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Corporate Events

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Our exceptional, corporate  
venue facilities include:



Flexible  
Spaces



Conveniently  
Close



Historic  
Surroundings



Wi-Fi  
Enabled



AV Equipped



Dedicated  
Hospitality Team

## Welcome to the Ulster Museum

Northern Ireland's treasure house of the past and present, the Ulster Museum is a jewel in Belfast's crown. The Ulster Museum was founded as the Belfast Natural History Society in 1821 and began exhibiting in 1833. It has included an art gallery since 1890. Originally called the Belfast Municipal Museum and Art Gallery, in 1929, it moved to its present location in Stranmillis. The new building was designed by James Cumming Wynne.

The Ulster Museum combines culture and history with panache and is home to exquisite collections of art, history and natural sciences. This beautifully transformed landmark is versatile for any occasion.

The museum is one of the most sought after venues for conferences, gala dinners, awards ceremonies and receptions. It is stylish and flexible, capable of hosting events from simple to complex and from intimate soirées to grand affairs. The museum's central Belfast location, within the stunning Botanic Gardens, and next door to Queen's University, makes it a popular choice with academic and out-of-state event organisers.

The museum is a blank canvas where unique personalised events can be delivered. We provide all the facilities that organisers expect but also boast the added value of unique collections to inspire and impress your guests. This is a venue that speaks volumes about the vision and the ambition of contemporary Belfast.

# Your Iconic & Versatile Venue

## Iconic

Stand out from the crowd and excel by hosting your conference or meeting at a cultural landmark steeped in history. The spectacular spaces available for hire offer a diverse range of event venue options for clients; from the contemporary to the classical, all displaying a world-renowned collection of art, nature and science. Your guests will leave inspired.

## Versatile

There are three main venue hire spaces available at the museum, alongside a range of smaller spaces, which you can hire separately or all together depending on your needs. Our event spaces are all conveniently located on the ground floor of the museum, making your event accessible and easy to navigate for guests. There is no one-size-fits all approach. Each event at our museum is completely unique.

## Memorable

Ensure your event is truly memorable by combining it with exclusive access to the museums special temporary exhibitions. Offering your guests a private view of our world-class exhibitions with a guide is a fantastic addition to your event. Curator talks can also be arranged to enable your guests to experience expert insight into our permanent collections.

## Central

Located in the university area of Stranmillis, the museum is ideally situated for access from the city centre on foot, car or by public transport. With the stunning Botanic Gardens on its doorstep, step outside to help focus minds, the perfect way to get your team talking and collaborating.

## Professional

Our corporate events team has years of experience creating just the right atmosphere for productivity, creativity and breakthroughs. They are here to help through every stage of the planning – from food, to meetings, to activities.

# Our Spaces



|                     | Theatre | Banquet | Reception | Boardroom | Floor Space       |
|---------------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Atrium              | 160     | 160     | 200       | -         | 281m <sup>2</sup> |
| Lecture Theatre     | 160     | -       | -         | -         | 172m <sup>2</sup> |
| Belfast Room        | 100     | 70      | 120       | 30        | 62m <sup>2</sup>  |
| Grainger Room       | 40      | 36      | -         | 30        | 94m <sup>2</sup>  |
| Learning Zone       | 30      | 32      | -         | 26        | 87m <sup>2</sup>  |
| Green Room          | -       | -       | -         | 4         | 12m <sup>2</sup>  |
| Window on the World | -       | -       | 100       | -         | 160m <sup>2</sup> |
| Wynne & Pym Café    | -       | 90      | -         | -         | 200m <sup>2</sup> |



## The Atrium



This spectacular contemporary space spans four stories and is surrounded by some of the most iconic pieces from the national collection. A beautiful, sophisticated space, it offers a blank canvas on which to add the colour and detail of your event.

Note the Atrium is available to hire from 5pm Tue-Sun (after the museum closes to the public), or at any time on Mondays.



### Atrium Capacity

|           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Banquet   | 160               |
| Cabaret   | 106               |
| Reception | 200               |
| Classroom | 60                |
| Theatre   | 160               |
| Size      | 281m <sup>2</sup> |



More information & photos: <https://www.nationalmuseumsni.org/venues/atrium>

## The Lecture Theatre



The stunning Lecture Theatre is one of the most architecturally unchanged spaces within the Ulster Museum, reflecting the original neo-classical design by architect James Cumming Wynne. Since 1929 the Lecture Theatre has hosted many important events, performances and international celebrity speakers.

In addition to its built-in screen and projector, tiered seating and stage area, it has a bespoke sound system and excellent acoustics. This multi-functional space has a capacity of 160 and offers professional conference facilities in a unique setting.

### Lecture Theatre Capacity

|         |                   |
|---------|-------------------|
| Theatre | 160               |
| Size    | 172m <sup>2</sup> |



More information, tech spec & photos: <https://www.nationalmuseumsni.org/venues/lecture-theatre>

## The Belfast Room



One of the original galleries of the museum which opened in 1929, this beautiful space has been brought back to its former glory. A grand yet intimate setting, the Belfast Room is ideal for smaller events.

The adjoining Foyer is perfect for event registration, or pre-dinner drinks, and can be used as a private entrance to your event.

The room has a built-in screen and projector, alongside a sound system.

### Atrium Capacity

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| Banquet   | 70               |
| Cabaret   | 60               |
| Reception | 120              |
| Classroom | 60               |
| Theatre   | 100              |
| Size      | 62m <sup>2</sup> |



More information & photos: <https://www.nationalmuseumsni.org/venues/belfast-room>

## Additional Spaces

Need more space? We have a range of other spaces available for breakout rooms, dressing rooms or networking areas.



### Grainger Room

A multi-function, self-contained room to cater for all your needs. A space for creative thinking, group work or breakout area without interruption allowing you and your guests to concentrate on the task at hand.



### Green Room

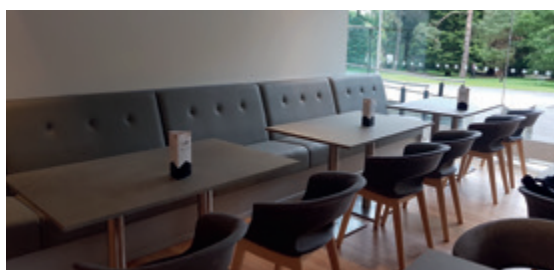
A space for your conference speakers to unwind between sessions, or for your evening entertainment to glam up ready for their performance. The Green Room comes with its own private bathroom.



### Learning Zone

Our second breakout room, filled with natural light and located beside the Grainger Room on the ground floor.

*Limited availability during school term-time*



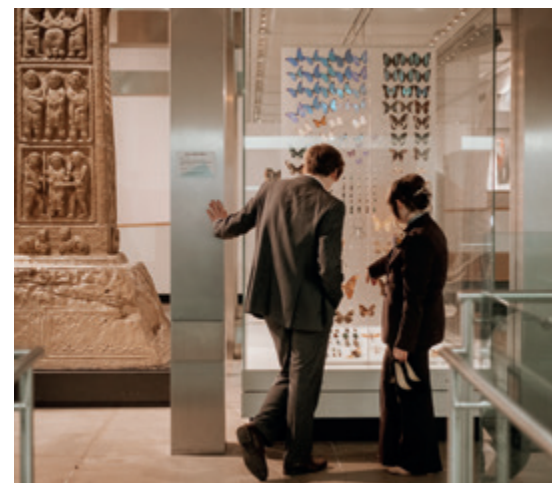
### Wynne & Pym Café

Our Wynne & Pym café is named after the two architects who designed the museum. This space is bathed in light on two sides by tall windows overlooking Botanic Gardens. A great space for welcoming your guests with a healthy breakfast, or as a space to mix and mingle whilst the sun goes down over the gardens in the evening.

*Available before 10.00am, after 5.00pm, or all day on Mondays*

## Enhance Your Event

Our two galleries adjoining the Atrium make the perfect add-on to events for pre-dinner drinks receptions or networking.



### Window On Our World Gallery

The Window on Our World Gallery (or WOW Gallery) showcases the beauty, breadth and diversity of the collections displayed in the Ulster Museum.

It's dominated by a replica of one of Ireland's most impressive Celtic Crosses and a cannon retrieved from the sunken ships of the Spanish Armada.



### The Troubles And Beyond Gallery

The history of Northern Ireland from the late 1960s to the present day has been dominated by the civil and political conflict known as 'the Troubles.'

The events that took place here after 1968 have impacted not just the people of Northern Ireland, but people across the world. Our collection covers themes of politics and conflict, and the impact of both on everyday life, people and communities.

## Talks, Tours & Gifts

### Make your event a memorable one:

- Enhance your event with a talk from one of our world-class curators and discover the people behind the Museum's pioneering work.
- Bring the Museum's incredible collections to life by combining a guided tour of the Museum's galleries with your event.
- Treat your guests to tailored gift solutions from the museum shop.



## Exclusive Catering

At the Ulster Museum we pride ourselves on our first class food and hospitality service. We have a range of menus to suit every event format and can create something completely bespoke.

Our kitchen draws fresh seasonal ingredients and the finest culinary inspiration to create delicious food for your corporate event. Our chefs are passionate about creating great food for every occasion.



### A menu for every event

Our chefs believe that collaboration is the key to successful corporate event catering. They will work with you to produce perfect platefuls for casual events, sit-down banquets or working lunches. Talk to them about curating grazing tables and sharing platters.

They'll be sure to create food and drink that wows your colleagues, guests or delegates.



### Our seasonal larder and local producers

The Ulster Museum is proud to showcase Northern Irish food. Our chefs draw on a country-wide network of growers and suppliers. The result is fresh, delicious and uniquely local food and drink that everyone will love.

# Social Impact & Sustainability

#MeetingsWithPurpose



**National Museums NI celebrate who we are as a society. We tell the stories of our past, challenge our present and shape our future.**

When you book your event at the Ulster Museum, the revenue generated helps us to continue our work of safeguarding and perpetuating Northern Ireland's unique heritage and collections for the benefit of current and future generations.

We are focused on reducing our environmental impact and working to implement this across all events at the Ulster Museum. Our key environmental game changing objectives are reducing food waste & single use plastics, conserving resources, sourcing responsibly, offering healthy options and enriching communities in this process.

The Ulster Museum is accredited with a Bronze Green Tourism Award.

## National Museums NI Corporate Event Spaces

We offer spaces for all kinds of events at each of our locations.



### Ulster Folk Museum

Whether you're planning a welcome evening for your delegates, an experiential incentive programme, or a sponsor dinner - make your event uniquely unforgettable. Let your guests discover Ulster as it was over a century ago with an immersive experience, in a place that actively preserves traditions, stories and skills passed down through generations.



### The Ship & Dockside Gallery at Ulster American Folk Park

Throw a staff celebration they will never forget alongside a migrant transport ship, ready to set off for the New World, or organise a staff team building or family fun day using the whole Folk Park. Our dedicated events team will look after every detail.



### The Irish Railway Gallery at Ulster Transport Museum

Enjoy a unique occasion amid Ireland's most extensive transport collections – vintage cars, bikes, buses, trams and trains - all impressively displayed.

The Irish Railway Collection is a spectacular setting for black-tie events, awards ceremonies, presentations and social evenings, with 'TITANICa: The Exhibition' the perfect add-on for pre-dinner receptions.



### Cultra Manor at Ulster Folk Museum

Set in 170 acres of rolling countryside, Cultra Manor offers a historic and equally charming venue for corporate events and hospitality. Dating back to 1902, this Edwardian manor house was once a family home and is now an elegant location for a range of events. Its grand interior with original period features provides a unique setting for gala dinners, awards ceremonies, conferences and meetings.

# Your Viewing

Come and see the Ulster Museum for yourself.  
Get in touch with our team and arrange a viewing.

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