

# Whitechapel Gallery Venue Hire

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# About

Founded in 1901 with a mission to 'bring great art to the people of East London', the Whitechapel Gallery's beautiful historic building now houses seven galleries, a large event space, a cafe, a bookshop, an auditorium, and three studio spaces dedicated to education and research.

When you walk through our doors you follow the footsteps of modern masters such as **Pablo Picasso, Jackson Pollock, Mark Rothko** and **Frida Kahlo** to pioneering contemporaries such as **Zarina Bhimji, Sophie Calle, Theaster Gates, Emily Jacir** and **Michael Rakowitz**, all of whom premiered at the Whitechapel Gallery.

We are pleased to open up our versatile spaces to those looking for a unique setting for their away day, evening reception or hybrid event under the expert guidance of our dedicated event planners.

By choosing the Whitechapel Gallery for your event you are directly supporting the internationally-recognised work of the Gallery and helping us to enrich the lives of more people through access to contemporary art.



Art Icon 2024 in the **Assembly Room**. Image Credit: Dan Weill Photography





## Clore Creative Studio

The Clore Creative Studio is a bright and inspiring space offering views over East London's iconic skyline. This studio also has direct views of **Rodney Graham's** specially commissioned Erasmus Weathervane which sits on the roof of the Gallery and forms our first permanent public work of art.

The Clore Creative Studio is a space that encourages thought and creativity and is well suited to meetings and workshops. We can also provide HD screens, wireless microphones and technical support as part of our hybrid meeting offering. In the evening, this space is perfect for intimate seated dinners and standing drinks receptions.

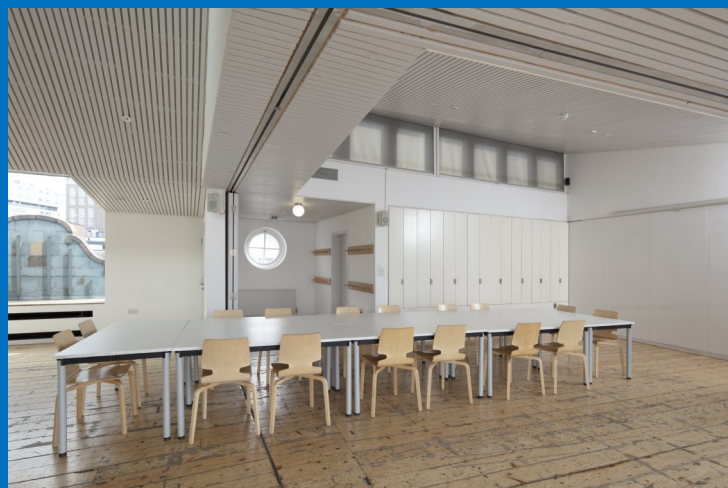
Capacities

**Boardroom** 24

**Theatre** 60

**Cabaret** 40

**Standing** 60





# Study Studio

A light and bright thought-provoking space that sparks discussion, the Study Studio is perfect for smaller team meetings, creative workshops and presentations and comes fully equipped with built-in AV facilities.

On display in the Study Studio you'll find a selection of books from Europe's first and largest Bengali bookshop **Ruposhi Bangla Limited** celebrating the portrayal of women in literature.

Capacities  
Boardroom 24  
Theatre 40  
Cabaret 24  
Standing 60





# Mezzanine Studio

The Mezzanine Studio is a versatile space located in the heart of the building at Mezzanine Level. It features two sculptures by artist **Liam Gillick** inspired by his appreciation for dystopia and the filmmaker Stanley Kubrick. Access to this space is through our main exhibition and we would encourage adding a guided tour or a drinks reception to make the most of the art on view.

The Mezzanine Studio is also well suited to board meetings, presentations and can be used as a break-out space for refreshments to accompany an Auditorium hire.



Capacities

**Boardroom 22**

**Theatre 45**

**Cabaret 32**

**Standing 80**







## The Zilkha Auditorium & Studio

With its unique seating designed by Turner Prize nominee **Liam Gillick**, The Zilkha Auditorium & Studio is a work of art in its own right. This injection of colour into our large and comfortable theatre space makes it well suited to inspiring discussion or panel debate.

The space benefits from cinema quality projection and comes equipped with a Full HD digital projector and 5.1 Surround Sound. The option to live stream events is also available with full technical support.

### Capacities

#### **Seated 96**

(Bespoke AV set-ups may reduce seated capacity)





# The Foyer

Enter from Whitechapel Gallery High Street through our original stone arch entrance and you'll find our spacious Foyer on the ground floor offering high ceilings and unique architectural features, including the Grade II listed library staircase and a timeless interior.

Hire the space by itself, with the Assembly Room or in conjunction with our current exhibition for larger drinks and canapé receptions with evening entertainment.

Capacities  
**Standing 250**







## Assembly Room

Our impressive Assembly Room space provides the opportunity to curate your event alongside the latest Whitechapel Gallery exhibition and allow exclusive out of hours access to your guests. As the former central reading room of the Whitechapel Library, the Assembly Room is a particularly impressive space that retains its original Victorian features alongside contemporary touches in the exposed brickwork and polished concrete floor.

One of our largest spaces, the Assembly Room can accommodate conferences, seated dinners and evening receptions.

Capacities  
**Standing** 200  
**Seated** 150









# What our clients say about us?

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The combination of the gallery's **historical charm** and the **modern amenities** made it the perfect choice for our celebration. We couldn't have asked for a better location or a more dedicated team to work with. Thank you, Whitechapel Gallery, for helping us create such a memorable and enjoyable corporate Christmas party.

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- Cubico Sustainable Investment

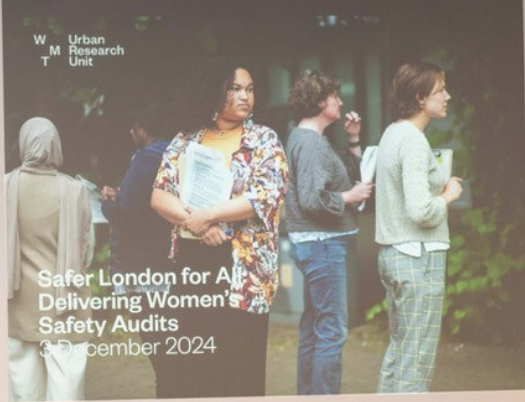
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From start to finish, the team went above and beyond, demonstrating unparalleled efficiency and dedication. Over the six months of planning, They accommodated every need, including multiple **site visits**, and provided **invaluable guidance** to ensure everything was perfect. Their professionalism and helpfulness made the entire experience seamless and enjoyable, we couldn't have asked for a better venue and team to work with.

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- Elly Charity





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We chose this iconic space because of its rich history of championing emerging artists and female voices, making it the perfect setting for our event on women's safety. We are incredibly thankful to the team and would, without a doubt, recommend them to anyone looking to host an event at the Whitechapel Gallery.

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- We Made That

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...the shortlisted films looked and sounded particularly stunning thanks to the Auditorium's high quality AV equipment. The space hosted the festival attendees comfortably and remained intimate while lending the festival a sense of lively fullness...The staff at the Whitechapel Gallery were particularly accommodating, both in the run-up to the event and on the day; the festival organizers were grateful for technical assistance with the screening and help signing in and stewarding attendees, as well as organizational communications during the lead-up to the event. Overall, the space and service contributed to an event that was memorable, thought-provoking and highly enjoyable – the response from attendees was overwhelmingly positive.

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- Zelda Cahill-Patten, The Swedenborg Society





# Rates

| Day Rates*                          |                       |                       | Evening Rates*       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                                     | Full Day<br>(8 hours) | Half Day<br>(4 hours) | Evening<br>(5 hours) |
| Mezzanine Studio                    | £950                  | £600                  | £1,100               |
| Study Studio                        | £950                  | £600                  | £1,100               |
| Clore Creative Studio               | £1,100                | £800                  | £1,300               |
| The Zilkha Auditorium<br>and Studio | £1,400                | £900                  | £2,000               |
| Assembly Room                       | £3,000                | £2,500                | £5,000               |
| Foyer (Evening hire only)           | N/A                   | N/A                   | £2,200               |

\*All rates exclude VAT

All venue hire includes a dedicated inhouse event manager, use of tables, chairs, and flipcharts or whiteboards.

Step free access is available throughout all of Whitechapel Gallery's venue hire spaces.

Hire rates are not inclusive of additional staff, specialist AV support or security guard costs and these will be quoted separately.

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



# Add-Ons

## 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 Tuesday to Sunday during normal Gallery opening hours

(11am–6pm) for groups of up to 20 and last one hour.

Guided tours 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. Tours outside of public open hours are subject to additional staffing costs.

\*All rates exclude VAT

## AV Packages

Looking to make your event accessible to a wider audience or wish to connect with your colleagues who work from home?

Get in touch with us directly to discuss our bespoke AV offers including live streaming and hybrid meeting formats. A full AV Tech Menu is available upon request.



## Approved Suppliers

We have a list of carefully selected 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.

## Sustainability

At Whitechapel Gallery, we recognise that as an arts organisation we have a disproportionately large impact on the environment due to international travel, arts shipping, energy and materials. We also have an opportunity to use our public platform and cultural influence to set a positive example, encouraging and supporting others to act.

We have committed to tackling our impacts in a number of ways, including by joining the Gallery Climate Coalition, and pledging to at least halve our carbon emissions by 2030. We ask for the same commitment from our suppliers, who we ensure meet our standards.

Our full Environmental Responsibility Statement can be found on our [website](#).



# Location

## **Whitechapel Gallery**

77-82 Whitechapel High Street, London, E1 7QX

## **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.



# Become a Corporate Member

Did you know that Corporate Members receive complimentary or discounted venue hires? All members also receive a morning private view, free exhibition entry for all employees, VIP tours and exclusive invitations.

By becoming a Corporate Member you will make a critical contribution to advancing access, equality, education and social cohesion and nurturing creative talent through supporting one of the world's most respected art galleries.

**Corporate Membership is available from £5,000 + VAT**

To become a Corporate Member, please contact  
[supporters@whitechapelgallery.org](mailto:supporters@whitechapelgallery.org)





# Whitechapel Gallery

## Contact

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

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