



Conferences & Meetings

at the Royal Exchange Theatre





If you're looking for somewhere memorable to host your next event, then our unique spaces are just the ticket.

Host your next event in our iconic Grade II Listed Building; a stunning and memorable location for you and your guests. With a range of extraordinary spaces and so many options available to you, our dedicated team of event professionals are here to help you create personalised, bespoke, one-off immersive experiences for you and your guests.

From small intimate gatherings, to large-scale corporate events; the Royal Exchange Theatre can provide the perfect location for networking, meetings, conferences, away days, award ceremonies and celebrations.



The Theatre

Up to 750 Seats (layout dependant)

A space where you're never more than 9 metres from the stage, let your guests get close to the action in our iconic theatre in-the-round module.

Collaborate with our exceptional in-house lighting and sound technicians, and work with an AV company of your choice to create the perfect atmosphere to wow your guests.



The Great Hall

1,000 Standing

Welcome your guests into the theatre's surrounding Great Hall, where they will have stunning views of the steel and glass Royal Exchange Theatre module, set within the grand Victorian architecture of the old Cotton Exchange.

Ideal for networking, exhibitions, and market stalls; the Great Hall provides a remarkable backdrop for your next event.

The Rivals Café

180 Standing / 120 Seated

At one side of the Great Hall is the Rivals Café - an ideal spot for your guests to admire the theatre's vibrant architecture.

Whether you use this location for networking, catering, presentation talks or parties; the Rivals Café is a versatile space for any occasion.



The Rivals Bar

120 Seated or Standing

Through the glass doors from The Rivals Café you'll find The Rivals Bar. Close the doors for a more cosy and intimate atmosphere, or keep them open to create a sense of flow between the two spaces.

Perfect for food, drinks, and parties, Rivals Bar boasts views of St Ann's Square, and walls decorated with posters from our rich history.





The Exchange Suite

35 Standing / 30 Theatre / 16 Cabaret
/ 12 Boardroom

The Exchange Suite boasts original oak panelling, a double-height reception, a bar, and a sweeping staircase.

With its intimate, luxurious feel, the Exchange Suite is the perfect choice for small meetings and networking events.





The Studio

120 Standing / 100 Theatre / 80 Cabaret
/ 30 Boardroom

Historically used as a performance space, the Studio is complete with full lighting and sound capabilities, making it a flexible space for creating an atmospheric event.

Greet your guests in the Studio's exclusive foyer and bar before leading them into the main space for an memorable experience.



The Front Room

90 Standing / 80 Theatre / 70 Cabaret
/ 30 Boardroom

With magnificent large windows overlooking St Ann's Square and the Great Hall, the Front Room offers plenty of natural light, as well as direct access via St Ann's Square, private toilets, and its own bar.

The Front Room is perfect for networking events, panel talks, meetings, parties, award ceremonies and more.

Bring Your Event to Life Through Drinks and Catering

Choose from our delicious and varied selection of hot and cold refreshments, including lots of non-alcoholic and soft drinks options.

Work with our recommended catering company or a catering company of your choice to delight your guests with exceptional food, and a standout catering and drinks service.



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Enhance your Event with Stunning AV Solutions

With the option to add a screen, sound system and microphones to any space, make your event unforgettable with cutting-edge audio visuals.

Please note that although we can provide some in-house AV equipment, you may need to partner with an external AV company to fully realize your vision.

Support our Mission

The Royal Exchange Theatre is a registered charity that is passionate about creating opportunities in the arts for the people of Greater Manchester. By choosing to host your event with us, you'd be helping to support the amazing work taking place both on and off our stage.

If you'd like to support our work beyond hiring a space, why not consider a Corporate Membership? We offer flexible, year-round access to world-class theatre, with exclusive opportunities to engage your employees and clients, and tailored benefits to suit your business needs.

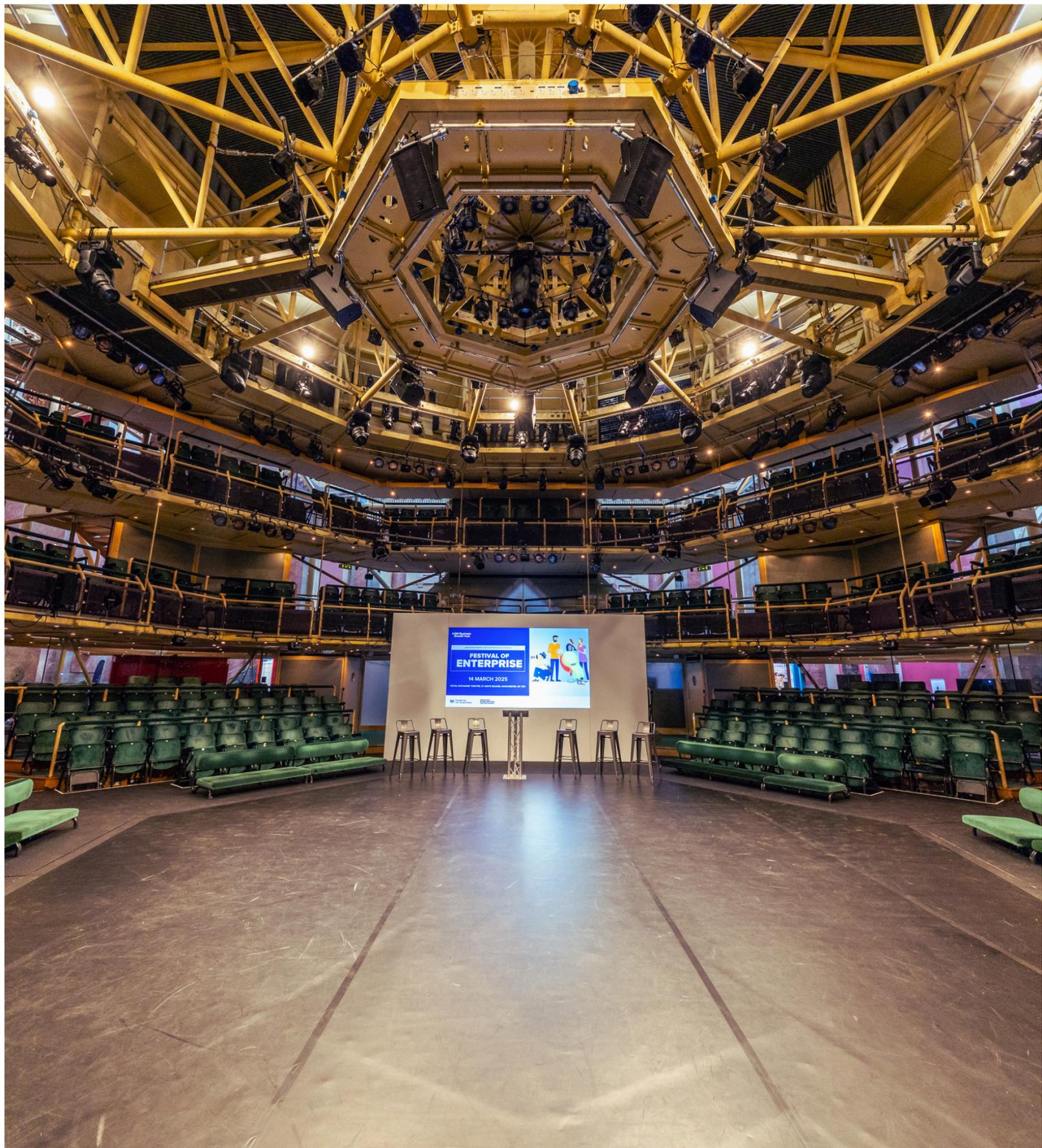














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Feedback

“Fantastic team, great venue and a joy to work with” - [Award Ceremony, 2024](#)

“Spectacular, impressive and a great way to showcase the theatre to visitors. Affordable too.” - [Historic England, 2024](#)

“Excellent service, very helpful friendly staff that go above and beyond to look after us during our time using the rehearsal space” - [Rehearsals, 2024](#)

“We are always thrilled to return to the Royal Exchange Theatre! Vistie and the full team were excellent and seamless to work with from start to finish. Our event went smoothly and the team went above and beyond before, during and indeed after the event.” - [Conference, 2024](#)

“It was so refreshing to find a venue where access needs are the norm, rather than an add on. Lift access to the spaces being used, individual evacuation plans where needed and overall an age-friendly space. Everyone we engaged with was welcoming, knowledgeable and supportive.” - [Workshop, 2024](#)



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Feedback

“The Royal Exchange Theatre was the perfect setting for our event, totally unique, full of character, and nothing like your typical corporate venue. Our guests loved how inspiring and creative the space felt, and it really added something special to the day.

The team were incredible, friendly, professional, and genuinely passionate about making everything run smoothly. No detail was too small, and their support made a huge difference, especially with so many moving parts.

We had amazing feedback from everyone involved from attendees to speakers, and the fact that it's a registered charity and Manchester icon really resonated with our clients' values. I honestly couldn't recommend it more for events from small workshops to large scale conferences.” - [Jessica Pomfret](#),
[Operations Manager - Elevate](#)

Feedback

“We hold hundreds of events across Greater Manchester every year, and we’re always on the lookout for show stopping places to host them that are more than just as ‘venue’. The Royal Exchange is an iconic landmark for a reason, and it added an extra wow factor to our Festival of Enterprise 2025 event.

It is not only beautiful, but also incredibly functional and met all our needs on the day for both a busy public event in the Theatre, Great Hall and Studio and a private event in the Front Room and Exchange Suite.

It's in a central location and easily accessible, which made it perfect for the needs of both us and the attendees. We look forward to working with the Royal Exchange again” - [Yvonne Sampson, Head of Enterprise - GM Business Growth Hub](#)



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