An iconic venue

Located within the backdrop of London’s iconic West End, the Royal Society of Chemistry at Burlington House is a prestigious event space full of discovery, offering stories around every corner.

As the home of the Royal Society of Chemistry since 1857, we’re a venue that combines our rich heritage with vibrant spirit and contemporary facilities, providing you with the perfect formula for an unforgettable occasion.

We invite all manner of events and are easily accessible and welcoming to all. We offer a bespoke, personal service that inspires impactful and memorable events, all delivered with authenticity and creativity.

Plus, as a not-for-profit organisation, we invest any surplus into supporting the chemical science community. This means any event you hold at Burlington House also contributes to the future of research.

Ready to take a closer look?
The rooms

The Royal Society of Chemistry at Burlington House is home to six spectacular event spaces, ready to unfold your very own story.

From intimate rooms to a grand library, you can discover the perfect combination of vibrancy and spectacle, making sure your event leaves a striking impression on all attending.

Available individually or hireable in conjunction with one another, our rooms can be used to create the ideal event space. Plus, with natural daylight, air conditioning and specialised IT and AV capabilities, our rooms are fully equipped for all your needs.
Offering an elegant and iconic space that is perfect for exhibitions, conferences and receptions
Science Room

Scientific heritage meets contemporary design in the Science Room, offering an elegant and iconic space that is perfect for exhibitions, conferences and receptions.

Our built-in audio equipment and large projector on the back wall provide a backdrop for presentations that will educate and inspire those attending.

The effective soundproofing also means there will be no disruptions during your important event.

**CAPACITY**

120

**KEY FEATURES**

- built-in audio-visual facilities
- ability to be hired with the Fish Room for extra capacity
- large open plan for added flexibility

**PERFECT FOR**

Exhibitions, conferences, receptions, photography and film projects
Fish Room

“A small syndicate space for atmospheric private events and meetings with a contemporary touch.”
Fish Room

Decorative pillars line the Fish Room – a small syndicate space with an atmospheric yet contemporary touch.

This versatile meeting space features stunning views of the courtyard. The room’s high ceilings and large windows also offer a grand location for discussion and networking.

**PERFECT FOR**
- Meetings and private occasions, dedicated catering/reception space for events in the Science Room

**CAPACITY**
- 60

**KEY FEATURES**
- Atmospheric yet contemporary
- Stunning views of the courtyard
- Connects to the Science Room should more space be required
Our prestigious library and landmark event space emanates spectacular grandeur
The Library

For a historical touch that emanates spectacular grandeur, our prestigious library and landmark event space can be used for both corporate events and private occasions.

Your guests will be surrounded by stories of discovery with a backdrop of delicate wooden features, literature throughout the ages and Italianate renaissance architecture.

This event space holds education and community at its core.

PERFECT FOR
Lectures, fine dining, AGMs, weddings, filming, book launches

KEY FEATURES
• striking historical architecture
• built-in audio-visual facilities
• permanent screens for hybrid events

CAPACITY
120
A characterful choice for receptions and meetings, radiating both charm and class.
Council Room

Filled with character and boasting memorable antique artwork from our prized collection, the Council Room is the perfect choice for those looking for a contemporary event space that radiates both charm and class.

Flexible configuration and a striking 80-inch HD screen give you the ability to transform the space into your ideal storytelling platform.

**CAPACITY**

80

**KEY FEATURES**

- flexible capacity for a range of event types
- a collection of historic artwork
- large screens suitable for giving presentations

**PERFECT FOR**

Meetings, receptions and workshops
The nostalgia of antique books lining the walls sets the scene for a magical, intimate ambience.
Priestley Room

Nestled away from the activity of the courtyard, the Priestley Room offers a more intimate and quieter environment for board meetings, private dining and business lunches.

The nostalgia of antique books lining the walls sets the scene for a magical ambience that is just waiting for further discoveries to be made, skills to be learned and ideas to be shared.

PERFECT FOR
Board meetings, intimate dining and business lunches

CAPACITY
20

KEY FEATURES
• a quiet environment for intimate meetings
• combination of history and modernity
• hot food counter at the back of the room
Inspire creativity with the rich knowledge of the Hinshelwood Room
Hinshelwood Room

Knowledge is woven into every crevice in the Hinshelwood Room, making this space home to many quality experiences for your delegates to discover.

The event space inspires creativity from the moment you walk in, making it ideal for breakout sessions and small group discussions.

**KEY FEATURES**
- unique backdrop of scientific history
- permanent screens suitable for hybrid meetings
- alternative space for period-themed celebrations

**PERFECT FOR**
- Group discussion
- Break-out sessions and meetings

**CAPACITY**

12
Second floor

- **Library**: 17m x 12.6m, 206.4 sq m
- **Coffee Area**: 5.6m x 12.8m, 67.7 sq m
- **Council Room**: 11m x 11.4m, 100 sq m
- **Hinshelwood Room**: 3.6m x 9m, 41.6 sq m
- **Priestley Room**: 5.4m x 10.2m, 48 sq m
- **Alcoves**: 2.25m x 2.3m
- **Main staircase to Ground Floor**
Technical equipment

IN THE ROOMS
• superfast wifi and internet access
• mobile and fixed presentation facilities
• built-in PA systems (Library and Science Room)

PART OF YOUR HIRE
• poster boards
• laptops
• flip charts

ON REQUEST
• hybrid facilities
• live streaming
• recording facilities
• skype and online meeting software

Technical support is available on request at an extra cost.
## Room capacity

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Food and drink

The vibrancy of our venue is matched by our imaginative food and catering solutions. Our award-winning in-house caterers, Houston & Hawkes encompass the authenticity we strive for in every aspect of events, with menu variety to tantalise the tastebuds.

We make corporate catering more than just a necessary accompaniment to your event, but a truly memorable experience. The team of culinary experts excel in the innovative touches that are underpinned by a commitment to sustainability. Sourced locally from some of the best suppliers in the business, every ingredient is consciously considered. Food miles are kept to a minimum, reducing travel and ensuring freshness.

Talk to the team about our latest seasonal menus, or a truly bespoke concoction to suit your unique event.
Services

Our team

Our event offerings would be nothing without our dedicated and professional team that helps make every event extra special. That’s because our team works with you from start to finish, helping to plan and advise on layout and logistical features. During the day, we will welcome your guests and create an atmosphere that leaves them feeling treasured, inspired and connected all day long.

Sundries

Event planning can be difficult, which is why part of our service ensures you don’t have to spend time searching for everything separately for your event. Our team can work with you and our expert suppliers to source the sundries you need for that added magic.

Our suppliers can help you source:

- banqueting chairs
- menu cards
- special order equipment
- a choice of linen colours
- badges for your delegates
- place cards and seating plans
- centrepieces and floral arrangements
- lighting and visual effects
- music and entertainment
A big vision for the future

The Royal Society of Chemistry is an international organisation, bringing together chemical scientists around the world to share ideas that help bring about real change in our society.

With over 175 years of heritage, we make our profits work hard so that every part of our organisation shapes the future of the chemical sciences – for the benefit of science and humanity.

How your event helps

Every event held at Burlington House helps fund the Royal Society of Chemistry to promote, support and celebrate chemistry on a global scale.

Your funding might help to...

Make the next big discovery
We help chemical scientists fulfil their potential. We provide specialist advice and support that helps groundbreaking ideas become reality.

Inspire the next generation
Chemistry skills can open up a vast range of fulfilling careers. We help young people see the part they can play in the future of the chemical sciences, and we improve chemistry education.

Shape new science policy
As a source of reliable knowledge, we provide advice on regulations and procedures and work with policymakers to make sure chemistry gets the support it needs from governments.

Tackle the world’s challenges
Chemists all over the world are dedicating their careers to taking on disease, climate change and hunger. We support their efforts by helping them make connections and promote their achievements.

Connect people with chemistry
We organise and support a broad range of activities to show that everyone has a role in the future of chemistry.
Visit us

Burlington House is on the north side of Piccadilly, opposite Fortnum and Mason and not far from The Ritz. After entering the gates, you will find the Royal Society of Chemistry at the far right of the courtyard. Disabled access is available.

On the London Underground

The nearest tube stations are Green Park and Piccadilly Circus.

By Bus

Bus numbers 14, 19, 22 and 38 all stop near to Burlington House.

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