

The Gallery at Beeston Library

Information for hire applicants

Introduction

The gallery is located on the first floor of the innovative Beeston Library opened in 2017. This purpose-designed gallery offers individual artists and collectives the opportunity to present their work to a large audience in a professional and contemporary setting.

The gallery aims to:

- provide a space for people to enjoy the library service's own programme of exhibitions, including touring and collaborative exhibitions – with the aim of bringing great art to everyone at the heart of the community
- provide opportunities for artists to hire a professional gallery space outside of our programmed exhibitions, to support artists in reaching a wide and varied audience with their work
- raise the profile of Beeston Library as a place for quality art, which is supportive of visual arts
- encourage new and existing audiences to engage with art

The space

The gallery has 22.5 linear meters of running hanging space in 9 sections, fitted with an H-Track hanging system for the hanging of double strung 2D work.

Also available in the gallery are:

- A glass lockable display cabinet with lighting, measuring 1000 x 500 x 2000mm
- Five white plinths with secure clear Perspex covers for the display of free standing work of the following dimensions: Base 40x40x100 cm Top 40x40x40
- Electrical sockets for audio/visual interpretation using the artist's own equipment (current PAT test required).

Hiring the gallery

The gallery is available for hire by application during periods outside of the library's own exhibition programme. Hiring artists benefit from:

- a professional, modern gallery space
- the opportunity to reach a wide audience thanks to the library's high daily footfall
- six days a week opening
- opportunities for promotion (where available)
- opportunities to engage with new audiences through planned talks/workshops (at the approval of, and in liaison with, the library manager, additional room hire charges may apply).

The gallery is available to hire in periods of three or six weeks. Charges to hire the gallery are as follows:

Six weeks gallery hire:

Commercial artists/organisations -£150

Non-profit artists/organisations -£75

Three weeks gallery hire:

Commercial artists/organisations -£85

Non-profit artists/organisations -£45

Cabinet only £5 per week

Hire is by application, and application forms can be found on the website or are available from the library.

We aim to provide a programme of quality exhibitions, and applications are considered 4 times a year by a panel and selected in terms of appropriateness for the venue, availability, and contribution to a varied exhibition calendar.

We are keen to see proposals for talks/workshops to support exhibition applications, which aim to engage audiences with the work on display. (Additional room hire charges may apply).

Important information for artists hiring the gallery

- Hirers must accept and abide by the Terms and Conditions of library gallery hire, available on the library web pages or from the library.
- Hirers should have Public Liability Insurance in place of at least £5 million to cover the period of hire and provide evidence of this to the library.
- Exhibitions are entirely at the hirer's risk, and insurance of works is the hirer's responsibility
- Work should be hung using the gallery's hanging system and accessories provided, and no fixtures or fittings should be fixed to the gallery walls. Work should be double strung.
- Hirers will be responsible for hanging their own exhibitions. Advice can be provided by the library manager.
- Work should be clearly labelled; either on the work itself or on labels mounted to foam board and attached using Ryman Command Poster strips (hirer's own responsibility). Alternative labelling requires the approval of the library manager.

Contact

For further information, in the first instance, contact the library at beeston.library@inspireculture.org.uk or call 0115 925 5168 or 01159255084

Gallery Diagram

(Not to scale)

H Track

