



Event Spaces at North East Museums

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Laing Art Gallery, Marble Hall

NORTH EAST MUSEUMS



Great North Museum: Hancock

“Hiring a North East Museums venue for an event is a special opportunity to demonstrate your support for the heritage and culture of North East England and to associate with one of our region’s cherished museums and galleries. Venue hire is essential to helping our museums grow and thrive.”

**Keith Merrin,
Director**

Host your event in the most iconic and historic locations in the North East.

From Victorian splendour to industrial chic, our unique spaces offer a stunning backdrop for any occasion – from intimate gatherings to grand celebrations.

With venues across Newcastle and Northumberland, there’s a space for all events and budgets.

We’re here to support you every step of the way, whether you’re planning a corporate event, wedding, or conference. Our friendly and experienced team will ensure everything runs smoothly, from venue hire to catering.

With inspiring architecture, rich heritage, and flexible spaces, North East Museums offer more than just venues for hire – we create experiences to remember.

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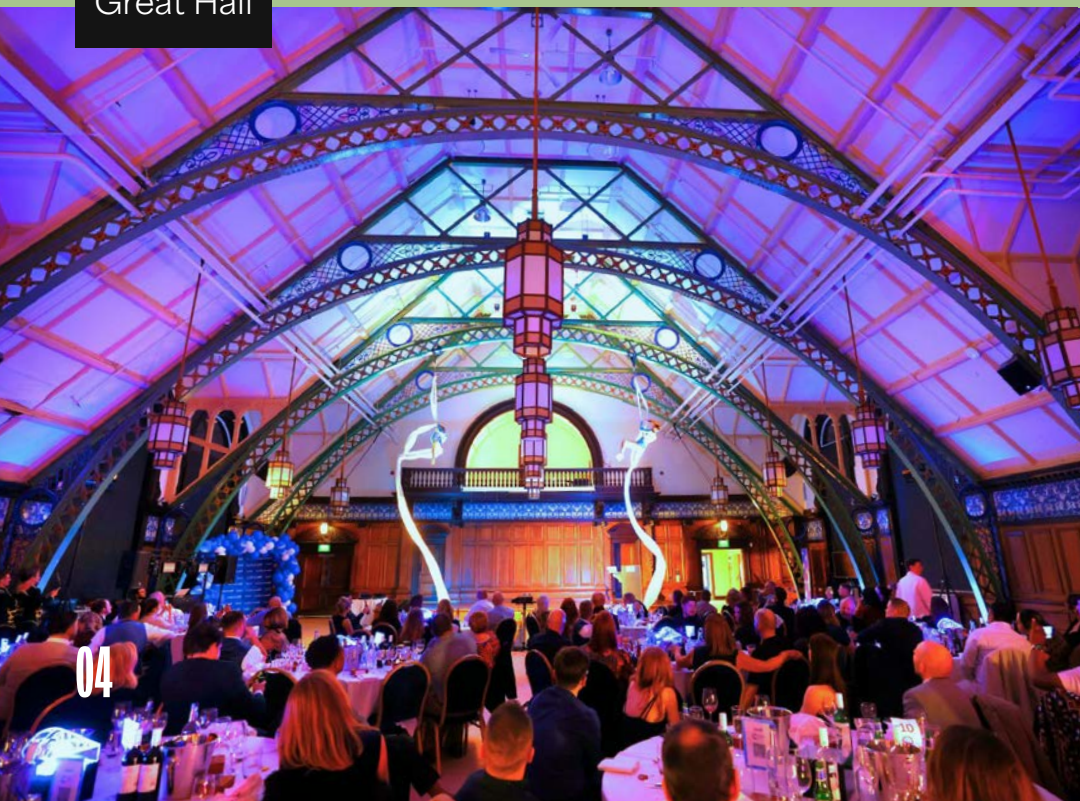


Great North Museum: Hancock Living Planet gallery

DISCOVERY MUSEUM

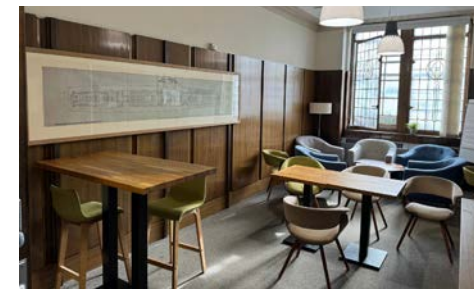
Newcastle upon Tyne

Great Hall



From the art-deco splendour of the Great Hall to an intimate wood panelled meeting room, Discovery Museum has a range of unique spaces to fit almost any event or budget.

The Great Hall is one of Newcastle's most striking and historic event spaces, featuring an arched ceiling, intricate ironwork, and rich wood-panelled walls, from its original 1890s design.



Great Hall

The hall is one of the few spaces in the region that can host dining for 300 people and features a built-in stage and original 1800s bar, adding character and convenience for a seamless event.

Capacities

Up to 400 standing

Up to 300 seated

Room hire

From £990 +VAT

Meeting Rooms

Carpathia, Northumbria and Mauretania are elegant wood-panelled rooms, perfect for a board meeting, away day, private lunch, or meeting. Each space has AV facilities and Wi-Fi, as well as virtual conferencing facilities in the Mauretania Room, making it simple to plug in and play.

Room hire from £220 +VAT

The Great Hall and Meeting Rooms are available to hire during the day and evenings.

DISCOVERY MUSEUM GALLERIES



Turbinia Gallery

Give guests an unforgettable experience in the Turbinia Gallery, home to the world's fastest steam ship of its time. Perfect for elegant drinks receptions of up to 150 guests, this unique setting offers a striking backdrop for networking and celebrations. For a truly special occasion, dine alongside this iconic vessel and enjoy a bespoke menu from our talented catering team.

Evening hire from £720 +VAT



Science Maze

Step into a world of discovery with a drinks reception like no other. The Science Maze is filled with interactive scientific puzzles and curiosities, providing a fun and engaging experience for your guests as they enjoy drinks and canapés. Perfect for networking or a unique social gathering, this dynamic space accommodates up to 100 guests - or 150 with access to the balcony area.

Evening hire from £720 +VAT



Story of the Tyne

Immerse your guests in the rich maritime and industrial history of the River Tyne with a drinks reception in this captivating gallery. Showcasing full-size boats, intricate ship models, and a detailed river display, this unique setting brings the story of Tyneside to life. Ideal for up to 100 guests, this gallery is perfect for networking, celebrations, and special occasions.

Evening hire from £720 +VAT

GREAT NORTH MUSEUM: HANCOCK

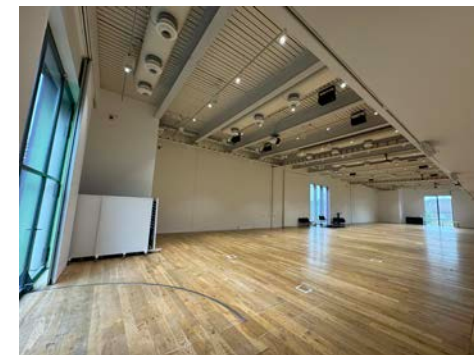
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Exhibition Space



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Purpose built as a museum of natural history, Great North Museum: Hancock is a jewel in Newcastle's civic crown. Located next to Newcastle University and the city centre, this museum provides unique and flexible spaces, including the adaptable Exhibition Space, and Living Planet Gallery.



Exhibition Space

Exhibition Space benefits from state-of-the-art projection and audio equipment and can be divided into three smaller spaces, allowing you to hire the whole hall or just one or two sections of it.

Capacities

Up to 450 seated or standing

Room hire

From £600 +VAT

The Exhibition Space is available to hire during the day and evenings.

GREAT NORTH MUSEUM: HANCOCK GALLERIES



Living Planet Gallery

The Living Planet Gallery offers an incredible setting with double-height displays of wildlife from around the globe - including a full-size elephant and a great white shark.

Ideal for arrival drinks, networking, and memorable dining experiences, this unique space accommodates up to 160 for a reception and 100 guests for a sit-down meal.

Available to hire from 5pm, from £940 +VAT



Clore Suite

The Clore Suite offers a versatile suite of two rooms, available individually or as one larger space. Equipped with full AV facilities, this space is perfect for meetings, workshops, and presentations.

The Clore Suite also features a large outdoor garden area, providing a refreshing breakout space for networking or simply enjoying a breath of fresh air.

Available to hire evenings and weekends, from £500 +VAT

WOODHORN MUSEUM

Ashington,
Northumberland

The Workshop Galleries



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Once part of the largest pit village in the world, Woodhorn Museum represents the North East's last remaining coal mining built heritage. The museum provides the perfect backdrop to host a meeting, conference or special occasion.

Woodhorn Museum benefits from plentiful free parking and spacious outdoor areas that can be used for alfresco events and marquees.

The Workshop Galleries

This space retains its original architecture and striking features from its colliery workshop past. The flexible space can easily be divided into distinct areas and benefits from a bar area and fully equipped catering kitchen. Perfect for larger weddings and fully accessible. Available to hire seasonally from May-November.

The Winding Room

This is a spacious, light, top floor room situated in the historic Winding House. The space offers delightful views of the Cheviot Hills and North Sea.

Capacities

The Winding Room:
Up to 70 seated
Up to 40 boardroom

The Workshop Galleries:
Up to 200 standing
Up to 150 seated
Up to 100 dinner

Room hire

From £500 +VAT



LAING ART GALLERY

Newcastle upon Tyne

Collection Display Gallery



The Laing Art Gallery, a stunning Grade II listed Edwardian venue, offers breathtaking event spaces in the heart of the city. From the grand Marble Hall to the elegant Collection Display Gallery, this gallery is perfect for exclusive dinners, networking, and drinks receptions.

Special features

The Marble Hall showcases a striking statue of the gallery's founder, Alexander Laing, adding a touch of grandeur. Guests can also enjoy access to the adjoining Café Laing - a perfect breakout space for networking and refreshments.

Capacities

Up to 200 standing

Up to 110 seated

Room hire

From £800 +VAT



The Function Room

The Laing Art Gallery benefits from a fully equipped meeting room which can accommodate up to 60 guests for smaller events. Day hire from £300 +VAT

The Marble Hall, Café Laing and the Collection Display Gallery are available to hire from 5pm, Monday-Saturday.

CATERING TO SUIT EVERY OCCASION



For smaller events, our in-house catering team provides a seamless and convenient service, offering a delightful selection of drinks, light refreshments and buffet lunches.



For events requiring hot, cooked meals, we collaborate with a handpicked selection of trusted catering partners. This allows us to provide a wider range of menu options, from contemporary canapés to full-course dinners, ensuring a tailored dining experience that meets your vision and dietary requirements.



Enjoy a selection of beers, wines, and premium spirits to complement your event. Our venue hire spaces can accommodate a functional mobile bar exclusively for your event (minimum spend required). For dinners, the bar is included at no additional charge, ensuring your guests have a wide range of drinks to enjoy.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIERS

We're happy to recommend a range of local, friendly, reliable professionals to help bring your event to life - from decoration and entertainment to photography and audio-visual experts.

DJ, Entertainment and Decoration

AG Events
agevents.co.uk

Millennium Events
nevipevent.co.uk

JC Events
facebook.com/jceventsltd

Manhattan Agency DJ & Entertainment
manhattan-agency.co.uk

Let's Circus
letscircus.com

Brightstar
brightstarlightandsound.com

Paul Innes (magician)
paulinnesmagicman.com

Paul Lytton (magician)
northeastmagician.co.uk

Charlie Whyte (singer)
amvlivemusic.com/artists/charlie-whyte

Mark Thompson (pianist)
markthompsonmusic.com

Barrie James (caricaturist)
barriejamesart.co.uk/portfolio

Katherines Florists
katherinesflorists.co.uk

Corporate Photography and Videography

Sarah Deane
sarahdeanephotography.co.uk

Crest Photography
crestphotography.co.uk

Steve Brock
stevebrockphotography.co.uk

Audio-Visual

Ingram AV
ingramav.com

NorthStar AV
northstarav.co.uk

Big Purple Productions
bigpurple-productions.com

R&B Group
rbgroup.co.uk

Furniture

Arden Hire
ardenhire.co.uk

Crosby Hire
crosbyhire.co.uk

Birdcages and Dragonflies
birdcagesanddragonflies.com

BOOKING FAQS

What is included in the venue hire fee?

Exclusive use of the chosen venue hire space on your event date and time.

Support from the Sales and Events Team in the run-up to your event.

Audio-visual equipment including a PA system, screen and projector (or TV screen), lectern and microphones.

Tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery, and glassware.

Front of house staff support.

Are there additional fees?

Catering is charged separately to venue hire. Additionally, you may be charged for additional set-up or de-rig time, if not covered in your original booking timings.

Can we bring our own food and drink?

We do not allow any external catering. All our catering is provided in house.

For any hot food requirements, we work with a panel of caterers to provide bespoke food options for your event. We do not allow corkage or drinks on consumption.

Can you provide a bar?

Yes, we have a mobile bar, which can be included in your booking. This bar comes with a minimum spend.

Do you have floor plans?

Yes, please get in contact with our Sales and Events Team to request floor plans.

Can we hire entertainment?

Yes, examples of entertainment could include: a DJ, band and/or singer, dancefloor, photo booths, artificial flower walls, and magicians.

Do you have floor plans?

Yes, please get in contact with our Sales and Events Team to request floor plans.

Is there parking?

Other than Woodhorn Museum, our museums and galleries do not have their own dedicated car parks. There are plenty of nearby car parks and public transport links to our venues.

Are there timing restrictions for my event?

We offer hire during the day-time and evening, subject to availability. Please arrive at the start of your specific hire period. If you need additional set-up time, please indicate this on booking.

Can we provisionally hold a date?

Yes, we can hold a date for up to 14 days while you decide. If another customer enquires about booking the same space and date, we will send you an email to offer you a first refusal. You will have 24 hours to respond to this email and either confirm your booking or release the date.

How do we confirm our booking?

To confirm your booking we ask you to sign a copy of the venue hire terms and conditions and accompanying event sheet, and pay a 30% deposit.

For full FAQs for each of our venues visit

www.northeastmuseums.org.uk/venue-hire

*Please note that hiring a space within the museum for an event does not grant exclusive access to the entire museum.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SPACES

Discovery Museum

Great Hall

Turbinia Gallery

Great North Museum: Hancock

Full Exhibition Space

Medium Exhibition Space

Small Exhibition

Living Planet Gallery

Laing Art Gallery

Marble Hall and Cafe

Collection Display Gallery

Woodhorn Museum

The Workshop Galleries

Standing
Reception

Theatre

Cabaret

Dinner

400

300

280

300

150

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100

450

450

240

240

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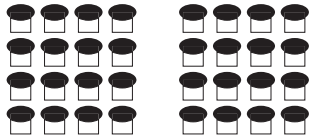
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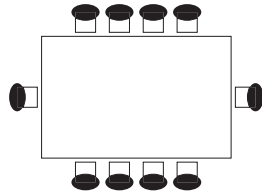
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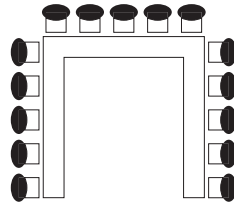
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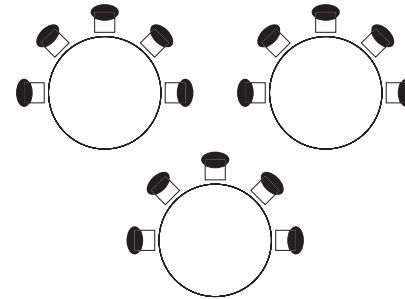
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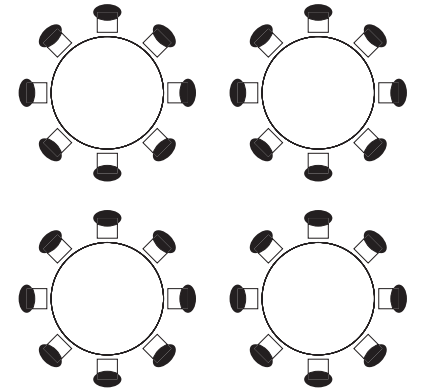
U-Shape



Cabaret



Banquet



CONTACT US

We'd love to help bring your event to life at North East Museums. Contact our Venue Hire & Events Team for more information.

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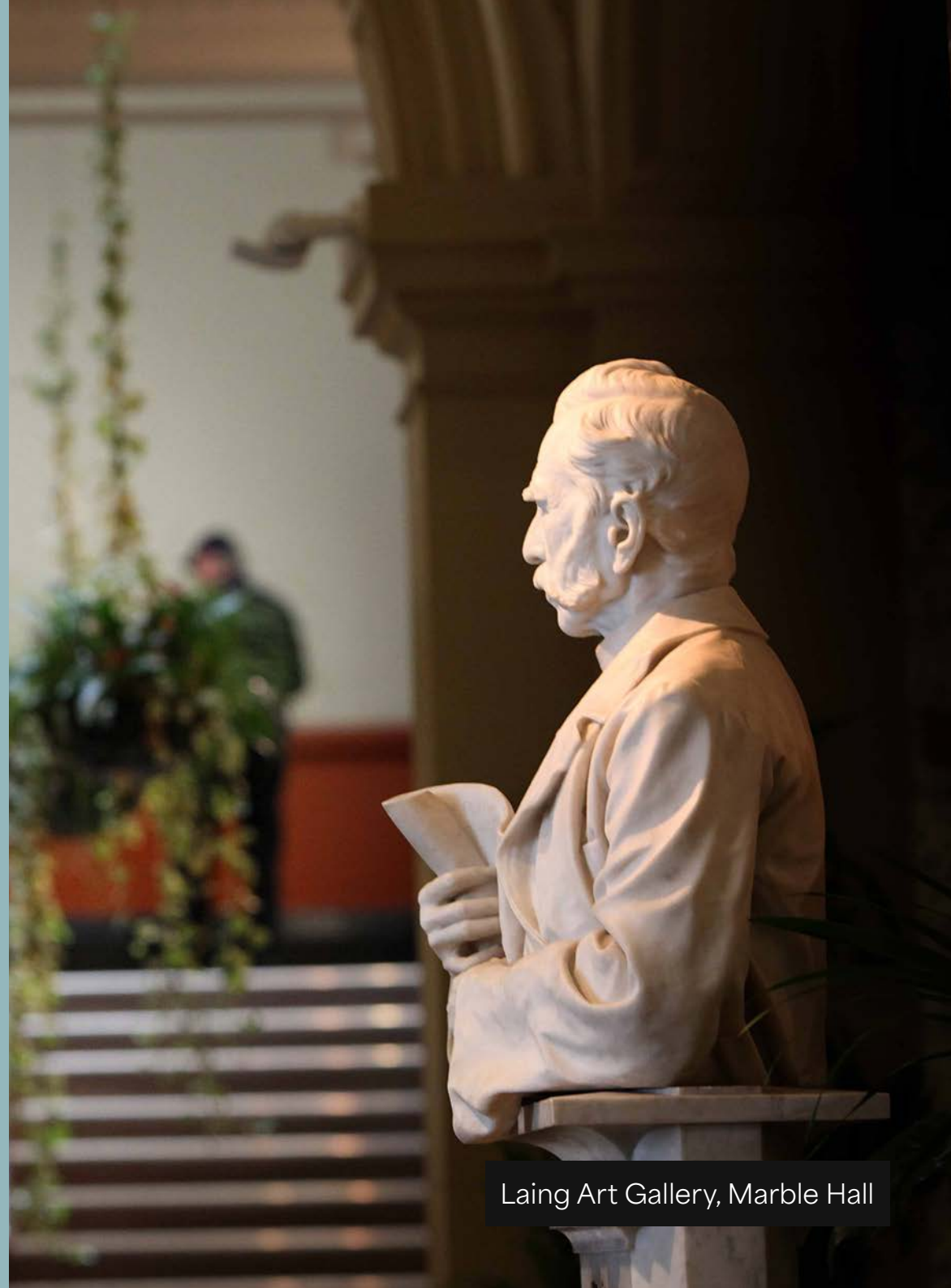
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