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About

Whitechapel Gallery offers a unique setting for corporate events, receptions and private functions.

Founded in 1901, to 'bring great art to the people of the East End London', the Whitechapel Gallery occupies a distinctive Arts and Crafts building designed by Charles Harrison Townsend, and re-opened its expanded premises in 2009. The building now houses eight galleries, a restaurant, an auditorium, an archive, library and a dedicated education and research tower.

The education and research tower boasts a beautiful Creative Studio overlooking the rooftops of the city, which provides a stunning setting for daytime and evening events. The former Whitechapel Library, now Gallery 2, retains its original Victorian exposed brickwork and polished concrete floor, creating a versatile backdrop for events of all styles.

Whatever you need, the experienced and imaginative Venue Hire team will be there to assist you in creating your perfect event.

The Whitechapel Gallery is a registered charity and by choosing the Gallery for your event you are also supporting the Gallery's educational and community programmes.

Please note that we are not able to hire out the venue for art exhibitions, fundraising activities or publicly promoted events.







Clore Creative Studio

Capacities: Standing 60 / Theatre 60 / Cabaret 35 / Boardroom 25

Dimensions: 50 sq. m /Length 13 m Width 10.4 m

Costs for Venue Hire: £700 half day 9am-1pm or 1.30-5pm / £1,000 full day 9am-5pm / £1,000 evening 7-9pm / £1,200 evening 7-11pm (exc. VAT)

Includes: Venue Hire, Wi-Fi, Tables and Chairs, Projector and Screen, Speakers, Flipchart, Coat Hooks, Step-Free Access, Magnetic Wall, Two Dividing Walls The Clore Creative Studio is a bright and inspiring space, with floor-to-ceiling windows that allow light to flood into the room.

It is a space that allows people to think and create, which enables it to work well for meetings and workshops. In the evening it is perfect for intimate dinners and drinks receptions.







Study Studio

Capacities: Standing 60 / Theatre 40 / Boardroom 25

Dimensions: 69 sq. m / Length 13 m Width 5.4 m

Costs for Venue Hire: £500 half day 9am-1pm or 1.30-5pm / £800 full day 9am-5pm / £800 evening 7-9pm / £1,000 evening 7-11pm (exc. VAT)

Includes: Venue Hire, Wi-Fi, Tables and Chairs, Projector and Screen, Speakers, Flipchart, Coat Hooks, Step-Free Access, Air Conditioning The Study Studio is fully equipped with designer furniture and built-in AV facilities. It also holds two artworks from the Gallery's social sculpture series, which encourage contemplation and discussion.

This space is excellent for board meetings, presentations and small evening receptions.







Gallery 3

Capacities: Standing 80 / Theatre 30 / Cabaret 15 / Boardroom 15

Dimensions: 43 sq. m / Length 8.2 m Width 5.2 m

Costs for Venue Hire: £400 half day 9am-1pm or 1.30-5pm / £700 full day 9am-5pm / £700 evening 7-9pm / £1,000 evening 7pm-11pm (ex. VAT)

Includes: Venue Hire, Wi-Fi, Tables and Chairs, Projector and Screen, Speakers, Flipchart

Gallery 3 is a versatile space with two social sculptures by artist Liam Gillick, who has created a maze like mural on the ceiling and transcribed the wall-mounted mirror. Access to the space is via Gallery 1 or Gallery 2, so is well matched to a guided tour of one of our exhibitions.

The Gallery is good for seminars, intimate dinners and drinks receptions.







The Zilkha Auditorium

Capacities: Theatre 110

Dimensions: 81.2 sq. m

Costs for Venue Hire: £900 half day 9am-1pm or 1.30-5pm / £1,400 full day 9am-5pm / £1,500 evening 7-9pm / £2,000 evening 7-11pm (exc. VAT)

Includes: Venue Hire, Wi-Fi, Cinema Quality Projector and Screen, 5.1 Surround Sound, Radio Microphones, Lectern, Lighting, Technician, Step-Free Access, Air Conditioning The Zilkha Auditorium is a work of art in its own right, with its colourful seating designed by Turner Prize nominee **Liam Gillick**.

The state-of-the-art AV equipment makes it ideal for presentations, panel discussions and screenings.







Gallery 2

Capacities: Dependent on Current Installation

Availability: Day Hire Mondays Only, 7pm onwards Tuesday to Sunday with the exception of Thursday (due to our public late opening)

Dimensions: 274.72 sq. m / Length 19.5 m Width 13.1 m Height 5.9 m

Costs for Venue Hire: £1,500 half day 9am-1pm or 1.30-5pm / £2,500 full day 9am-5pm / £2,750 evening 7-9pm / £3,500 evening 7-11pm (exc. VAT) Includes: Venue Hire, Wi-Fi, Tables and Chairs, Projector and Screen, Speakers, Step-Free Access

This impressive Gallery provides the opportunity to create your event alongside the latest Whitechapel Gallery exhibition. As the historic central reading room of the former Whitechapel Library, Gallery 2 retains its original Victorian features such as exposed brickwork, high ceilings and concrete floor.

This space is great for conferences, large dinners and evening receptions.







The Foyer

Capacities: 250

Availability: Mondays to Sunday from 7pm onwards with the exception of Thursday (due to our public late opening)

Dimensions: 255 sq. m / Length 19.5 m width 13.1 m

Costs for Venue Hire: £1,500 evening 7–9pm / £2,000 evening 7–11pm (exc. VAT)

Includes: Venue Hire, Wi-Fi, Step-Free Access

The Foyer is a light and spacious ground floor space with several unique architectural features, including the Grade II listed library staircase, elegant lighting and timeless interior.

Hire the space by itself or in conjunction with Gallery 2 for large drinks receptions, canapé receptions and evening entertainment.



Private Tours

Enhance your event at Whitechapel Gallery with the addition of a guided tour. Our Gallery experts will provide a unique insight as you explore key pieces from the exhibitions.

Tours can take place from Tuesdays to Sundays during normal Gallery opening hours (11am–6pm) for groups of up to 20 and last one hour. Guided tours costs start from:

£150 per hour – Exhibition Guide

£450 per hour – Assistant Curator

£650 per hour – Curator

£950 per hour - Director

For those who wish to learn more about our current exhibitions exclusively, out-of-hours tours can be arranged. Please contact the Venue Hire Team for more information.

The Whitechapel Refectory

The Whitechapel Refectory began running the Gallery café in January 2017, alongside their neighbourhood restaurant 10 Greek Street in Soho. The Refectory offers a delicious weekly changing menu during the day, and wine, craft beer, cheese and charcuterie when it transforms into After Hours from 6–11pm on Thursdays.

The Whitechapel Refectory are the official catering company for all day time events. Please contact them for sample packages or bespoke menus.

Email: Refectory@whitechapelgallery.com

Telephone: 020 7522 7896

Website: www.whitechapelgallery.org/ eat-and-drink-the-whitechapel-refectory/

Approved Suppliers

We have a list of approved suppliers, who we work with on catering, photography, floristry, entertainment and AV & Production. Please visit our website to see the full list of approved suppliers or contact the venue hire team for more information.

Approved Suppliers List: www.whitechapelgallery.org/whitechapel-gallery-venue-hire/approved-suppliers/

Location

Whitechapel Gallery

77–82 Whitechapel High St, London, E1 7QX T: 020 7522 7888

By Underground

We are less than 1 minute walk from Aldgate East Underground station. Liverpool Street and Tower Gateway and Shoreditch High Street Overground are 15 minutes walks from the Gallery.

By Bus

The 25, 205 and 254 stop outside the Gallery. The 15, 115, 40, 42, 45 and 67 buses stop outside Aldgate Station. The 35, 43, 78,149, 242, 344 and 388 stop on Commercial Road. The 242 and 253 stop outside Liverpool Street Station.

Cycling

The nearest docking stations for Barclays Cycle Hire are at Altab Ali Park, Aldgate East, with 15 docking stations, and Braham Street, Aldgate, with 34 docking stations available.

By Car

There are a number of external parking facilities nearby for visitors wishing to travel by car, please contact the facilities directly for more information.

NCP Whitechapel High Street, Spreadeagle Yard (off Commercial Street), London, E1 7PJ.

T: 0845 050 7080

Buckle Street Multi-storey Car Park, Buckle Street, London, E1 8EH

Free parking for Blue Badge holders are available at the top of Osborn Street in the pay and display booths for an unlimited period. Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis.

Contact

For all venue hire bookings and enquiries please contact the Whitechapel Gallery Venue Hire Team:

Email: hire@whitechapelgallery.org

Telephone: 020 7522 7877

Website: www.whitechapelgallery.org/venuehire

For further information about catering please contact the Whitechapel Refectory:

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We are pleased to offer 10% discount to registered charities and local businesses within a mile.