1 844 7118



From the Ferry: Dublin has one ferry port - Dublin Port. This is serviced by the following companies: Irish Ferries, Stena Line, P&O Irish Sea Ferries and Isle of Man Steam Packet.

For more information on Ferry times contact:

Irish Ferries	www.irishferries.com	T: + 353 818 300 400
Stena Line	www.stenaline.ie	T: + 353 1 907 5555
P&O Irish Sea Ferries	www.poferries.com	T: + 353 1 686 9467
Isle of Man Steam Packet	www.steam-packet.com	T: + 44 8722 992 992

Dublin Port, which is to the north of the city, is approximately ten minutes drive from the RDS.



Bus Éireann

Bus Éireann (National Bus Service) operates bus routes throughout Ireland linking every major town & city in the country to Dublin. Bus Éireann routes below:

- East** Carlow, Dublin, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Longford, Louth, Meath, Offaly, Westmeath, Wexford, Wicklow
- South** Clare, Cork, Kerry, Limerick, Tipperary, Waterford
- West** Galway, Leitrim, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo
- North** Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan

The central Dublin bus station is called Busáras and is located on Store Street in Dublin 1. It is linked to the RDS by the Dart from Connolly Station, which is 3 minutes walk from Busáras. For timetables and more information on national bus routes visit www.buseireann.ie or call +353 (0)1 836 6111



Disabled access is available



Irish Rail - *Iarnród Éireann*

InterCity Rail services run from 2 different Dublin stations: Heuston Station and Connolly Station. *The Luas Red Line links the two stations door to door.*

Heuston Station has trains to/from Ballina, Westport, Galway, Limerick, Tralee, Cork, Waterford, passing through Portlaoise and Kildare.

Connolly Station has trains to/from Belfast, Sligo, and Rosslare Europort, passing through Dundalk, Maynooth, Longford and Wexford.

The RDS is linked to these train stations by the Dart at Connolly Station. Connolly Station also has bus connections and LUAS terminals.

For more on national train timetables and ticketing information visit www.irishrail.ie or call (01) 836 6222.



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Dublin Bus

Dublin Bus is Dublin's local bus service. The RDS is serviced by several bus routes. The direct Dublin Bus routes to the RDS (Ballsbridge area) from Dublin city centre include 4, 7 and 7a. The 18 and 27x bus routes also service the RDS:

- 4** [From Harristown To Monkstown Avenue via Ballsbridge \(Anglesea Rd.\)](#)
- 7** [From Mountjoy Sq. Towards Loughlinstown/ Cherrywood via Ballsbridge \(Anglesea Rd.\)](#)
- 7a** [From Mountjoy Sq. via Ballsbridge \(Anglesea Rd.\)](#)
- 18** [From Palmerstown \(Old Lucan Rd.\) Towards Sandymount via Ballsbridge \(Anglesea Rd.\)](#)
- 27X** [From UCD Belfield To Clare Hall Via RDS Ballsbridge](#)

There are also multiple routes serviced to and from the nearby Donnybrook Road, Bus Garage on the N11 which is only 10 minutes walking distance from the RDS.

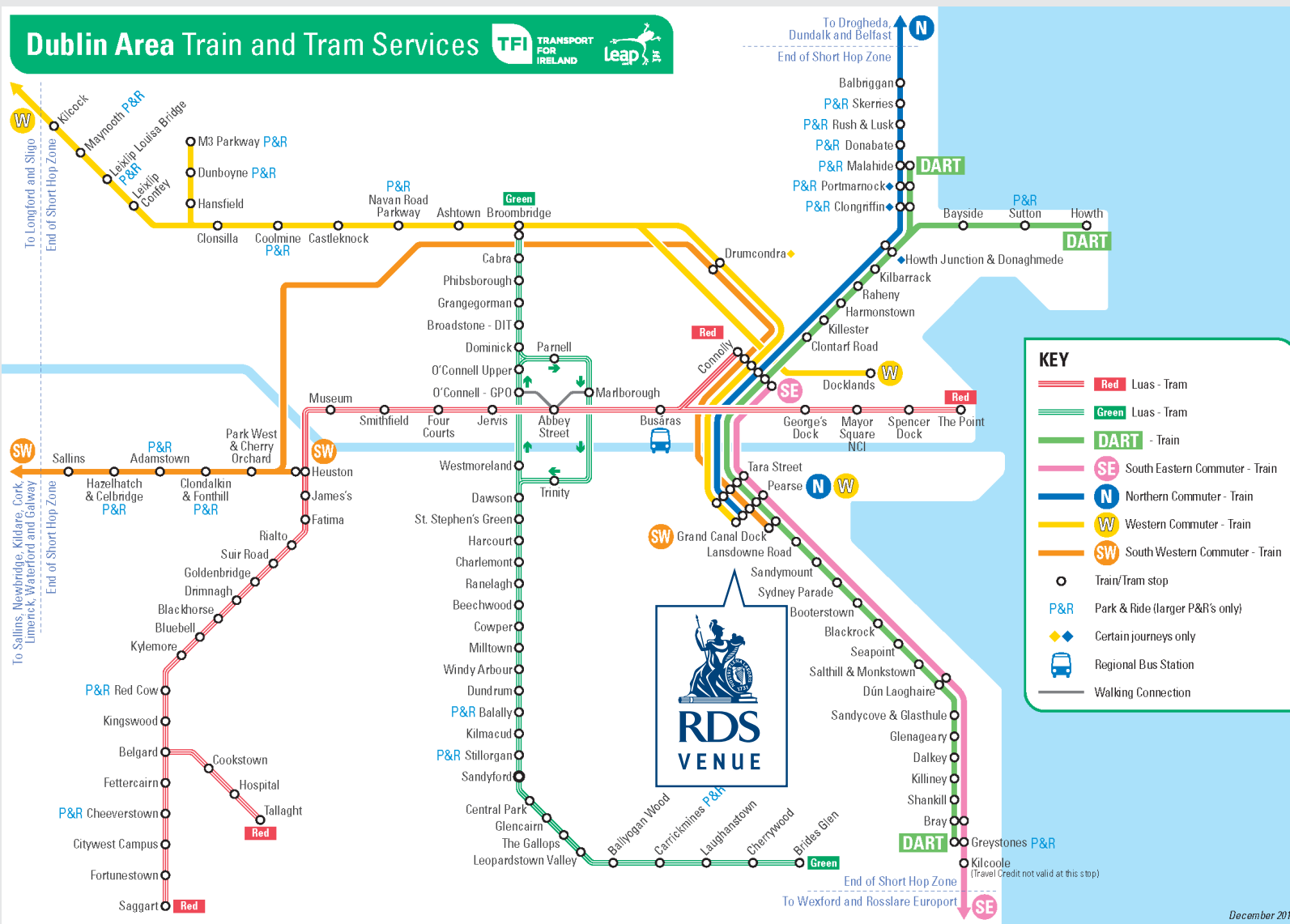
There are [46a](#), [145](#), [32x](#), [39a](#), [41x](#), [7b](#), [51x](#), [66x](#) and [67x](#)

For more information on local Dublin Bus routes visit www.dublinbus.ie or call +353 (0)1 873 4222



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Dublin Area Train and Tram Services



LUAS - Dublin Light Rail

There is no direct route from the LUAS to the RDS. However, the LUAS connects to the DART at Connolly Station.

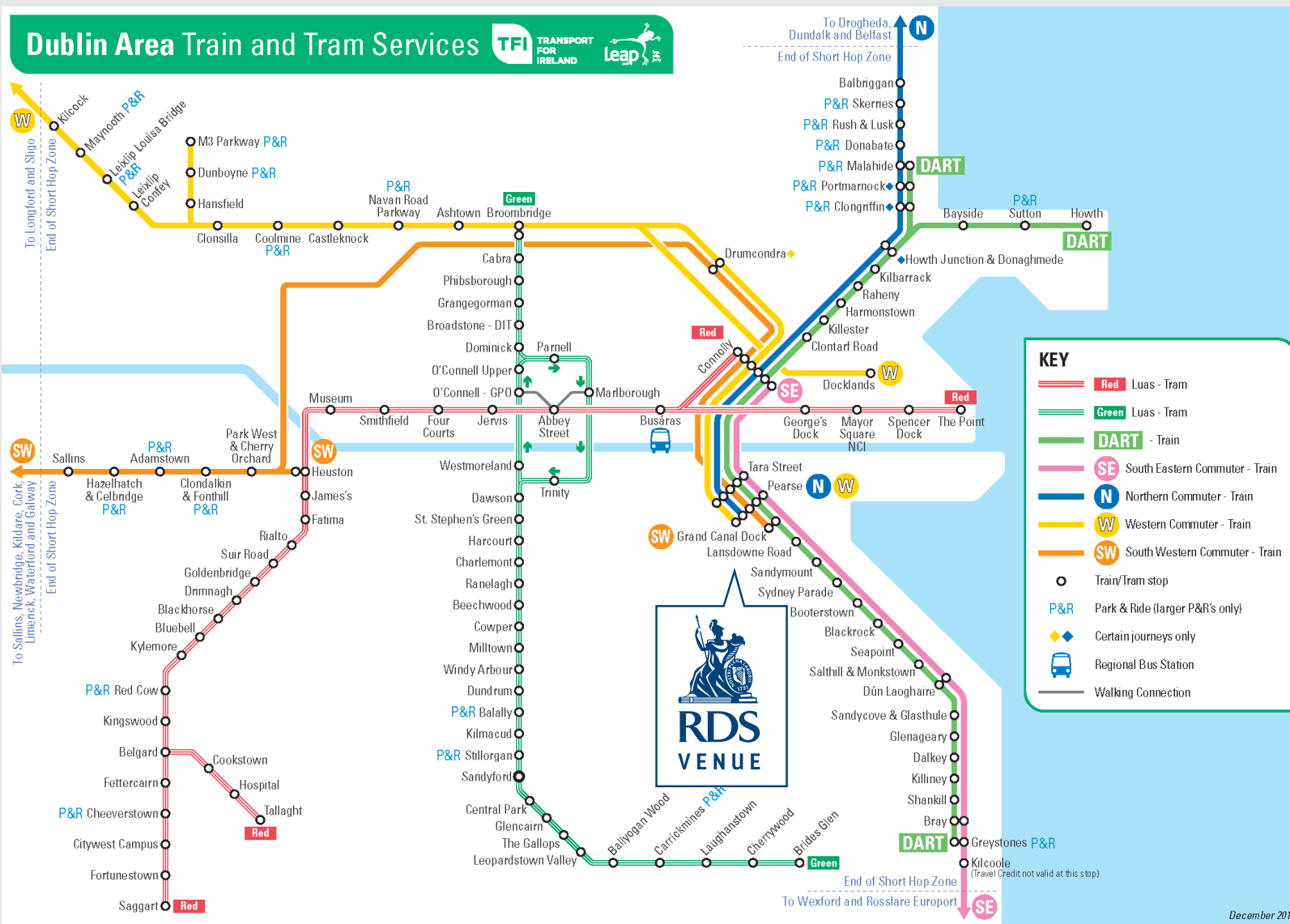
Trinity College LUAS stop is a pleasant 20 minute walk to the RDS or if you prefer you can take the number 4 or 7 bus from here.

For more information visit
www.luas.ie
or call 1800 300 604



Connolly Station is accessible by lift and there are two wheelchair areas on board each Luas.

Dublin Area Train and Tram Services



DART

Dublin DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transport) service operates from the City Centre to Ballsbridge. Lansdowne Station and Sandymount Station are approximately a 5 minute walk from the RDS.

Directions from Sandymount Station

Follow the exit signs and turn right onto Sandymount Avenue. Continue until you reach the traffic lights - the Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge will be directly in front of you.

For the Main Complex, Halls 1-7, turn right onto Merrion Road and the entrance will be on your left.

For the Simmonscourt Complex, Hall 8, continue straight ahead from the crossroads, passing the Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge on your left. The Simmonscourt Complex is 280m up the road on the left.



Sandymount platform is accessed by ramp.



Car Parking

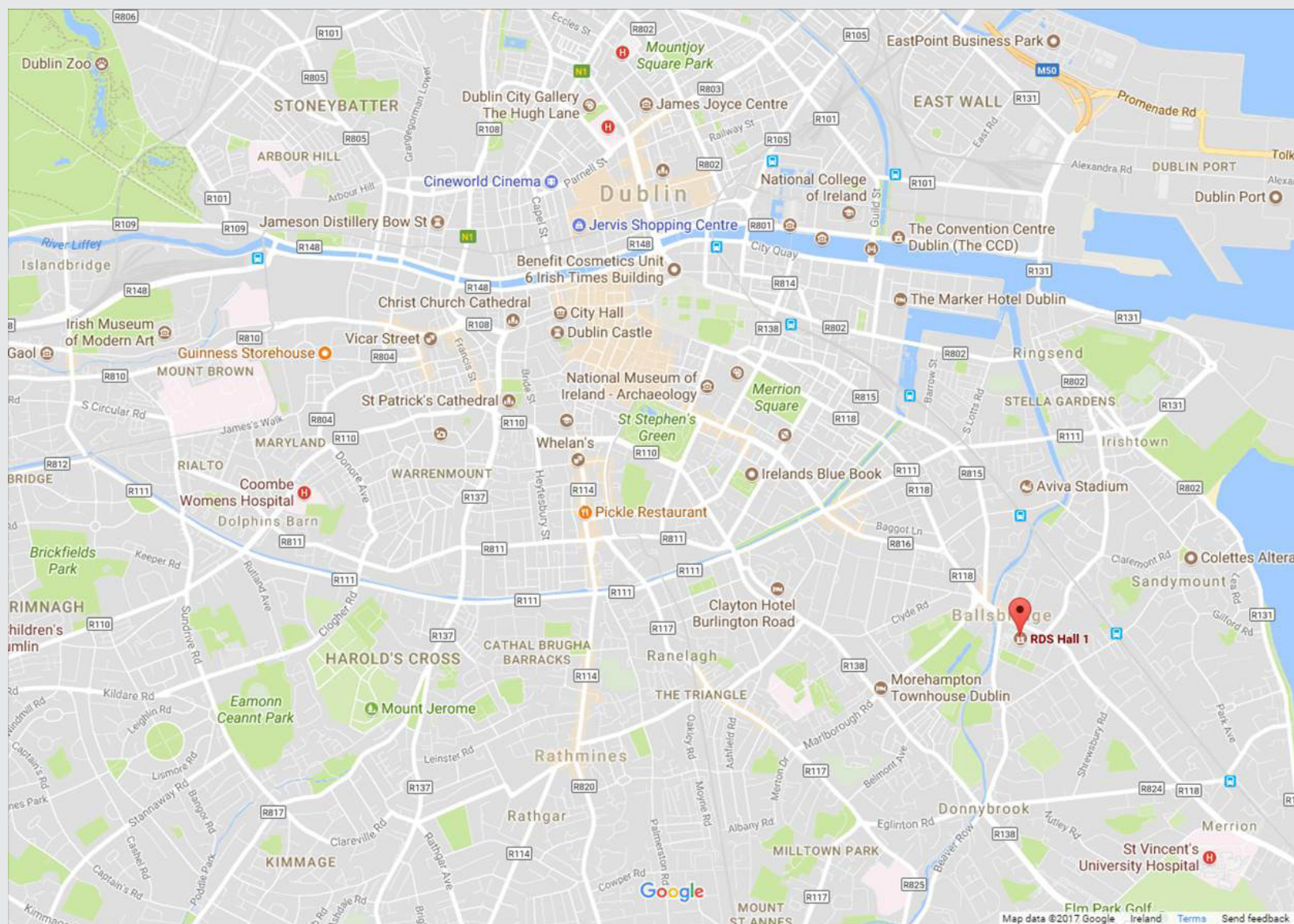
Car parking at the RDS is operated by NCPS. Under regular circumstances, the Merrion Road Car Park is open year-round from 7:30am – 6:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Simmons Court and Anglesea Road Car Parks are only open for particular events.

A **flat fee** is charged upon entry and parking is provided on a first come first served basis.

Check before you travel! Different car parks are used for different events. Due to some events there may be limited/no parking.

Please check our Twitter feed @TheRDS for parking updates or call +353 (0)1 668 0866



Walking to the RDS



Pedestrians

The RDS is located in Ballsbridge, a pleasant 20 minute walk from Dublin city centre.

We suggest consulting Google Maps ([THIS LINK](#)) to assist you in finding the best walking route from your departure point to the RDS.