

# Bow Arts Venue Hire





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# About Bow Arts

Since 1994, Bow Arts has nurtured London's diverse creativity and talent. As an arts and education charity, our services support the growth of sustainable local creative economies. Over 500 artists, designers, and makers are affiliated with Bow Arts through our workspaces, affordable housing for creatives, and award-winning schools and young people's learning programme. We also operate the Nunnery Gallery - a contemporary art gallery and project space established in 1998 which has a respected history and a growing international reputation.

## Our Mission

We create inspirational environments where artists and communities interact, learn and develop.

## Property

Bow Arts is a not-for-profit organisation registered as a Gift Aid Charity. Bow Arts currently manages 15 studio sites, providing over 400 affordable studios and homes for artists, designers and makers across London.





## Learning

Bow Arts works with artists to deliver an innovative programme of workshops, projects and training in schools. We work collaboratively with schools to create bespoke projects that meet the needs of students, making arts learning accessible and inclusive.

We believe in the value of arts and culture in our society and that it is the right of every child and young person to have access to it through providing high quality programmes and excellent value for money. Our programme creates impactful learning experiences that improve attainment, confidence and wellbeing for all students.

## The Nunnery Gallery

Housed in a former 19th-century convent building, surrounded by our artist studios, the Nunnery Gallery is our not-for-profit art space. Our programme pushes boundaries with an original and creative approach that explores the stories of east London and celebrates today's artistic talent. Open to the public six days a week, all exhibitions are free to enter.

Our gallery's unique and captivating exhibitions delve into the rich history of east London and champion some of the most exciting contemporary artwork being made in London today. Our programme includes the international moving image showcase Visions in the Nunnery, our much anticipated annual Bow Open and our locally inspired RAW Materials.



# Introduction

Bow Arts has multiple venues for hire at our main Bow Road space in east London. Whether you are looking to hold a drinks reception, a team building day, a workshop or anything in-between, Bow Arts would be delighted to accommodate.

Bow Arts' venues are available for hire on an hourly or weekly basis. Longer term hires will also be considered. Our spaces are flexible and can be used for both public and private events, including exhibitions, meetings, presentations, performances, evening receptions, film/photography shoots, workshops, press launches, exercise classes and more.

We have a range of equipment that comes as standard with every space, as well as audio-visual technology and bespoke equipment such as gazebos available to hire for a small fee.

With a friendly and reliable team to assist you, Bow Arts offers a package of support to help plan and deliver your event. We provide assistance every step of the way to help ensure your event is a success.



## Bow Road

Our primary site in Bow comprises of the Bow Arts Office, almost 100 artist studios, an outdoor courtyard, the Nunnery Gallery and the Nunnery Café. We are located in the heart of London's Artist Quarter and a short distance from the Stratford Olympic Park, with a dedicated entrance straight off Bow Road.



# Our venues

## Nunnery Gallery

The Nunnery Gallery is a unique building situated on the ground floor of a former convent, with neo-gothic revival detailing, original Victorian tiles and gothic arches.

The gallery sits alongside the Nunnery Café, and opens onto a charming, secluded alleyway with a unique light installation suspended in the air – the perfect setting for evening drinks.

Surrounded by Bow Arts' artist studios, this distinctive space provides a welcoming environment and a unique backdrop for an array of exhibitions and events.

**Location** Nunnery Gallery, 181 Bow Road, London E3 2SJ

**Uses** Exhibitions, screenings, performances, photography shoots, conferences, meetings, workshops, evening receptions, private dinners, press launches, and more.

**Features** Step-free access, accessible toilet, baby changing facilities, Wi-Fi, Audio/Visual capabilities, tables, chairs, Nunnery Café on-site.

**Capacity** 150 standing, 60 seated

**Measurements** 975 sq. ft., 14 ft. height



## Availability

### Exhibitions

The Nunnery Gallery is available to hire for short-run exhibitions outside of our scheduled programme. The Gallery opening times are Tue-Sun, 10am-4pm. Please enquire for information on upcoming dates.

### Events

During exhibitions, the gallery is available to hire for events all day on Mondays, and from 5-10pm Tue-Sun, as long as the event doesn't disturb the exhibition display. Outside of exhibitions, the gallery is available to hire at any time.

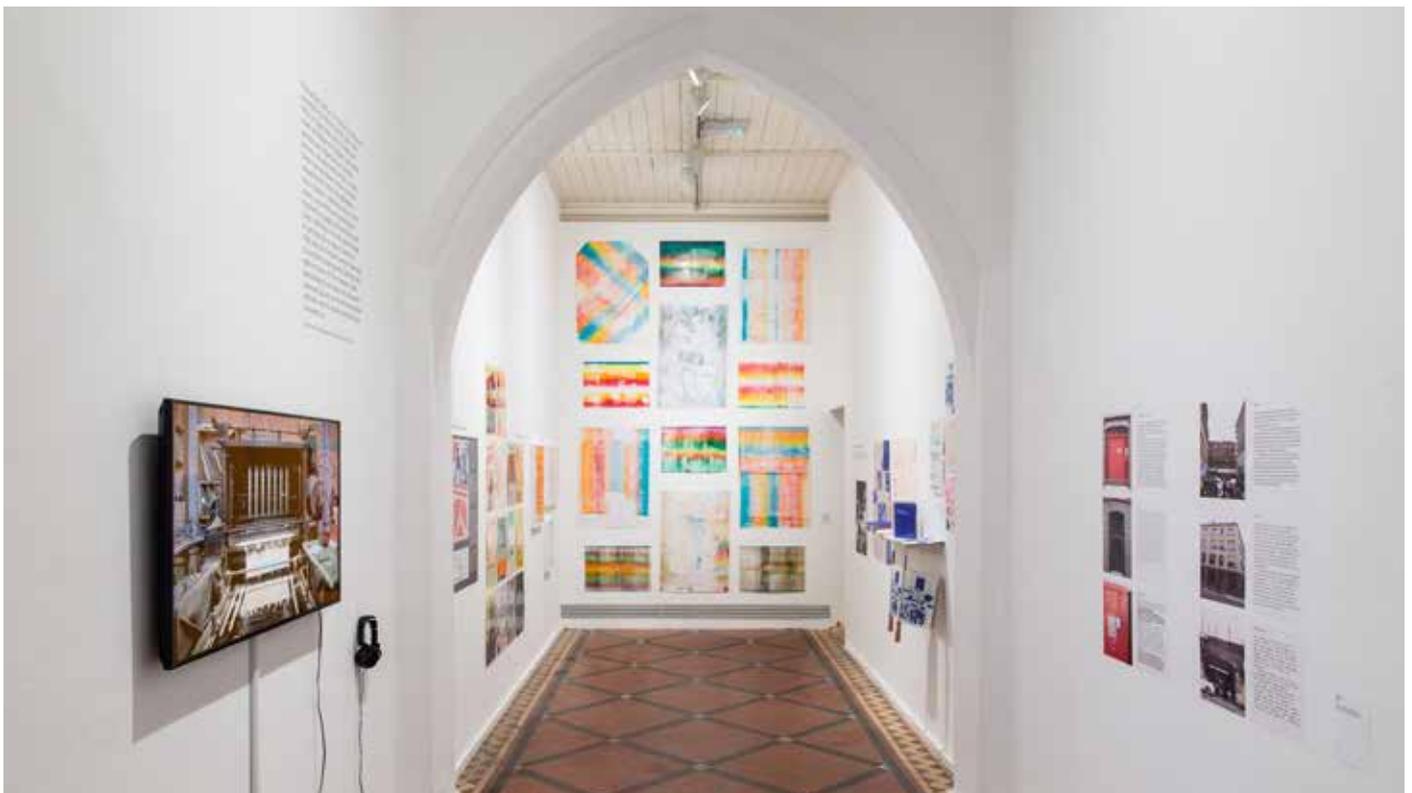
## Costs

### Weekly rental

£2,000 / £1,500 (students, local residents, charitable enterprises and Bow Arts artists) for one week including installation / de-installation days, as well as one evening for an event / private view (6-9pm).

### Hourly rental

£100 / £75 (students, local residents, charitable enterprises and Bow Arts artists) within working hours (9am-5pm). Outside of working hours there is an additional fee of £12.50/hr for the key-holder.



## Additional Info

- » Weekly gallery hire includes a curatorial meeting with the Arts & Events Team for support.
- » All hires include assistance in marketing your show through some of Bow Arts' social media channels (e.g. Instagram Stories and Twitter – for which we have near 90,000 followers).
- » We can recommend a Technician to help with your installation if needed, but they would have to be paid separately.
- » The Nunnery Café must provide all catering and bar services for this space. Please enquire for costs.
- » Evening events have a curfew of 10pm.





## Nunnery Café

The Nunnery Café runs alongside the Nunnery Gallery, and provides our visitors and locals with a place to unwind, have a hot drink and enjoy some tasty food. We serve HeySisterCoffee - an ethical, female-led, hand-crafted roaster – and a vibrant menu including locally made cakes and pastries as well as soups, sandwiches and more for lunch. It also houses our Nunnery Gallery shop, which offers limited edition prints, original gifts and homewares from local and Bow Arts artists. All café proceeds go back into supporting the Nunnery Gallery exhibition and event programme

This bright, trendy space opens onto a charming, secluded alleyway with a unique light installation suspended in the air – the perfect setting for evening drinks.

**Location** Nunnery Café, 181 Bow Road, London E3 2SJ

**Uses** Meetings, workshops, birthday or anniversary celebrations, evening receptions, private dinners and supper clubs. The Nunnery Café must provide catering or a bar service for events in this space.

**Features** Step-free access, accessible toilet, baby changing facilities, Wi-Fi, kitchenette, tables and chairs available.

**Capacity** 50 standing, 30 seated

**Measurements** 377 sq. ft. 14 ft. height





### Availability

Evening events from 5-10pm (Mon-Sun).

### Costs

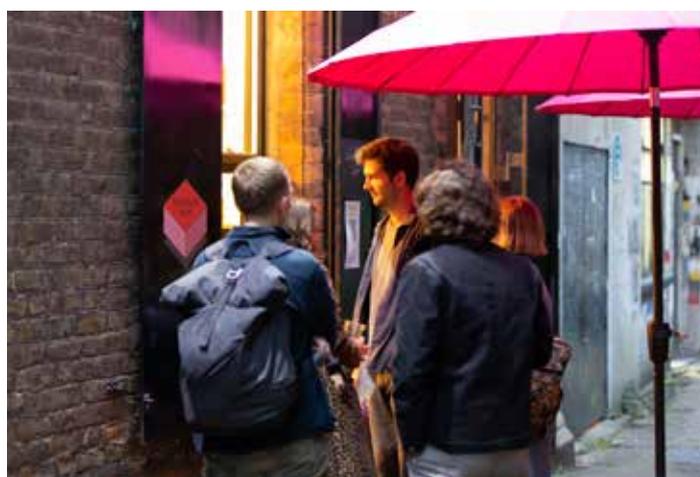
£100 / £75 per hour (students, local residents, charitable enterprises and Bow Arts Artists) including bar staff.

For community-led projects, the Café may be hired on a minimum spend basis. Please enquire for more details.

Catering costs vary, please enquire for more details.

### Additional Info

- » The Nunnery Café must provide catering and/or a bar service for all events in this space.
- » Evening events have a curfew of 10pm.

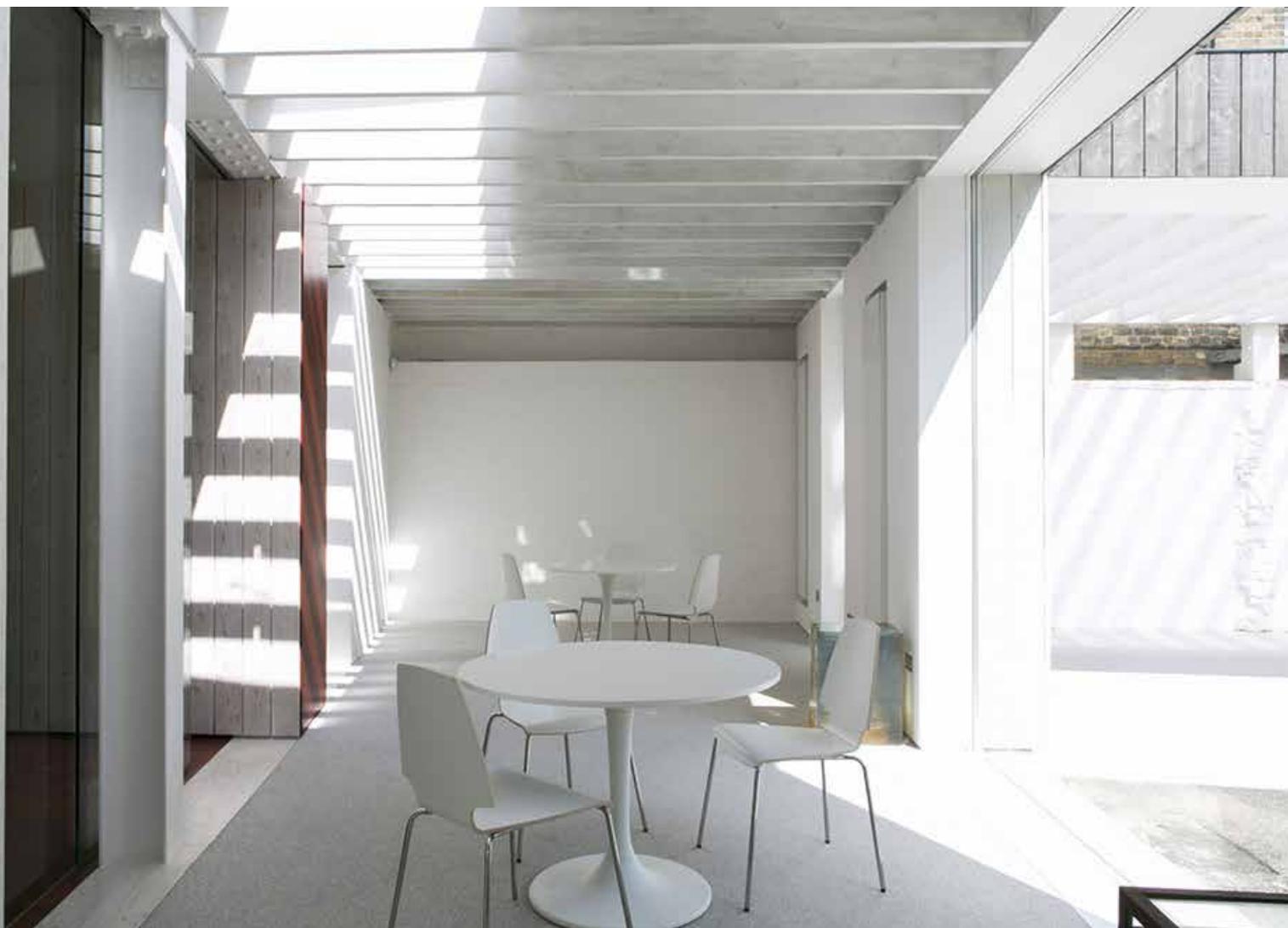


## Bow Arts' Courtyard Room

This bright and airy space comprises of an informal meeting area, kitchenette and two toilets. With floor to ceiling windows, the Courtyard Room has a flexible setup with sofas, an in-built projector and tables and chairs.

Enclosed in Bow Arts' private outdoor courtyard and surrounded by artist studios, this multi-purpose space provides a comfortable yet professional environment.

<b>Location</b>	Bow Arts Trust, 183 Bow Road, London, E3 2SJ
<b>Uses</b>	Conferences, screenings, parties, workshops and training.
<b>Features</b>	Step-free access, accessible toilet, Wi-Fi, in-built projector and screen, kitchenette suitable for preparing drinks and snacks, tables, chairs and sofas.
<b>Capacity</b>	50 standing, 30 seated
<b>Measurements</b>	355 sq. ft.
<b>Availability</b>	Evening events from 6-10pm (Mon-Fri) and all day on weekends.
<b>Costs</b>	£75 / £50 (Students, local residents, charitable enterprises and Bow Arts Artists)
<b>Additional Info</b>	The Nunnery Café can provide catering or bar services for this space. Please enquire for more details.





## Bow Arts' Courtyard

Set-back from the main road, this light and spacious enclosed courtyard provides a brilliant backdrop for all kinds of outdoor private and public events.

With a small covered area for protection from the elements, this multi-purpose space is ideal for gatherings and performances of all kinds. All hires of the courtyard include the adjacent Courtyard Room, which comprises of an informal meeting area, kitchenette and two toilets. The Courtyard Room has a flexible setup with sofas, an in-built projector and tables and chairs.

Surrounded by Bow Arts' artist studios, this versatile space provides a welcoming environment suitable for a variety of events.

<b>Location</b>	Bow Arts Trust, 183 Bow Road, London, E3 2SJ
<b>Uses</b>	Wedding receptions, private parties, markets, screenings, supper clubs, performances, photoshoots, workshops and exercise classes.
<b>Features</b>	Step-free access, accessible toilet, Wi-Fi, power outlets, picnic benches, kitchenette – suitable for preparing drinks and snacks, covered area for music / catering / seating.
<b>Capacity</b>	300 standing
<b>Measurements</b>	3500 sq. ft.
<b>Availability</b>	Evening events from 6-10pm (Mon-Fri) and all day on weekends.



## Costs

Day rate: £820 (no VAT charged) – includes 5 hours of key-holder time. If the event is longer than 5 hours (including set-up and takedown), every additional hour is charged at £12.50/hr for the key-holder. Discounted price of £650 available for students, local residents, charitable enterprises and Bow Arts Artists.



# Transport & accessibility

## Transport

### Nearest station(s)

Bow Road (District and Hammersmith and City lines) is a 7-minute walk away, and Bow Church (DLR) is a 3-minute walk away.

### Bus

205, 25, 425, A8, D8, 108, 276, 488 and 8 all service the surrounding area.

### Cycle

CS2, bicycle parking is located at Bow Church Station. The nearest Santander Cycles docking station is at Bow Church Station.



# Accessibility

## Wheelchair access

The venues on our Bow Road site are fully wheelchair-accessible, with step-free access throughout from street level.

## Dogs

Guide dogs, hearing and registered assistance dogs are welcome.

## Toilets and baby care facilities

Accessible toilets and baby changing facilities are available.

## For visually and hearing impaired visitors

Large print information about exhibitions, events and facilities can be made available - please contact us in advance of your visit. Unfortunately the venues do not have a hearing loop system.

## Parking

Accessible parking can be available on-site, please contact us in advance of your visit. Blue badge parking can also be found 500m away on Fairfield Road.



## Additional Info

- » The courtyard provides access to some of our Bow Road artist studios, so continuous access is required. Studio holders have their own key to the courtyard and would have prior notice about upcoming events, so would not cause any disruption to your event.
- » For parties of 150 or more, extra toilets / portaloos will be required.
- » Gazebos and PA sound system are available for hire.
- » The Nunnery Café must provide all catering and bar services for this space. We can provide a standard paid bar serving East London Liquor Company Gin and Vodka cocktails, plus beer, wine, and a range of non-alcoholic drinks - all included in the hire price.
- » Evening events have a curfew of 10pm.





# More about the Nunnery Café

## Food, catering & bar offer

Nunnery Café, 181 Bow Road, London, E3 2SJ

[www.bowarts.org/nunnery-café](http://www.bowarts.org/nunnery-café)

Running alongside our Nunnery Gallery, enjoy a coffee in our cosy Nunnery Café, serving a selection of locally-made cakes, pastries, toasties, soups and other delicious treats. Tucked away down Bow Arts Lane and adjoined to the Gallery, it's the perfect place to unwind or meet friends. We are open Monday to Saturday 9am-4pm, and Sunday 10am-4pm. Eat-in and takeaway options are both available.

We serve HeySisterCoffee – a female-led, hand-crafted roastery that's ethical, empowering and sustainable, with 3% of sales funding projects that support women. – alongside a vibrant menu including locally-made cakes and pastries as well as soups, sandwiches and more for lunch. All café proceeds go back into supporting the Nunnery Gallery exhibition and event programme.

The Nunnery Café must be used for any hires taking place at our Bow Road venues. We can provide a paid bar serving East London Liquor Company Gin and vodka cocktails, craft beers, wines and soft drinks. We can also provide small bites and buffet style food for your event, catering to all dietary requirements.

Please contact [nunnerycafe@bowarts.com](mailto:nunnerycafe@bowarts.com) to find out more about our available catering options.



## Supper clubs

Alongside its regular food and drink offer, the Nunnery Café also partners with chefs and culinary collectives to produce unique supper clubs and dining experiences for our visitors and locals.

These range from cosy Nepalese supper clubs taking cues from food lovingly made by grandmas, mothers, and aunts, to Kurdish and Persian *Mehmoonis* centring joy, eating, and being in community with each other.

Both the Nunnery Café and our outdoor Bow Arts Courtyard are available to host supper clubs, depending on the needs of our partners and the supper club.

If you're interested in collaborating with us on a supper club, please contact [nunnerycafe@bowarts.com](mailto:nunnerycafe@bowarts.com) to find out more.



# Other sites

## Lakeside Centre Media Space

The media space is a 2nd floor project space inside the Lakeside Centre, an iconic brutalist building with stunning views of Southmere Lake and the area's famous skyline, is a Thamesmead landmark. The Lakeside centre is home to 40 creative workspaces, a café and training kitchen, an early years nursery, and an affordable darkroom.

Location	Lakeside Centre, Bazalgette Way, London, SE2 9AN
Uses	Exhibitions, screenings, performances, photography shoots conferences, meetings, workshops and evening receptions.
Features	Step-free access, accessible toilet, audio/visual capabilities, chairs, tables, Y-on-the-lake café on site
Capacity	35
Transport	Nearest Station(s): Abbey Wood via national rail and Elizabeth line Bus: 117, 180, 229, 401, 472, 601, 602, 669, N1, Parking: Limited on-site parking available.





### Availability

Monday to Sunday, 9am-10pm

### Costs

Weekly rate: £700

Daily rate (8 hours): £160

Hourly rate: £30

Outside of working hours (9am-5pm)  
there is an additional fee of £12.50/hr  
for the key-holder



## Lakeside Centre Roof Terrace

Iconic roof terrace at Lakeside centre which looks out to the stunning views of Southmere Lake and the area's famous skyline, is a Thamesmead landmark. The Lakeside centre is home to 40 creative workspaces, a café and training kitchen, an early years nursery, an outdoor cinema, and an affordable darkroom.

<b>Location</b>	Lakeside Centre, Bazalgette Way, London, SE2 9AN
<b>Uses</b>	Fitness classes, screenings, performances, photography shoots, workshops, and evening receptions.
<b>Features</b>	Step-free access, accessible toilet, Y-on-the-lake café on-site, PA system, marquees and weights.
<b>Capacity</b>	110 standing
<b>Transport</b>	Nearest Station(s): Abbey Wood via national rail and Elizabeth line Bus: 117, 180, 229, 401, 472, 601, 602, 669, N1, Parking: Limited on-site parking available.
<b>Availability</b>	Monday to Sunday 9am - 10pm
<b>Costs</b>	Weekly rate: £700 Daily rate (8 hours): £120 Hourly rate: £30. Outside of working hours (9am-5pm) there is an additional fee of £12.50/hr for the key-holder.

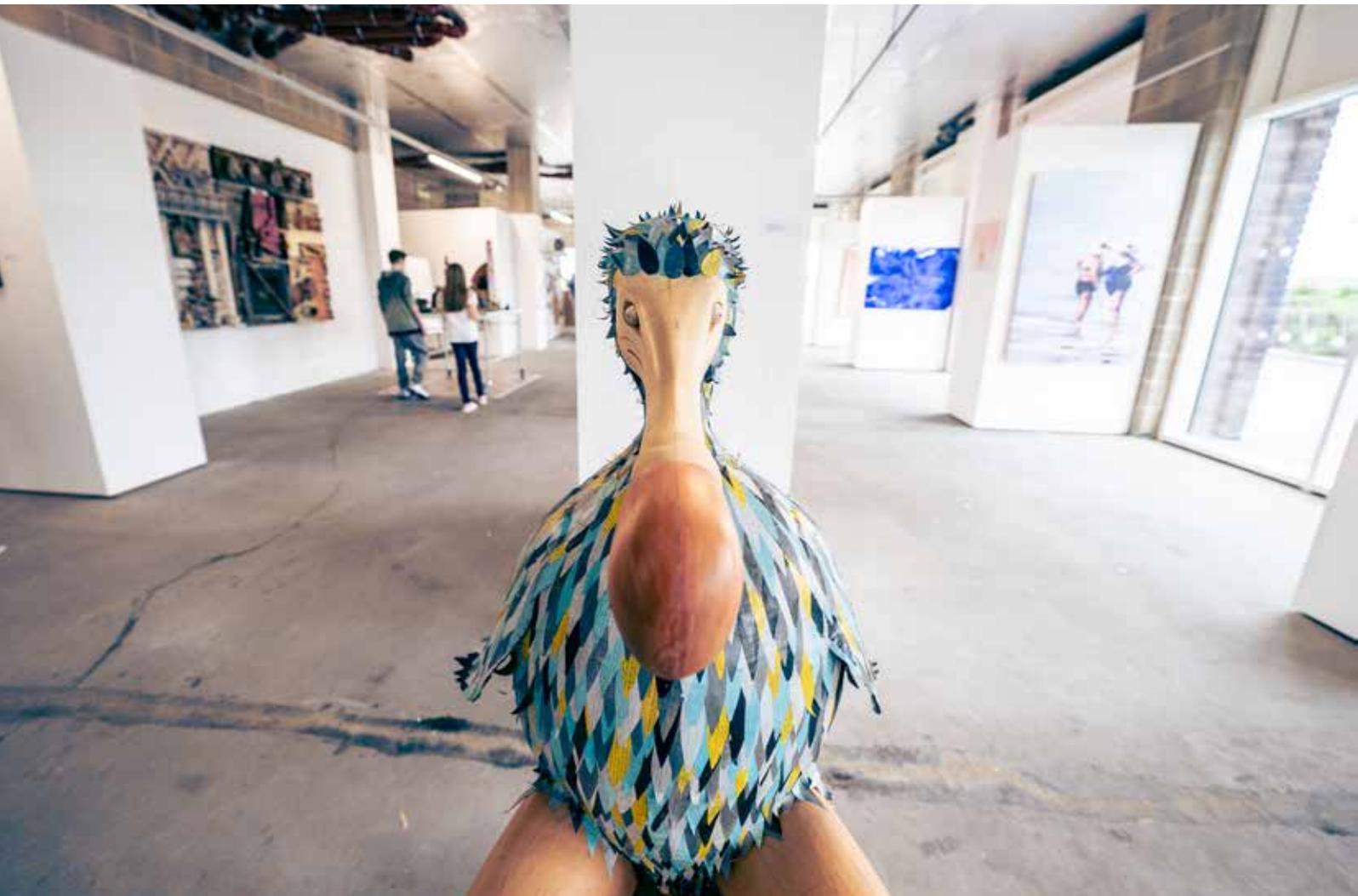




## Art in the Docks

2,000 sq ft gallery at the heart of Royal Albert Wharf, a growing cultural centre and destination by Gallions Reach. The area is a creative with a programme of arts, workshops, and event – with a great café, restaurant and free gallery.

<b>Location</b>	Hamme Building, 25 Shackleton Wy, London E16 2XJ
<b>Uses</b>	Exhibitions, screenings, performances, photography shoots, conferences, meetings, workshops, evening receptions, private dinners, press launches, and more.
<b>Features</b>	Movable walls, Step-free access, accessible toilet, Wi-Fi, tables.
<b>Measurements</b>	2000 sq. ft.
<b>Transport</b>	Nearest station(s): Gallions Reach DLR Bus: 101, 262, 474 Parking: No parking available





### Availability

Monday to Sunday, 9am-9pm

### Costs

Weekly rate: £700

Daily rate (8 hours):

£160 artist

£350 (students, local residents,  
charitable enterprises and Bow  
Arts artists)

£700 commercial rate

Hourly rate: £50.



## The Lab at Oaklands Rise

The Lab is A community space, café and arts centre, enabling and facilitating a programme of arts, workshops, and events

<b>Location</b>	The Lab at Oaklands Rise, Oaklands Rise, 19 Green Street, London NW10 6FT
<b>Uses</b>	Exhibitions, screenings, performances, photography shoots, conferences, meetings, workshops, evening receptions, private dinners, press launches, and more.
<b>Features</b>	Wi-fi, step-free access, accessible toilet, Audio/Visual capabilities, tables, chairs, café on-site
<b>Transport</b>	Nearest station(s): North Acton (Underground), Willesden Junction (Overground/Underground) Bus: 260, 266, 440, 487, BL-1, BL-2 Parking: drop off only
<b>Availability</b>	Monday to Sunday 9am – 9pm
<b>Costs</b>	Daily rate (8 hours): £130 Hourly rate: £20  If the booking is during the lab opening hours requiring the space to be closed to the public a minimum order will need to be agreed

# Photographers

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Rob Harris works with artists and arts organisations to document events, projects, exhibitions, workshops and performances. He has worked with clients including Tate Modern, Serpentine Galleries, Whitechapel Gallery, Turner Contemporary, House of Illustration and Camden Arts Centre.



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Rachel Cherry is one of the leading dance and performance photographers in the UK. Rachel originally studied dance at Laban, where she became interested in working with photography, installation and site specific work. Her clients include Laban, Southbank Centre, Foundation for Community Dance and Big Dance.



# Contact us

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183 Bow Road, London E3 2SJ  
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## Nunnery Gallery

181 Bow Road, London E3 2SJ  
Tues to Sun, 10am – 4pm

## Nunnery Café & Shop

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