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PEOPLE'S HISTORY MUSEUM
WEDDINGS



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PEOPLE'S HISTORY MUSEUM

Choose something different for your celebration by hiring our unique venue in the heart of Manchester city centre. Our beautifully restored Edwardian Pump House provides an impressive rare heritage setting filled with charm for that will create memories that last a lifetime.

All income goes right back into supporting the museum and our work with communities. Your wedding will help to preserve stories from the past and inspire future generations.

Our dedicated Venue Hire team has a wealth of experience in running events, from intimate wedding ceremonies to large evening receptions, we are here to make your vision come to life...

ENGINE HALL

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The largest of the museum's spaces; the brick and terracotta Engine Hall features vast arched windows, a vaulted glass ceiling, polished concrete floor and other original heritage features including colourful Pilkington Tiles and intricate metal work.

Located in a historic Grade II listed pump house building designed by Manchester's first City Architect, Henry Price (1867-1944), it is a Manchester landmark that provided power across the city from when it opened in 1909 until 1972; from cotton mills and factories, to winding the Town Hall clock and raising the curtains of the Opera House.

Filled with natural light during the day, at night it turns into an atmospheric and captivating setting perfect for celebrations. The Engine Hall is licensed for civil ceremonies, with seating for up to 120. It can be fully configured to include a range of seating and dining options, a dance floor, staging and audiovisual equipment.



COAL STORE

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The restored redbrick Coal Store features a beautiful double height vaulted iron and wood ceiling and other original heritage features.

It offers a fully private, intimate space which is ideal for wedding ceremonies, private dining or informal gatherings.

The Coal Store is licensed for civil ceremonies with seating for up to 50 people.

DRY HIRE

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We want to make sure you have the perfect, bespoke experience with us. With our dry hire package we provide a flexible approach to help you design your perfect wedding day, with no inflated costs.

As standard all celebration events are provided with:

- Hire of our unique Engine Hall space for up to 120 seated guests or 200 standing / evening reception
- An introduction to our catering partner Open Kitchen
- Tables and chairs
- PA / sound system / microphone for speeches
- Access to the venue to customise the space with your own decorations. If you need additional time, you can choose to book the day before.
- Free parking for one vehicle
- Accessible facilities

We know that finding reliable suppliers is hard work. We would be thrilled to introduce you to those we know and love to help make organising that bit easier.

Our dedicated and experienced team is here to help bring your vision to life. We will book in a final planning meeting one month before to ensure every detail of your event is perfectly planned and executed.

FULL DAY PACKAGE

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Opt for an intimate ceremony in the Coal Store, accommodating up to 50 guests, or choose to have a larger ceremony in our elegant Engine Hall.

After your ceremony, keep the celebration going with a stunning seated reception for up to 120 guests in the Engine Hall.

Enjoy an unforgettable evening as the space is transformed into a vibrant venue, complete with a dance floor area and your live band, ensuring a night of fun and memories with your loved ones.

The package is £3,300 plus VAT, and includes access the day before to decorate and dress the spaces.

Timings:

Access the day before to decorate 1-5pm

Welcome guests from 1pm

Ceremony at 2pm

Last orders 11pm

Close at 11.30pm





CEREMONY ONLY

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You can choose to spend part, or all of your day with us. We would be thrilled to host your ceremony in either of our beautiful spaces.

Ceremony Only:

Coal Store - Up to 50 guests - £500 (plus VAT)

Engine Hall - Up to 120 guests - £880 (plus VAT)

Timings:

Access at 9am / 1pm for room set up

Ceremony at 11am / 3pm

Close at 1pm / 5pm

If you would like longer to decorate the space, we can make the room available the day before for an additional fee.



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RECEPTIONS

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Host your reception in our stunning Edwardian Engine Hall, with a spectacular seated reception accommodating up to 120 guests for £2,900 plus VAT.

Enjoy an unforgettable evening as the space is transformed into a vibrant party venue, complete with a dance floor area and your chosen band or DJ, capable of accommodating up to 200 guests.

We also offer the flexibility to access the space the day before your event, allowing you to decorate it exactly as you envision.

Timings:
Access the day before to decorate 1-5pm
Welcome guests from 3pm
Last orders 11pm
Close at 11.30pm

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CATERING

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Our partners Open Kitchen are ready to create the perfect menu for your special day. Their chefs use an ever-changing variety of ingredients to create fresh, innovative, delicious, nutritious and seasonal menus for all occasions, as well as offering the lowest carbon catering possible. Any purchased ingredients are sourced exclusively to support local, sustainable, and ethical producers.

Our wedding clients are invited to select a menu framework for their catering and Open Kitchen will create a bespoke menu for their special day, using a unique combination of beautiful food stopped from going to waste, and locally sourced sustainable produce.

Your wedding catering from Open Kitchen will be delicious as well as helping to reduce food waste and support a sustainable future. As a social enterprise, all of Open Kitchen's profits go towards providing ingredients and meals to people across Greater Manchester who are struggling with food insecurity

CONTACT US

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Every celebration is different so if you're interested in hiring our unique venue, we would be delighted to provide a bespoke quote for you.

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TESTIMONIALS

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“The venue is stunning and perfect for any architecture buffs! The team were lovely, friendly & helpful and always available throughout the day. The day itself was perfect, ran completely smoothly and seamlessly.”

Lauren & Andrew

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The space is beautiful and a cause really close to our hearts. We loved being able to do our speech from the balcony in the Engine Hall. The staff were fantastic throughout and the food was excellent, couldn't have asked for more.”

Liam & Stuart

“Very accommodating and professional. Many of our guests commented on how nice the staff were and how amazing the space was. We really appreciated everything you did and would get married there again! It's a beautiful space which actually meant something to us. Guests appreciated the unique experience, and utilised the free museum!

Alex & Meghan

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Embee Photography