

Venues designed to inspire

Conferences, parties
and events at RIBA 2020

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Welcome to RIBA

RIBA at 66 Portland Place is situated in the heart of central London, located between the buzz of Oxford Street and the tranquillity of Regent's Park. It is easily accessible from all London's major attractions; including museums, theatres and restaurants.

The Grade II listed, Art Deco building is a regal backdrop for events, for groups ranging from 6-400. We host conferences, dinners, parties, meetings, fashion shows, weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and more. Plus, as a charity, all profits go into supporting our work of advocating better and more sustainable buildings, communities and the environment through architects and our members.

We have two beautiful terraces providing fantastic views of London and our versatile spaces all have natural daylight, providing you with a vibrant meeting and entertainment space.

To make an enquiry, or to find out more information about any of the spaces, including menus and floorplans, please email venues@riba.org



Nearest Tube: (walk)

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| Regent's Park Station | 2 minutes |
| Great Portland Street Station | 3 minutes |
| Warren Street Station | 8 minutes |
| Oxford Circus Station | 10 minutes |

Nearest major train stations: (walk)

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| Euston | 12 minutes |
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Venue details to look out for

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) was founded in 1834 for “the advancement of architecture”. One of the early aims of the building was to provide a library of architectural works.

RIBA opened at 66 Portland Place in 1934 by King George V and Queen Mary and today we are home to one of the world's largest architectural collections spread across multiple locations.

The lions of the RIBA Crest can be found throughout the building in different materials - in glass on the staircase balustrades and in iron on the exterior railings.



The building has many decorative features and stone carvings, which not only give character, but also represent the architecture trade and the construction of the building. You will notice plaster ceiling reliefs in the Florence Hall of electricians, plumbers, bricklayers and engravers.



Children of the architect and sculptor James Woodford feature in the pools on the bronze entrance doors.



The bronze bust of the architect, Grey Wornum shows him wearing a monocle – this was not just for fashion, Grey Wornum was wounded during the Battle of the Somme in WW1, losing his right eye. Look out for this in a small alcove beside the staircase in the entrance hall.



Catering

Our in-house, award-winning caterer CH&CO help to bring each event together, providing first class service, but above all, delicious food, full of flavour and presented ahead of the curve in a modern and innovative way.

Choose from an array of vegan and plant-based dishes to gluten or dairy free, our chefs create inclusive, customisable menus that support specific dietary requirements and lifestyle choices.



“It was wonderful working with you and the team on our Annual Dinner. We have had so much fantastic feedback and our President, Chief Executive, and Senior Management Team have all expressed their gratitude. The venue looked fantastic and worked brilliantly, the food and wines were excellent and the service equally fantastic. We are, in short, thrilled with how it went.”

Maria, The British Academy



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Conferences

Our landmark venue combines Grade II listed grandeur with modern facilities and state of the art technology. Our bright, flexible conference spaces can accommodate everything from small meetings to largescale, bespoke conferences of 400 delegates theatre style.

“We couldn’t be happier with how it went and received so much wonderful feedback from so many different people, commenting on the event space and the organisation. Richard was a real star in sorting the AV and the food and drink went down well by all accounts.”

Conference event organisers



Available Spaces:

- > [Jarvis Hall](#): 400 theatre
- > [Florence Hall](#): 300 theatre
- > [Wren Room](#): 100 theatre

- > In-house AV team offer full audio-visual solutions
- > Purpose-designed auditorium with tiered seating
- > LED lighting and control technology
- > Exhibition area and break-out rooms
- > Smart meeting rooms for workshops



Meeting Rooms

We have several small meeting rooms accommodating 2 to 100 delegates, all with natural daylight. For a regal and sophisticated interior, choose one of our Art Deco rooms. For a slicker, pared back atmosphere, we have a number of contemporary rooms for hire.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to you and your team. We couldn't be happier with how it went and received so much wonderful feedback from so many different people, commenting on the event space and the organisation.

Chris, Pura Aventura



Available Spaces:

- > [Aston Webb Room](#)
- > [Art Deco Rooms](#)
- > [Wren & Hawksmoor Suites](#)
- > [Contemporary Rooms](#)

- > Video and teleconferencing facilities
- > Comprehensive AV packages can be offered in all rooms - our team of AV technicians are always on hand to assist you
- > 6th floor terrace to use as a breakout space





Venues designed to move

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Weddings

Whether you're planning a showstopper or a low-key celebration with close family and friends, RIBA can help make your wedding a day to remember.

Attention to detail is key. Your personal RIBA wedding organiser will assist you all the way from initial enquiry to the big day, giving advice on photographers, production, flowers, food and entertainment, taking the stress away from you.



“Our wedding at RIBA was absolutely magical. RIBA was an exquisite setting; the food was wonderful, and we had a brilliant party afterwards... nothing was too much trouble. RIBA made our big day really special and we would heartily recommend it for a wedding or any celebration.”

Mr & Mrs Galloway

Available Spaces:

- > [Florence Hall](#) 250 seated, 220 dancing
- > [RIBA Gallery](#) 120 seated, 150 standing
- > [Aston Webb](#) 22 guest wedding breakfast



Venues designed
to excite

Private parties, fashion shows and awards

Our unique Art Deco building makes the perfect party venue in London.

Our spaces are suitable for Christmas parties, Summer parties and bespoke events including birthday, anniversary and retirement celebrations, awards ceremonies, fashion shows or private dining.

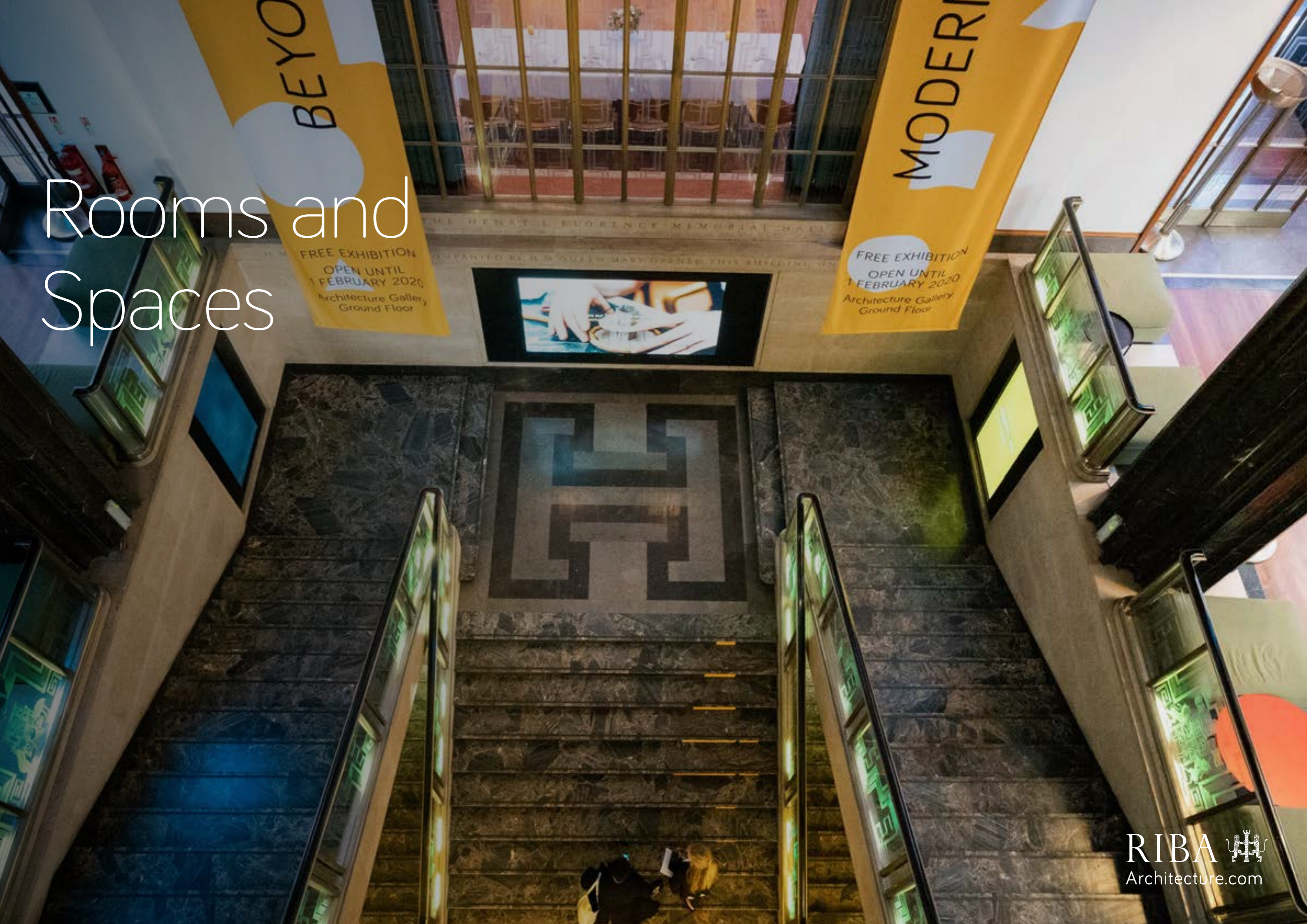
Whether you want to film a music video or host a live show, the spectacular and regal backdrop makes it the ideal location.



Available Spaces:

- > [Florence Hall](#)
- > [The Jarvis Hall](#)
- > [Aston Webb Room](#)





Rooms and Spaces

Florence Hall

Designed as the principal entertainment space at 66 Portland Place, the Florence Hall is perfect for any event.

From conferences to award dinners and weddings and Bar/Bat mitzvahs. Its versatility means it really can be transformed to suit all needs.

The room leads onto a beautiful, leafy terrace making it the ideal spot for a reception of up to 150 in the spring and summer months.

The etched floor-to-ceiling windows, glass doors and carved pillars add a unique sense of occasion and provide a chic, mid-century backdrop steeped with grandeur.



Hall Specification:

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| Dimensions: (LxWxH) | 14m x 9.3m x 2.9m |
| Theatre Style: | 300 |
| Cabaret: | 144 |
| Seated dinner: | 250 |
| Dinner/dance: | 200 |
| Standing reception: | 400 |

- > Leafy roof terrace
- > Air conditioning
- > Under-floor heating
- > Natural daylight
- > Built-in screen & live streaming
- > Dedicated audio-visual technician
- > In-house catering service

The RIBA Gallery

The RIBA Gallery is a striking, modern space with floor to ceiling windows.

The simple decor makes this bright room a blank canvas to work with, perfect for private parties and bespoke events. Hiring both the RIBA Gallery and adjacent Florence Hall provides an impressive space for a drink's reception followed by dinner for up to 250 guests.



Gallery Specification:

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| Dimensions: (LxWxH) | 17.9m x 6.1m x 5.3m |
| Theatre Style: | 130 |
| Cabaret: | 72 |
| Seated dinner: | 80 |
| Dinner/dance: | 60 |
| Standing reception: | 120 |

- > Disabled Access
- > Natural daylight
- > Free Wi-Fi throughout
- > In-house catering service

The Jarvis Hall

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Host bespoke events in the unique wood-panelled Jarvis Hall with a purpose-built auditorium and tiered seating.

The top-quality acoustics, full AV service and electric screen make it the perfect space for presentations, screenings and lectures. There is also the Jarvis Foyer attached to the room that can be used to extend the seating capacity, or for catering and networking.

Hall Specification:

Dimensions: (LxWxH) 14.4m x 15.5m x 5.4m

Theatre style: 400

Theatre with catering: 200

Reception: 220

- > Tiered auditorium seating
- > Air conditioning
- > Free Wi-Fi throughout
- > Dedicated audio-visual technician
- > Electric screen and live streaming
- > Break-out and reception space



Aston Webb Room

The Aston Webb Room, with its leather lined walls and Indian laurel wood joinery, has an imperial, mid-century atmosphere. Large windows offer plenty of natural lighting, as well as views along Portland Place.

It is an ideal venue for VIP committee or boardroom-style meetings. Alternatively, it is a popular location for filming and photoshoots, as well as a small wedding breakfast or intimate dinner with family and friends.

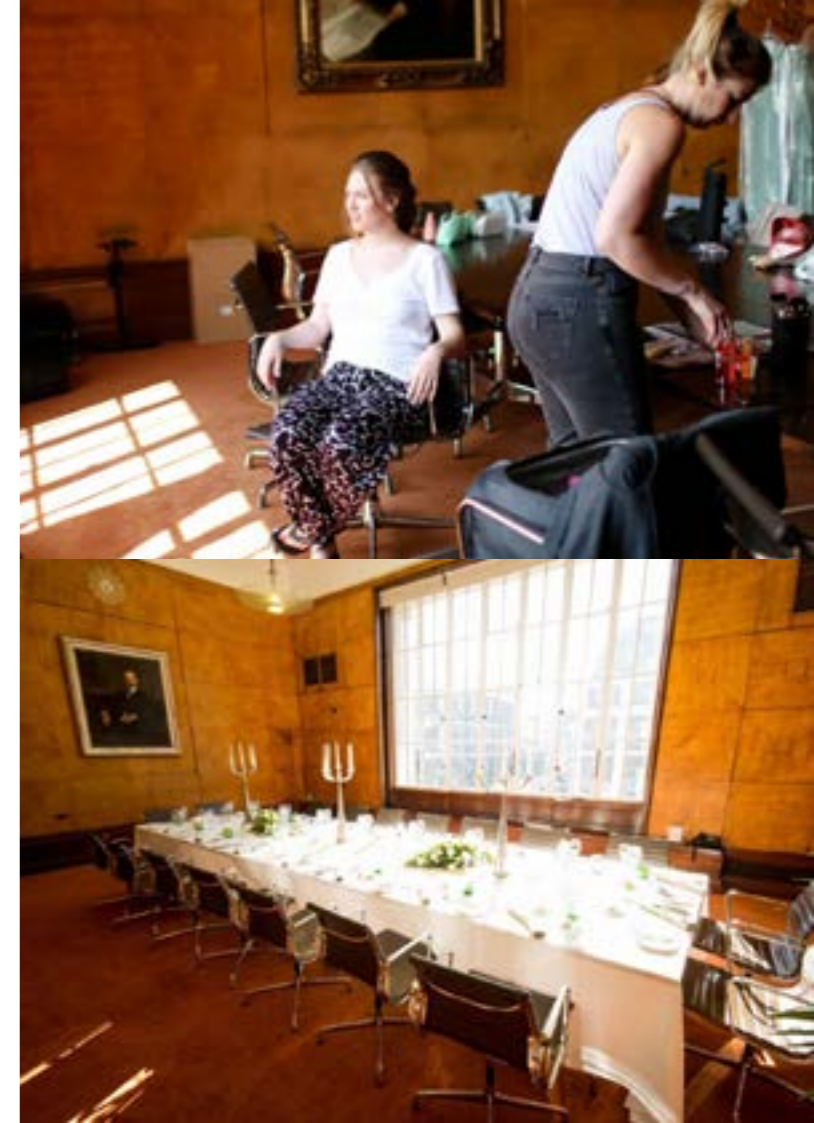
Aston Webb Room:

Dimensions: (LxWxH) 8.5m x 5.8m x 5.6m

Boardroom: 18

Dinner: (long tables) 25

- > Air conditioning
- > Natural daylight
- > Free Wi-Fi throughout
- > In-house catering service



Wren & Hawksmoor Rooms

The Wren Suite is located on the top floor of 66 Portland Place, it is a bright and modern blank canvas flooded with natural daylight, with unique views across the rooftops of central London.



Wren Suite:

Dimensions: (LxWxH) 14m x 9.3m x 2.9m

Theatre style: 120

Boardroom: 40

Cabaret: 42

U-Shape: 38

Dinner: 80

Reception: 130

Hawksmoor Room:

Dimensions: (LxWxH) 8.6m x 4.5m x 2.9m

Theatre style: 48

Boardroom: 18

U-Shape: 18

Reception: 25

- > Beautiful spacious terrace
- > Natural daylight
- > Free Wi-Fi throughout
- > Live streaming
- > Dedicated audio-visual technician
- > In-house catering service
- > Dry hire available (kosher caterer)

Art Deco style meeting rooms

These rooms are all part of the original 1934 building, and each mirrors the unique design character of 66 Portland Place.



Council Chamber

The Council Chamber is located on the 4th Floor and offers an opulent boardroom setting. It has air conditioning, an integrated electronic projection screen, programmable lighting, an external blind and PA system.

Dimensions: (LxWxH) 11.7m x 7.5m x 5.2m

Boardroom: 24

U-shape: 30

Theatre: 46

Cabaret: 18

Reception: 70

Soane Room

The Soane Room is a bright boardroom on the second floor, overlooking the grand avenue of Portland Place. Offering plenty of space for committee meetings and board meetings, the Soane Room can also be hired as a breakout area.

Dimensions: (LxWxH) 6.5m x 5.0m x 2.7m

Boardroom: 14

Theatre: 20

- > Free Wi-Fi throughout
- > In-house AV packages available
- > In-house catering service



Lutyens Room

The Lutyens Suite is flooded with natural daylight and has a sophisticated feel which is perfect for committee meetings, business lunches and intimate conferences.

Dimensions: (LxWxH) 17.5m x 4.8m x 2.8m

Boardroom: 30

Theatre: 70

Cabaret: 48

Reception: 100

- > Free Wi-Fi throughout
- > Live streaming
- > Dedicated audio-visual technician
- > In-house catering service



Contemporary rooms

Our contemporary rooms on the fifth floor all offer bright, modern meeting spaces flooded with natural daylight. These rooms are ideal for meetings and training sessions and can accommodate comprehensive audio-visual packages and catering options to suit all tastes.



Unwin Room

The Unwin Room is a fine, light room with a large open boardroom table, able to seat up to 22 people. The double aspect windows overlook the terraces below and offer a close-up view of the BT Tower.

Dimensions: (LxWxH) 7.6m x 5.4m x 2.9m

Boardroom: 22

U-shape: 18

Theatre: 30

Cabaret: 16

- > Natural daylight
- > Free Wi-Fi throughout
- > In-house AV packages available
- > In-house catering service



Martin Room

The Martin Room is a bright, day-lit room perfect for meetings, presentations, board meetings and breakout space. It can also be used as a reception area for the Lasdun Room opposite.

Dimensions: (LxWxH) 6.5m x 4.2m x 2.9m

Theatre style: 42

Boardroom: 14

- > Free Wi-Fi throughout
- > In-house AV packages available
- > In-house catering service





Lasdun Room

The Lasdun Room is ideal for seminars, press events, presentations and team meetings. Windows run all the way down one side of the room, offering plenty of daylight and views on to the terraces below.

Dimensions: (LxWxH) 13.4m x 5.2m x 2.9m

Theatre style: 92

Boardroom: 32

Cabaret: 42

U-shape: 38

Reception: 130

- > Free Wi-Fi throughout
- > In-house AV packages available
- > In-house catering service

Nash Rooms 1-5

Perfect for interviews and meetings, and equally useful as breakout rooms, these five meeting rooms all include a small boardroom table and magnetic paint on the walls for displaying notes and papers from meetings.

Dimensions: (LxWxH) 4.3m x 3.2m x 2.9m

Boardroom: 6



66 Portland Place

Unique venues in the heart of Central London designed to inspire, entertain and delight.

For more information on how to hire a venue space in London contact our dedicated team:

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Our awards:



LONDON VENUE AWARDS 2019

SILVER
Best Awards Venue



NATIONAL VENUE AWARDS 2018

BRONZE
Best City Centre Venue Space



THE LONDON VENUE AWARDS 2017

WINNER
Most Versatile London Venue
(1000 attendees or less)



CONFERENCE AWARDS 2016

WINNER
Best Conference Venue
300 - 900 Delegates

