

My visit to the City Art Centre

Visual Story



A step-by-step written and visual guide to help you plan your visit

This is the City Art Centre



Our address:
City Art Centre
2 Market Street
Edinburgh
EH1 1DE

Entry to the gallery is free – there's no need to book before you visit
If you are visiting as a large group however, you may need to book.
You can email: Margaret.Findlay@edinburgh.gov.uk
Sometimes our exhibitions require a ticket but you can purchase this when you arrive.

How do I get there?



Bike rails opposite the City Art Centre



Trams on Princes Street © Ad Meskens / Wikimedia Commons

Travel:

There are many buses which stop on Princes Street, as well as Waverley Bridge and the Mound. You can go on the Lothian buses website to plan your visit: www.lothianbuses.com

The nearest train station is Edinburgh Waverley Station.

The nearest tram station is Princes Street.

You can get a taxi with City Cabs by calling 0131 228 1211. The taxi company has a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

There are bike rails on the street opposite the City Art Centre, close to the Waverley Train Station Market Street exit.

Packing your bag for your visit



View Mimi's menu here:
mimisbakehouse.com

You are welcome to use our baby changing facilities on the ground floor.

We do not have luggage storage or cloakrooms on site.

You are welcome to bring in luggage and back-packs but please ensure that you do not bump into any artworks because some are very fragile.

Eating and drinking

There is a Mimi's Bakehouse Café next to the City Art Centre. It is open everyday from 9am – 5pm.

The cafe is often busy. You can book a table in advance by phoning 0131 555 5908

Our gallery



Our galleries are usually quiet but sometimes we have group visits in which can make the space noisier.



For information on what visits we are having on a specific day please phone our reception desk in the morning before you come along – **0131 529 3993**.

Before you visit it is important to note that we have a few rules in place:



Drawings by Liza

- Please ask a Visitor Assistant for permission to take photographs of artwork on display. Sometimes this is not permitted depending on the exhibition.
- Please do not take any food or drink into the gallery
- Please do not run around the gallery space
- Please do not touch any of the artworks

City Art Centre entrance



We have an accessible entrance and a revolving door entrance at the front of the gallery.

They are both on ground level and you do not need to climb any steps to enter.

Entry is usually quiet and you do not need to queue to get in.

You can visit us from 10am – 5pm every day. Last entry to our exhibitions is 4.30pm.

We are closed during some public holidays such as Christmas and New Year's Day.

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On the ground floor you will find our reception desk, gift shop and a small exhibition space.

To access the shop you can use the slope or the steps.

To access the galleries you can use the lift, the escalator or the staircase.

City Art Centre reception



If you would like to buy an exhibition ticket on the day you can visit our shop reception desk. Our Visitor Assistants and Sales Advisors will be happy to help you. The reception desk has a low section that is accessible by a sloped floor ramp.

Visit our website for information on the exhibitions that we are showing:
[What's on | Museums and Galleries Edinburgh \(edinburghmuseums.org.uk\)](http://edinburghmuseums.org.uk)

What's available at the City Art Centre



We have foldable wheelchairs available to use. Please phone reception to book one for your visit - **0131 529 3993**.



We have foldable stools available. You can ask a Visitor Assistant for one of these when you arrive.

We welcome assistance dogs.

What's available at the City Art Centre



On the ground floor we have:

- Accessible toilet with handrails
- Baby changing facilities
- Gender neutral toilets

Our hand dryers can be quite noisy. We have paper towels that you can use [instead](#).

City Art Centre Art Cart



We often have our Art Cart on the ground floor next to the entrance.

Please take a seat and help yourself to art materials and colouring activity sheets free of charge.

All ages are welcome to join in.



Visiting the exhibitions

- You will see different types of art. Our exhibitions usually change every four months.
- Some spaces may be darker, some spaces may be lighter
- There is usually text on the walls to help explain the art. Large print guides are available on request.
- Some artworks may have wire barriers in front of them. This is so you don't get too close to the art.
- If there is a fire evacuation, a loud alarm will sound. Staff will ask you to exit the gallery via the nearest door and wait outside. They will let you know when it is safe to go back inside the building.

This is floor -1



Artworks in image: Kate Downie, *Conversations Part I*, 2005. © the artist (left) Kate Downie, *Three Bridge Evening*, 2019. © the artist (right)

- We often have exhibitions on this floor. You will see different types of art.
- Please look around and enjoy the art at your own pace.
- There will be a Visitor Assistant on each floor to answer any questions that you may have.
- Please take a seat and rest if you need to
- Please check with the Visitor Assistant before taking any photographs as this may not be allowed.



We have foldable stools for those that require a seat

We have a cosy art space on floor -1



Please take a seat and help yourself to art materials and colouring activity sheets free of charge.

It doesn't matter what age you are, you are welcome to join in and get creative!

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National Treasure exhibition, City Art Centre

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This is floor 2



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- We have male and female toilets on this floor.
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This is floor 3



Will Maclean: Points of Departure exhibition, City Art Centre

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This is floor 4



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This is floor 5

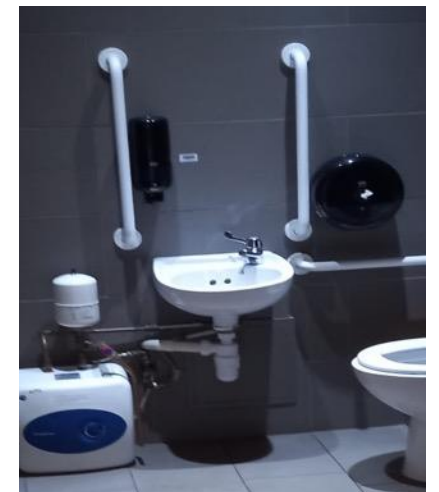


This floor is used for events, lectures, meetings and school visits.
It is not open to visitors.

From floor 5 you can see fantastic views of Edinburgh city centre.

There is an accessible toilet on floor 5 with hand rails.

We have male and female toilets on this floor.



Your visit to the City Art Centre

We hope that you enjoy your visit to the City Art Centre

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