



Venue hire at
the Royal Society

THE
ROYAL
SOCIETY

A beautiful, historic venue in the heart of London

The Royal Society is situated in an ideal location overlooking the Mall and St James's Park and close to many transport links.

With 12 rooms available for booking, our venue is ideal for hosting conferences, board meetings, training events, seminars, lectures, receptions and dinners. We can accommodate events for between 10 to 500 guests.

Our aim is to ensure that your event is delivered to the highest standards. Our conferencing team will work with you to plan and manage your event so that you can be confident that your event will run smoothly and that your guests will have an enjoyable experience.

Each of our elegant meeting rooms has natural daylight, air conditioning and WiFi. All event space in the Royal Society is equipped with modern AV equipment and there is an on-site team to provide technical support if you need it.

Most of our event rooms are equipped with innovative hybrid event technology. Our hybrid packages are designed to help you reach a wider audience and facilitate collaboration between delegates from across the world, allowing them to interact and engage with the event.

We are also able to host a number of webcasting solutions, as well as several filming and recording options.

Our conferencing service is recognised for our outstanding fine dining catering options, provided by Graysons.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Royal Society.

Wolfson Rooms, room 1



About us

The Royal Society is the national academy of science in the UK and our fundamental purpose, reflected in our founding Charters of the 1660s, is to recognise, promote, and support excellence in science, encouraging its development and use for the benefit of humanity.

We are a self-governing Fellowship of many of the world's most eminent scientists drawn from all areas of science, mathematics, engineering and medicine. The Fellowship is made up of approximately 1600 Fellows and Foreign Members and every year up to 52 new Fellows and up to ten new Foreign Members are elected.

The Royal Society has played a part in some of the most significant and life-changing discoveries in scientific history and our scientists continue to make outstanding contributions to science.



Portrait of Sir Isaac Newton, by Charles Jervas, 1717.
Isaac Newton was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1672 and served as its President from 1703 – 1727.

We published Isaac Newton's *Principia Mathematica*, and Benjamin Franklin's kite experiment demonstrating the electrical nature of lightning. We backed James Cook's journey to Tahiti, reaching Australia and New Zealand, to track the Transit of Venus. We published the first report in English of inoculation against disease, approved Charles Babbage's Difference Engine, documented the eruption of Krakatoa and published Chadwick's detection of the neutron that would lead to the unleashing of the atom.

The leading scientist of the past four centuries can be found among the 8,000 Fellows elected to the Society. From Newton and Darwin to Einstein, Hodgkin and Hawking, pioneers in their fields are elected by their peers. Current Fellows and Foreign Members include Jocelyn Bell Burnell, Richard Dawkins, Tim Berners-Lee and over 70 Nobel Prize winners.

We can offer tours of our unparelled archives.

Find out more about the history of the Royal Society at Carlton House Terrace at royalsociety.org/about-us/history

Discover our venue

Our prestigious venue has superb rooms, ideal for conferences, board meetings, training events, seminars, lectures, receptions and dinners.



Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall

An adaptable large space for meetings, conferences, dinners and receptions.

The Royal Society’s largest meeting room, the Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall, can be used for meetings, conferences, dinners and receptions.

The Hall is fully air conditioned and has large windows. The sophisticated audio visual system can be controlled from the technician’s box or directly from the speaker’s platform, and offers state-of-the-art webcasting facilities.

ROOM CAPACITY	
Theatre style	277
Round table/dinners	240*
Cabaret style	150
Reception	277
*If over 180, please note that alternative chairs need to be hired at an additional charge.	



City of London Rooms

The perfect rooms for post-conference receptions.

The City of London Rooms (rooms 1 – 3) are the catering areas for the Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall with wonderful views over St James’s Park.

These rooms are also ideal for drinks receptions.

CAPACITY FOR CITY OF LONDON ROOMS	
Reception	277



Kohn Centre

The perfect medium-sized conference facility, or an atmospheric dining room.

Richly decorated with wood panelled marquetry, the Kohn Centre’s walls are hung with portraits of past presidents of the Royal Society.

The room is fully air-conditioned, soundproofed, and allows for flexible audio visual requirements, including innovative hybrid event technology, making it an ideal conference facility.

With truly impressive views over St James’s Park and The Mall, the room works equally well as an atmospheric dining room.

ROOM CAPACITY	
Theatre style	100
Boardroom style	30
Hollow square	36
U-shape	26
Round table/dinners	54
Cabaret style	50
Reception	100



Marble Hall

A spectacular venue for receptions and dinners.

Decorated in the Venetian style, the Marble Hall is a spectacular venue for receptions for up to 100 and dinners for up to 60.

This historic room is situated close to the main entrance of the Royal Society.

The Marble Hall is perfect as a catering space for events in the Kohn Centre and serves as an elegant registration and reception area.

ROOM CAPACITY	
Theatre style	80
Boardroom style	34
Round table/dinners	60
Cabaret style	48
Reception	100



Wolfson Rooms

A beautiful setting for dinners, meetings and receptions.

Meticulously restored to its ornate condition of the 1890s, the Wolfson Rooms offer a dramatic setting that can be adapted for a range of events.

With views of the Mall, St James’s Park and Waterloo Gardens, and lots of natural daylight, this newly available space is an exceptional addition to the Royal Society’s rooms.

ROOM CAPACITY	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	ROOM 3
Theatre style	90	80	30
Boardroom style	40	30	20
Hollow square	46	34	–
U-shape	34	24	–
Round table/dinners	70	50	30
Cabaret style	60	48	16
Reception	90	90	30



Conference Room

A flexible space for meetings, presentations, receptions and dinners.

Located on the first floor of Carlton House Terrace, the room's large windows provide generous daylight and fine views over Waterloo Gardens.

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The space is equipped with innovative hybrid event technology. Our hybrid packages are designed to help you reach a wider audience and facilitate collaboration between delegates from across the world, allowing them to interact and engage with the event.

ROOM CAPACITY	
Theatre style	40
Boardroom style	24
Hollow square	30
U-shape	21
Round table/dinners	40
Cabaret style	32
Reception	40



Council Room

A prestigious and impressive setting for meetings and press briefings.

The Council Room of the Royal Society, with its integral oval table, provides a prestigious and impressive setting for meetings of up to 30 people.

Beverages, finger food and light catering are laid out in the ante room, and the table is set with a built-in sound system, amplification equipment and power points. It is frequently used for high level board meetings or smaller scale press briefings.

ROOM CAPACITY	
Boardroom style	30
Hollow square	30



Dining room

An attractive, adaptable space for meetings, dinners, receptions and exhibitions.

Located on the lower ground floor, the Dining Room, with its high, arched ceiling and large windows, provides a well-lit setting for a wide range of events.

This flexible space can be used for meetings, dinners, receptions and exhibitions, or as a catering area for the Wellcome Trust Lecture Hall.

A large area immediately outside the Dining Room is ideal for pre-dinner receptions, coffee breaks or exhibitions.

ROOM CAPACITY	
Theatre style	140
Boardroom style	40
Hollow square	60
U-shape	45
Round table/dinners	120
Cabaret style	100
Reception	200



“A huge thanks for your superb organisation of the methane roundtable. The location and its awe-inspiring ancestry was admired by all. The food was utterly delicious, the rooms were set up very well, and all of the staff were so attentive and helpful throughout the evening and the day. We really couldn't have chosen a better venue. You were so supportive in the run-up to the event, and we can't thank you enough.”

Feedback by conferencing client.



Additional services



The highest quality food

Our food and service is provided by our dedicated in house catering company: Graysons. They design, plan and cater for all our events with attention to detail, ingenuity and imagination.

Graysons creates seasonal menus using sustainably and ethically-sourced ingredients, and buys from local, independent suppliers where possible.

Our catering team can make wine recommendations to complement your meal.



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[Download our autumn-winter menu](#)

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[Download the wine list](#)

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Audio-visual services

The Royal Society offers state-of-the-art audio-visual facilities.

As well as general projection and sound equipment, we are also able to provide a number of webcasting solutions, as well as several filming and recording options.

Our audio-visual team are based in-house and will provide guidance and advice as soon as you need it. A member of the team will meet you at the start of your event to ensure you feel confident with the equipment that you are using. This avoids the expense of bringing in external suppliers, and allows you to work with a team familiar with their surroundings and equipment.

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Audio-visual equipment available in each room.



[Audio-visual rates](#)

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Location

The Royal Society is based in the heart of London, just a few minutes' walk from Piccadilly Circus and Charing Cross tube stations. Trafalgar Square, and all bus services through it, are also very close.

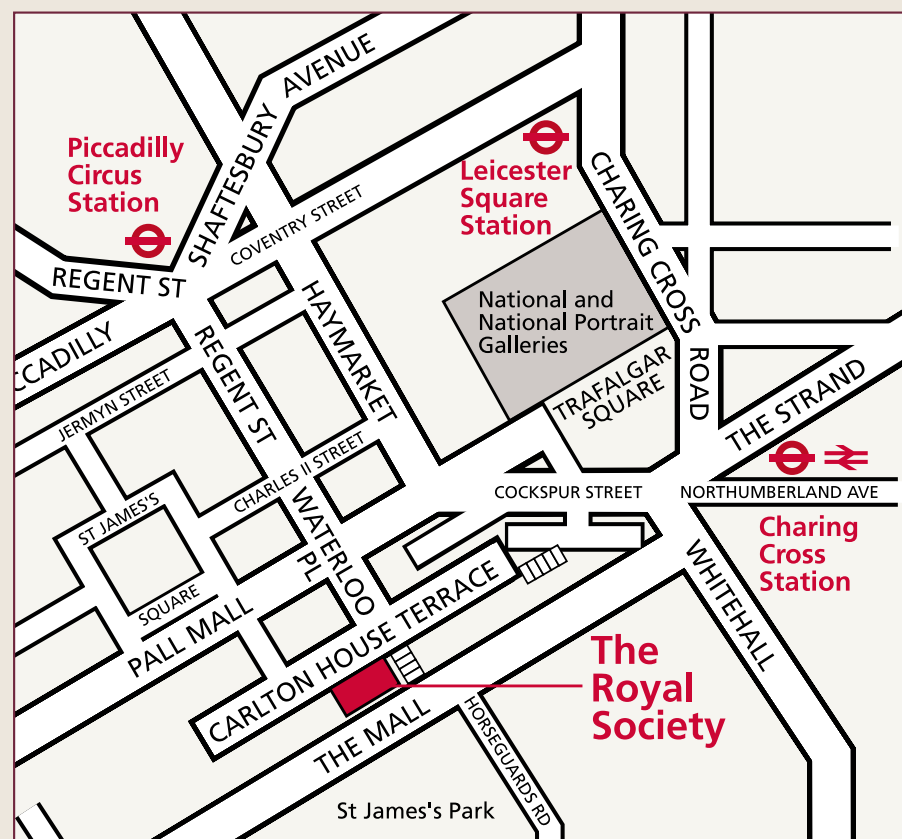
Address

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How to find us

Our main offices are located on Carlton House Terrace, just off Waterloo Place, between Pall Mall and The Mall. It is five minutes walk to Piccadilly Circus underground station and ten minutes to Charing Cross mainline and underground stations, or 20 minutes through St James's Park to Victoria. Trafalgar Square, and all bus services through it, are also very close.

[View on Google Maps](#)



Other information

Booking criteria

The Royal Society's conference facilities may be hired by organisers of events promoting science, science policy, education, technology, engineering and the public understanding of science, as well as charities, fitting with our charitable purpose.

Other useful information



[Download the terms and conditions](#)

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Contact us

For more information on hiring our conference facilities or to discuss your requirements, please complete our online enquiry form:

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