Gosforth Civic Theatre

Conferences and events

2024/2025

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Gosforth Civic Theatre (GCT) is an independent theatre, café, and events venue in Gosforth, three miles north of Newcastle upon Tyne city centre. GCT is an amazing social enterprise founded by a group of people with learning disabilities to bring the local community together and generate understanding, creativity, and change.

GCT isn't just bricks and mortar, we are the people we work with and the communities who visit us. We use our 18 years' experience of inspiring people to realise their potential and breakdown barriers, to make your event unique.

You will have a flexible, professional theatre and music venue at your finger tips. Including full theatrical lighting, gig quality sound system, HD cinema, a dedicated tech and event team, alongside our professional kitchen, bar and catering team, to make your event anything you want it to be.

You can make a difference

Social Change

By using the venue you are enabling us to provide opportunities for young people and people with learning disabilities to train, perform, and belong, ultimately creating the world they want to live in. As we are a social enterprise your support also means sustaining us as a vital community and cultural asset that gives diverse and underserved communities access to culture.

Environmental Impact

2023 saw us bring this 1970s building hurtling in to the 21st Century with a huge focus on its energy efficiency. The installation of a new air-source heating system, solar panels covering the roof, render on the external walls of the Theatre, and insulation throughout has reduced our environmental impact saving around 64 tonnes of carbon emissions per year.

Accessible Quality

We pride ourselves on not only raising the expectations of what people with learning disabilities can achieve, but also what our venue can offer. GCT is on a single, ground level, offering a physical accessibility to which few others can compete, plus you have access to state-of-the-art theatrical AV and lighting facilities and newly refurbished and modernised spaces.





The technical stuff

Capacities

- Maximum seated capacity: up to 200 (seating unit and rows of seats in front)
- Seating unit (presentation style): 119
- Conference style: 120 (10 around 12 six-foot round banqueting tables)

Staging and performance space

- Fully flat, accessible performance area up to 8m wide x 9m deep.
- Up to 6m x 5m stage deck in 2m x 1m decks. Stage height 600mm.

Technical equipment

- Theatre quality PA hung from ceiling with delay speakers half way in to the room, mic pack including two radio mics, monitors and hearing loop.
- Fully LED theatrical lighting rig and house lights with adaptable colour.
- Panasonic HD projector and 6m x 3m cinema screen with HDMI input at stage.

Full technical specification available on request.

"Our first Kind Business Gathering was such a success this morning, we are blown away, not only by the support but how much this event was needed, the feedback has been fantastic." Michelle, Kind Currency

The possibilities are endless

Our flexible and accessible Theatre is perfect for small and large conferences, meetings, workshops, training and, of course, performances.

With it's high-end technical infrastructure installed to make the most of it's adaptable environment, we are able to deliver a huge variety of events to the highest quality that also give you the flexibility to make an occasion unique to you and your brand.

Whether it's a 200 capacity company-wide presentation, or relaxed networking event, the Theatre has you covered

Hire the theatre

£150 per hour.

Full daytime booking (9am - 5pm): £1000 Evening rate 5pm - 11pm): £750 Full day and evening: £1750

All bookings include dedicated Events Manager and one in house AV technician.





The technical stuff

Capacities

- Maximum capacity: up to 60
- Banqueting style: 50 (10 around 5 six-foot round banqueting tables)

The space

- Fully flat, accessible area up to 60m².
- Stage deck available as riser in 2m x 1m decks. Leg height 300mm.

Technical equipment

- Integrated PA and sound mixer with 3.5mm jack input and Bluetooth connectivity.
- Dimmable house lights.
- HD projector and large projection area with HDMI input at presenter position.

Full technical specification available on request.

"THANK YOU for having us for CONNECT training with Ryder. It was brilliant and we felt so looked after. From start to finish - brilliantly organised and the food was wonderful." Rachel, Mortal Fools

It's all yours

Added to GCT in 2023 our Studio is a brand new space which has been built with flexibility in mind. You can hire our studio for meetings and small conferences and make use of the excellent sound and projection facilities.

It's a great break-out space as part of a larger booking, host lunches in here or use it as an adaptable facility for everything from networking meet-ups to classes and workshops. Only accessible via our entrance lobby, it offers a quiet and private space away from the hustle and bustle of the rest of the venue.

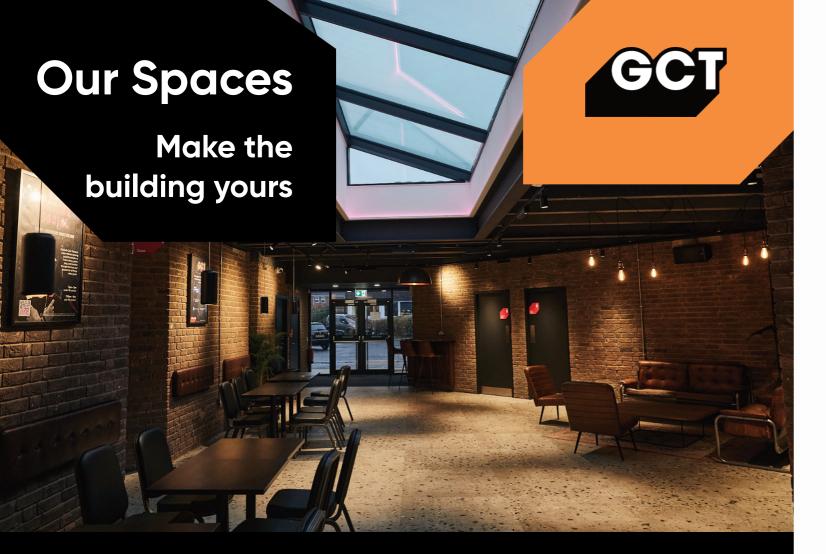
Hire the studio

£75 per hour.

Full daytime booking (9am - 5pm): **£500**Extra time charged at the hourly rate.

All bookings include dedicated Events Manager and use of in house AV facilities.





What you get

Everything.

Well, pretty much! Not only do you get access to the Theatre and Studio and all technical equipment and furniture, you also get exclusive access to:

- Our foyer and bar, building PA system and digital screens.
- Our Cafe space with it's own AV facilities.
- Our Garden and Courtyard.
- Our full building can have a capacity up to 350 spread across all of our rooms.

Full technical specification available on request.

"A huge thank you to you for hosting our event yesterday. Everyone was helpful and supportive right from our first contact with you. We love your venue as it supports our values but also enables us to support you in your work too, which is even better. If we could hold all our events with you, we would"

Sarah, NHS

Make yourself at home

A building takeover is a brilliant opportunity to make GCT your own, bringing your branding and identity to the fore and utilising a fully accessible and adaptable venue to it's maximum.

On top of all the things that make our Theatre and Studio great, you get exclusive access to our bright and airy Cafe space which includes full AV facilities, luxurious Foyer with it's impressive sky light, bar and digital screens, welcoming outside Courtyard and cosy Garden (which is ideal for Spring and Summer bookings).

This option is ideal for away days, large conferences, trade shows, social events and celebrations.

Hire the building

£3,000.

Exclusive use of Gosforth Civic Theatre for a full day and evening from 9am.

All bookings include dedicated Events Manager and one in house AV technician.

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Catering packages



Let our in-house catering team bring your event to life. Using tried and tested recipes and fresh ingredients to make meals that can truly elevate your event.

From hearty breakfasts to savoury lunches and indulgent snacks, savour the flavours of homemade cuisine while enjoying the convenience of on-site service. Choose from our sample menus, or get in touch if you want something truly unique for your event.

Business Breakfast

Selection of pastries Fruit platter Hot breakfast sandwiches Choose from sausage, bacon, mushroom £3 per person £3.75 per person £4.25 per person

Working Lunch

Selection of sandwiches (meat, vegetarian & vegan fillings)

Add dressed green salad Add homemade coleslaw (vg) Add fresh fruit All of the above

Add crisps Add Biscuits Add Cake Bites Gluten free/vegan available £6 per person

£3 per person £1 per person £2 per person £10 per person

£1 per person £1 per person £2.50 per person

Beverages & Extras

Fruit Juice Choose from Orange, Apple, Cranberry Tea & Filter Coffee Includes herbal & decaf tea

Add Biscuits Add Cake Bites Gluten free/vegan available £5 per jug (5 servings)

£2.50 per person

£1 per person £2.50 per person



