Nottingham Contemporary

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Nottingham Contemporary is a leading international art gallery at the heart of Nottingham's city centre historic Lace Market area. There are few more unique places to entertain, inspire and hold key corporate events.

Whether you are hosting clients, staff, partners or simply celebrating, our spaces for hire range from a full scale and fully equipped performance space ideal for conferences, lectures, or staff parties, to smaller and more intimate spaces that are perfect for meetings and informal gatherings.

Our RIBA award-winning building designed by Caruso St John has a striking concrete interior and lace-clad exterior embedded with a mid-19th-century cherry blossom lace design which was discovered in a time capsule buried on our building's site.

Our Building

Designed by the award-winning architects Caruso St John in 2009, inspiration was taken from the surrounding Lace Market, specifically the bold, elegant design of the warehouses that serviced the city's world famous lace trade in the 19th century. The irregular structure of our building was created by maximising the use of the available land which slopes sharply downwards. Our site is said to be the oldest in the city - it was the site of a Saxon fort, a medieval Town Hall, and finally a late Victorian railway cutting. The steps at the side of our building have recreated a historic right of way.

At over 3,000 square metres, Nottingham Contemporary is one of the largest contemporary art centres in the UK. It has four galleries - lit by 132 skylights - a performance and film space, a studio, meeting room, shop and café. The building appears much larger on the inside than outside, since much of its north end is sunk into the sandstone cliff that runs the length of the city centre. At the same time, it is a remarkably open building: large windows offer direct views from the street into the galleries, shop, café and offices.

The Space

The Space is a dramatic room which can accommodate any event from a large corporate conference or awards ceremony to a lecture, film screening, performance or photoshoot. The Space is our largest room and fully flexible to meet all of your needs. You could additionally consider hiring our café bar to take over the whole lower level.

Capacities: **120-200 theatre style, 360 standing, or 60-180 cabaret style**

Includes: **Lighting rig, PA system, large-scale screen, projector, lectern and mics, laptop with connection leads, access to green room (with accessible shower and toilet) for performers and presenters. One technician will assist throughout your event (inc. set up and take down)**

Prices: **£850+VAT (4 hrs) £1450+VAT (8 hrs)**
£250+VAT (additional hrs)

Situated on Lower Ground -1 level. The Space is accessible by lift or stairs from our main entrance.

Blend at Contemporary - café

An airy modern café bar with floor to ceiling windows that open out onto an outdoor terraced seating area, locally crafted furniture and coffee by Nottingham roasters Stewarts of Trent Bridge. Our café is perfect for a private party, gig or as an alternative option for a meeting or networking room.

Capacities: **200 for a party, 60 seated cafe style**

Includes: **Fully stocked bar, staffing, separate toilets inc. accessible Changing Places toilet**
Equipment (available at additional charge): **PA system, stage and microphone from £100-£250 +VAT**

Prices: **Sun-Thu 6.30pm-11.30pm £350+VAT / Fri & Sat 6.30pm-11.30pm £500+VAT (min. bar spend £600)**
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm £500+VAT. (min. catering spend £2000) - this is only available to those also booking The Space

Situated on Lower Ground -1 level. The café is accessible by lift or stairs from our main entrance.

The Meeting Room

A spacious and comfortable room with floor to ceiling windows running along one side, giving lots of natural daylight.

Capacities: **20 boardroom style**

Includes: **Plasma TV and laptop for presentations, WiFi**

Prices: **£160+VAT (4 hrs) £260+VAT (8 hrs)**
£45+VAT (additional hrs)

Situated on Lower Ground -2 level. The Meeting Room is accessible through our offices by lift or stairs from our main entrance.

Studio 1

Newly available for hire, this unique space on our gallery level is perfect for hosting workshops, relaxed talks and creative events. This space is perfectly situated to book an accompanying gallery tour to give your guests a special art experience.

Capacity: 60

Includes: Staffing, WiFi, Projector, Plasma Screen TV
Equipment (available at additional charge): PA system, stage and microphone from £100-£250 +VAT

Prices: Half day (4 hours): £450
Full day (8 hours): £650
Hiring Studio 1 directly contributes to our plans to rebuild this space as a hub for learning, creativity and community, directly supporting local groups, families, young people and schools. Hiring Studio 1 at the above rates means you have the option to be publicly credited when our new home for learning opens.

Situated on Ground level.

Studio 2

A flexible space with moveable furniture, suitable for workshops and more active sessions.

Capacities: **20 boardroom style, 24 classroom style, 35 theatre style**

Includes: **Plasma TV and laptop for presentations, WiFi**

Prices: **£160+VAT (4 hrs) £260+VAT (8 hrs)**
£45+VAT (additional hrs)

Situated on Lower Ground -2 level. The Studio is accessible by lift or stairs from our main entrance.

Need Extras? Whether it's a catering package, live music, security, sound engineers or perhaps a special exhibition tour to wow your guests, we've got it sorted! Get in touch to discuss your needs.

UK registered charities, Nottingham Trent University and The University of Nottingham receive 20% discount on all bookings.

Please note that all hire times must include the set up & take down of your event - please discuss your requirements with us.

For further information on getting here and access, please visit nottinghamcontemporary.org/visit

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Support Nottingham Contemporary

Room hire is one of the ways businesses like yours can support our work as a charity to deliver exhibitions, family activities and community events. If your business is interested in sponsoring us and further supporting the work that we do, please get in touch.

Benefits of becoming a supporter include inviting guests to our exhibition launch parties, discounts on room hire, or championing a specific programme as part of your corporate social responsibility initiatives. We'd be happy to discuss this with you over a coffee in our café, Blend at Contemporary.

For further information on how you can support us, please contact our Senior Development Manager Antonia Seroff
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Thank you

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