



Venue Hire

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Meeting at People's History Museum

People's History Museum (PHM) is the national museum of democracy. Our three conference and event spaces sit within a magnificently restored historic Grade II listed Edwardian pump house.

Now the only surviving Edwardian pumping station in the city, it originally opened in 1909 as the last station of the hydraulic pumping network in Manchester. Our pump house supplied power to Manchester's mills and warehouses, wound the Town Hall clock, and even raised the curtain at the Opera House.

Our flexible event spaces all feature high ceilings and original features. All are available flexibly for daytime and evening hire. Every room has WiFi access as standard and includes the use of screens, projectors, and TV screens.

Situated in the heart of Spinningfields, PHM is within walking distance of the major Manchester and Salford train stations and tram stops and on major bus routes. We understand that everyone's access needs are different, and we are committed to supporting all visitors during their time at PHM.

The Engine Hall

The stunning Edwardian Engine Hall is our largest space; it boasts a beautiful vaulted iron and glass ceiling, vast windows and original glazed tiles.

It brings the wow factor and is the perfect space for conferences, awards ceremonies, marketplace events, and receptions.

Capacity:

- Cabaret: 90 people
- Lecture theatre: 100 people
- Dining: 120 people
- Standing reception: 200 people

Engine Hall dimensions: 16m x 9.5m | Size: 152 square metres



The Coal Store

The Coal Store is a self contained space with restored brick walls and a double height vaulted iron and wood ceiling.

It has a spacious feel and provides the ideal location for workshops, meetings, talks, and medium sized social events.

Capacity:

- Boardroom: 25 people
- Cabaret: 36 people
- Lecture theatre: 50 people
- Standing reception: 65 people

Dimensions: 12.4m x 5.9m | Size: 70 square metres



Make it even more memorable

Why not make your event extra special by taking full advantage of all that the museum has to offer?

Exclusive access to our galleries:

- Give your guests the full PHM experience by hiring our award winning galleries for your exclusive use outside of public opening hours.

A private tour for your guests:

- Want to get up close and personal with PHM's collections? Our talented team offer tours of the museum's galleries to provide an in depth and interactive experience.

A talk from one of our experts:

- Our team have a wealth of knowledge to share, from the development of democratic rights in Britain to the detailed process for conserving 200 year old trade union banners.

Insight from Open Kitchen:

- Our in-house caterers also offer a range of talks and workshops around food sustainability, food waste, and more.





OPEN KITCHEN CAFE & BAR

SUSTAINABLE. ETHICAL. DELICIOUS.

Catering is provided by Open Kitchen Cafe & Bar. Open Kitchen's mission is to reduce food waste, promote a sustainable food future, and support people who are struggling with food insecurity.

Open Kitchen create mouth-watering dishes using a mix of intercepted ingredients and ethically sourced produce. Their team of passionate chefs use this ever changing mix to create delicious, thoughtful, and seasonal menus, making them the perfect choice for catering your event, meeting, or celebration with a conscience.

You can choose from a wide range of menus, or talk to the experienced events team to create a bespoke package. The team are happy to meet any dietary requirements, allergies or intolerances.

Open Kitchen offer:

- Sandwich platters and mixed buffets
- Breakfast selections
- Homemade cake platters
- Canapés and small bites
- Fine dining menus
- Drinks packages including organic and UK sourced wines and beers



Testimonials

"I wanted to thank you for your help with our Away Day! Everyone at PHM was very kind and helpful, and really made us feel welcome. Our only regret was that we couldn't stay longer, or spend more time at the museum itself. Definitely for next time!"

"Thank you so much for your efforts in making the dinner on Monday night a success. The guests really enjoyed the venue, and the speech by Katy [PHM Director] provided really interesting background into the history of the building and its role in Manchester. The food was excellent."

"This is just to say a sincere thank you to all of you for your wonderful welcome. Every single member of staff was so friendly and helpful. You also provided some superb refreshments. It is so lovely to feel "looked after"; we felt like honoured guests indeed."

Your event can make a difference

By selecting PHM as your event venue, not only will you benefit from a unique space packed with heritage, but you'll also be contributing to something bigger. All the income generated through our venue hire service is directed back into our social mission.

Our vision is for a fairer society where people's voices and actions can make a difference. We aim to inspire visitors to take action by sharing inspiring stories of activism through our galleries and ongoing public programme of events and activities.

By hiring a space at PHM you are directly supporting our work.



Get in touch

To enquire about hiring a space visit phm.org.uk/hire and complete the enquiry form.

Or contact venuehire@phm.org.uk or 0161 838 9190.

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