

# CONTACT

## — VENUE HIRE —

Conferences • Meetings • Events



# WHY CONTACT?

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Contact is a striking events venue and creative hub, centrally located at the heart of the Corridor Manchester innovation district.

Following a transformational redevelopment, our diverse and flexible spaces are ideally suited to conferences, meetings and events. As a cutting edge arts organisation, we are also uniquely placed to deliver your event with creative flare.

Contact is a not-for-profit organisation. All of the proceeds from commercial operations help to support our work with young people, in local communities and on stage.

We're proud to have hosted events for Amnesty International, The University of Manchester, BBC, CBeebies, The Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama, Coram Shakespeare Schools Festival and many more.



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# ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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Contact's ground-breaking design places it in the top 1% of sustainable public buildings in the North West. Our electricity is supplied by renewable energy sources and we operate a zero-to-landfill policy.

You can read more about the steps we are taking to help reduce our carbon footprint here:

[contactmcr.com/about-us/our-environmental-credentials/](https://contactmcr.com/about-us/our-environmental-credentials/)

## ACCESSIBILITY

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At Contact we strive to ensure that everybody has the best experience possible during their visit. With lift access to each floor, all of our event spaces are wheelchair-accessible. Space 1 and the Meeting Room also both benefit from a hearing loop.

Find out more about accessibility at Contact here:

[contactmcr.com/accessibility/](https://contactmcr.com/accessibility/)

## NATURAL VENTILATION

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Unlike traditional powered air-conditioning, our natural ventilation system ensures a constant supply of fresh, non-recycled air throughout the venue.



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***'Working with Contact has been a very rewarding experience; the staff were exceptionally helpful and responsive to our needs'*** The University of Manchester

# OUR SPACES:

## Space 0

Space 0 is Contact's stylish new ground floor events and cabaret space.

This highly flexible space features a small stage with wheelchair access, and is ideal as a venue for intimate performances, workshops and receptions.

👤	Max Capacity (Standing)	80
👤	Max Capacity (Seated)	56
☀️	Natural Light	YES
▶️	AV Facility	YES
⚙️	Technical Packages	YES
↕️	Length	12m
↔️	Width	8m

*'We selected Contact as a filming location for some marketing videos we were shooting. The building has recently undergone a refurb, and looks absolutely fantastic inside and out. We shot video content in three different spaces, all of which provided exactly what we were looking for in each scenario. From start to finish, the team at Contact were really helpful and easy to work with.'* Aimteq



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# Space 1







Space 1 is Contact’s stunning main theatre auditorium.

Ideal for conferences, creative performances and hybrid events, Space 1 is equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including integrated AV and bespoke lighting design.

From end-on to thrust, the stage layout can be reconfigured to suit your event.

Both stage and seating are wheelchair accessible, and the space is equipped with a hearing loop.

Hire of Space 1 includes dedicated professional support from our experienced Technical and Visitor Experience teams.

	<b>Max Capacity</b>	<b>300</b>
	<b>Natural Light</b>	<b>NO</b>
	<b>AV Facility</b>	<b>YES</b>
	<b>Technical Packages</b>	<b>YES</b>
	<b>Length (Stage)</b>	<b>15m</b>
	<b>Width (Stage)</b>	<b>13m</b>



## Space 2

Space 2 is our flexible studio theatre. Equipped with integrated lighting and audio, Space 2 is ideal for smaller productions, technical rehearsals and auditions. Space 2 is also ideal for large meetings and workshops.







 <b>Max Capacity</b>	<b>80</b>
 <b>Natural Light</b>	<b>NO</b>
 <b>AV Facility</b>	<b>YES</b>
 <b>Technical Packages</b>	<b>YES</b>
 <b>Length</b>	<b>11m</b>
 <b>Width</b>	<b>11m</b>



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## Space 3

Space 3 is our spacious rehearsal room.

With polished wooden floors and natural light, it is also particularly well-suited for small lectures, large meetings and workshops.







 <b>Max Capacity</b>	<b>70</b>
 <b>Natural Light</b>	<b>YES</b>
 <b>AV Facility</b>	<b>YES</b>
 <b>Technical Packages</b>	<b>N/A</b>
 <b>Length</b>	<b>15m</b>
 <b>Width</b>	<b>10m</b>



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## Space 4

Space 4 is our striking new contemporary studio space.

Benefiting from a high vaulted ceiling and large bay window, this bright and airy space is well-suited to break-out seminars, workshops and training sessions as well as filming, photo shoots and small rehearsals.

👤	Max Capacity	40
☀️	Natural Light	YES
▶️	AV Facility	YES
⚙️	Technical Packages	N/A
⬆️	Length	8m
↔️	Width	9m

***‘Our recording was ably and professionally handled by the team. The rates were reasonable and suited our project budget, and all the staff I spoke to via email were friendly and efficient. Thank you Contact for a smooth and easy experience!’***

Animade TV



Photo © Adrian Lambert

## Meeting Room

The Meeting Room is our new dedicated private meeting area.

The space features an integrated media display with wireless connectivity, as well as optional 360 degree video conferencing, making it ideal for hybrid meetings.

👥	Max Capacity	16
☀️	Natural Light	YES
▶️	AV Facility	YES
⚙️	Technical Packages	N/A
↕️	Length	8m
↔️	Width	4m



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## Media Lounge

The Media Lounge is our new recording and audio production facility, which features a small live booth and control room. This space is ideal for music production, voice-overs and podcast recording.



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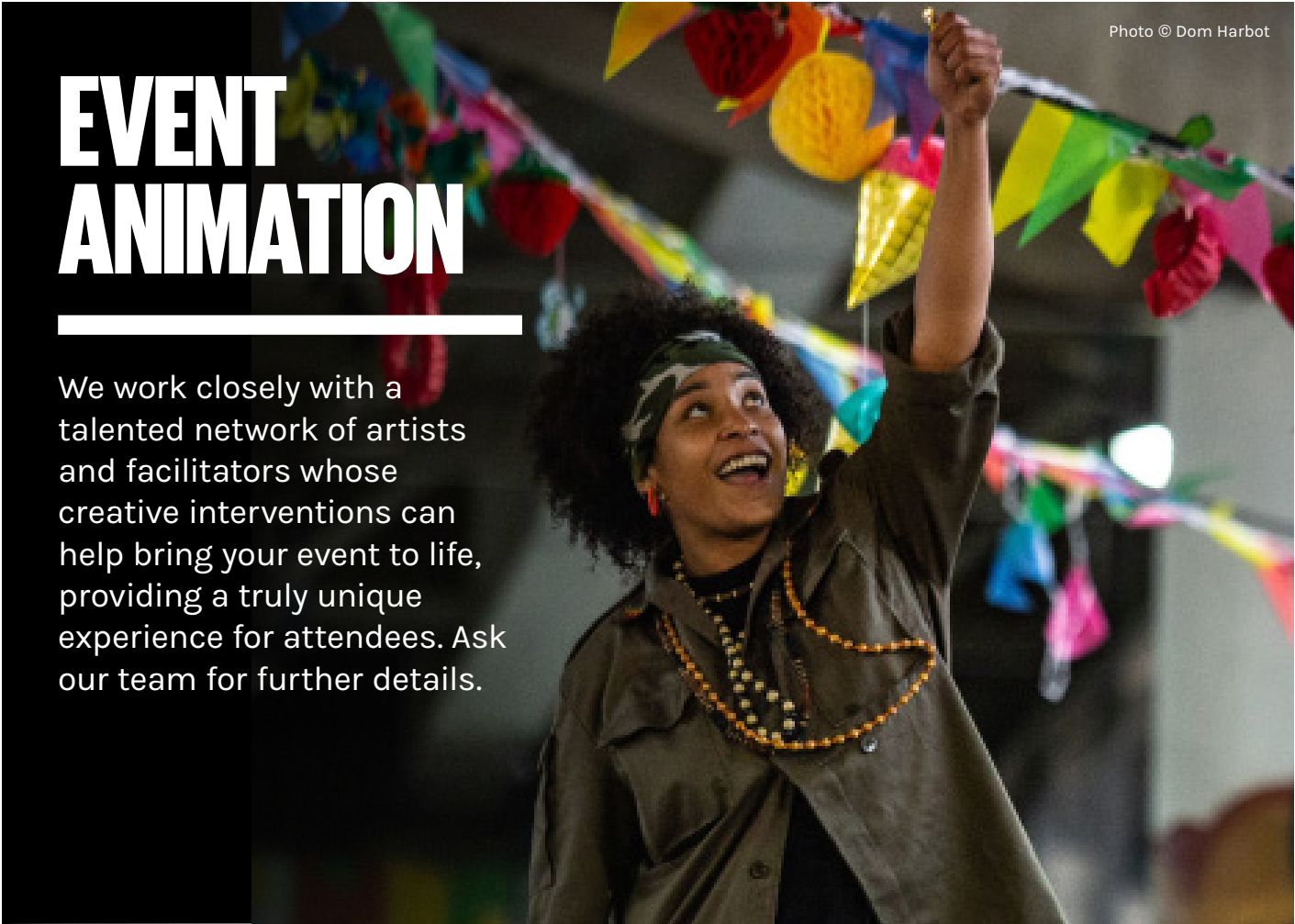




# FOOD & DRINK

We've partnered up with Manchester's biggest and friendliest street food venue, GRUB, to offer incredible hospitality from Contact Bar and Kitchen.

The team will work closely with you to tailor the perfect catering offer for your event. Our stylish bar is also the perfect setting to unwind with a drink at the end of the day.



# EVENT ANIMATION

We work closely with a talented network of artists and facilitators whose creative interventions can help bring your event to life, providing a truly unique experience for attendees. Ask our team for further details.

# CORPORATE PARTNERSHIPS

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We offer unique creative experiences and partnership opportunities.

Join our Corporate Partners Scheme to support our work whilst enjoying a range of fabulous public and private spaces in our recently re-opened theatre.

- Attend evening events and performances with colleagues and clients
- Network with other business partners from across the city

- Go behind the scenes to see how we create our work
- Meet inspirational young artists and participants on our projects
- Enjoy bespoke sponsorship and corporate social responsibility packages

For more information please contact:  
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# HOW TO BOOK

To enquire about venue hire at Contact, please complete [this short enquiry form](#).

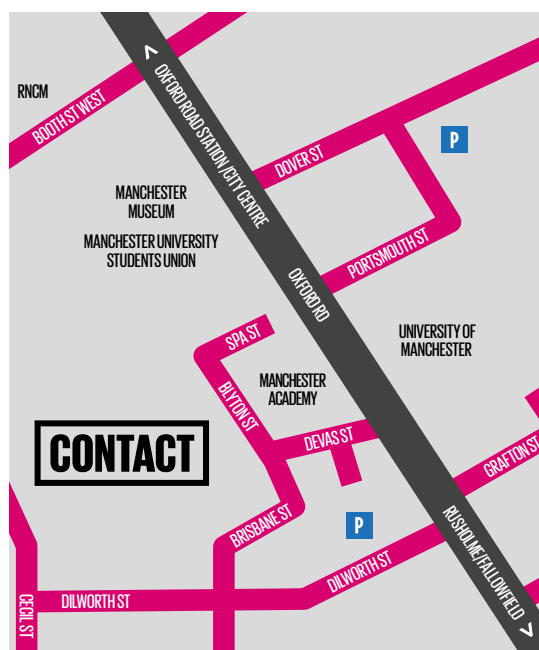
Our hires team can be contacted between 9am and 5pm on Monday to Friday via phone on **07917 950 468** or via email at [\*\*hires@contactmcr.com\*\*](mailto:hires@contactmcr.com)

# GETTING TO CONTACT

Contact, Devas Street, Oxford Road, Manchester  
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We are:

- A 25 minute walk or 11 minute bus journey from Piccadilly Train Station
- A 15 minute walk or 7 minute bus journey from Oxford Road Train Station
- A 24 minute walk from St Peter's Square Metrolink



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[\*\*contactmcr.com/about-us/your-visit/\*\*](https://contactmcr.com/about-us/your-visit/)



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