

Young V&A

# Events Brochure

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# Young V&A

Young V&A (formerly V&A Museum of Childhood) opened in 1872 as the Bethnal Green Museum, East London’s first ever Museum and embedded itself at the heart of the local community. Over 150 years later, the Grade II\* listed site in Bethnal Green has been radically rejuvenated to become Young V&A, a new national museum and powerhouse of creativity for children and young teenagers that puts children and their creative futures front and centre.

In addition to hosting your event under the world-renowned V&A umbrella, hiring Young V&A is a fantastic opportunity to support the work the Museum is doing with local communities, and to champion, nurture, and inspire the innovators of tomorrow. Venue hire is vital to ensuring that the V&A continues to grow and thrive and by hosting your event with us, you are enabling us to continue to inspire young people to be active citizens and creative change-makers in their communities.

The Museum offers some incredible event spaces in amongst the fascinating collection in an easily-accessible location just moments from the City in one of London’s most exciting and vibrant areas.

In this brochure, you will find unique spaces available to hire, for events large or small. From sleek corporate dinners to exclusive private parties, from jubilant bar and bat mitzvahs to personalised wedding receptions, Young V&A has the perfect space for every occasion.

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# The McLain Hall

The McLain Hall is at the heart of the Museum, both literally and historically, featuring the original mosaic marble floor that was laid in 1872 when the Museum was first opened. Lit by magnificent half-moon windows, the McLain Hall features wrought iron architecture and lofty ceilings that create an open, expansive space. At one end, the dramatic spiral staircase provides both a beautiful vista and a dramatic location for wedding entrances, musical performances and speeches.

With a large in-built bar, the McLain Hall is a fabulous spot for a drinks reception, dancefloor party, or bar/bat mitzvah. For more formal seated dinners or wedding receptions, guests can dine beneath the sweeping ceiling and overhead balconies.

## Capacities

600 standing / 300 seated

## Prices

Breakfasts starting from £3,500+VAT

Evenings starting from £6,500+VAT









# Portal Trust Community Room

The Community Room is an exciting new event space: a clean, bright, modern space, this room is a blank canvas that can be easily styled with décor and lighting to suit any event theme or vision.

The Community Room is an ideal space for receptions on arrival prior to seating for dinner, wedding ceremonies or more intimate dinners. The open plan room also has an in-built projector which can be used for evening presentations and theatre style talks

**Capacities**  
300 standing / 150 seated

**Prices**  
Breakfasts starting from £3,500+VAT  
Evenings starting from £6,500+VAT





# Weddings at YV&A

The V&A celebrates one of the most successful and enduring marriages in British history; the marriage between Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. V&A Museums stand as incredible monuments of dedication and love, not only between Victoria and Albert, but of their shared passion to bring art and design to all.

Experiencing a museum out-of-hours is a special and exclusive experience that helps set your wedding apart. We are so lucky to host wedding receptions in our incredible galleries, creating stunning, unique, and memorable experiences for our wonderful couples in a premium heritage venue.

By holding your wedding celebration at Young V&A you are directly supporting the Museum's efforts to support young people, our exciting exhibition programme, and helping us to keep admission free to all.

Our event spaces are versatile, distinctive, and unforgettable. You can customise your experience to ensure you include all the remarkable features that the Museum has to offer.

To explore how you can customise your wedding for a truly memorable and unique day, our dedicated Events team will guide you through the process, alongside your fabulous suppliers and planners, to help you make treasured memories of your dream day.







you going to bring?

Imagine  
Gallery

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THE MCLAIN HALL



*“It has truly been a pleasure to work with you over these last few months, and you helped make our day incredibly special. We couldn’t be happier about it all and our friends and family had a wonderful time”*



*“We an amazing experience and a wedding we could only imagine - the venue definitely helped!”*



# Bar and Bat Mitzvahs

Young V&A is the UK’s premier national museum designed by, and for, young people: the Museum is truly child-centred and led in its practice. The celebration of milestones forms an important part of every child’s development and we have the privilege of celebrating with young people as they mark their bar and bat mitzvahs in a space designed specifically for them.

Bar and bat mitzvahs symbolise the coming-of-age for young people and part of the Young V&A mission is to prepare them for this journey in a warm, inviting, accessible space for families at the centre of a vibrant community. By holding your family celebrations with us, you are helping to support our outreach and community work with children in the capital, ensuring that the Museum remains free to access for all.

Our event spaces are flexible and customisable, offering a unique way to enjoy the Museum after hours, including the option to open surrounding galleries as part of your event for a particularly memorable experience.

Our dedicated Events team will guide you through the planning process to create a celebration that engages your younger guests with custom Museum experiences and entertains your adult guests with exceptional food and decor.



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*Why not learn to yo-yo, get crafting, stage a flash mob or take a bow on our in-built Stage? Young V&A and our wonderful Approved Suppliers have so many fun options to keep young people and adults alike entertained at bar and bat mitzvahs*



Young V&A, The Stage, Imagine Gallery © Luke Hayes



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# Exhibitions

Private Views of our exhibitions are an exclusive opportunity for your guests to escape the daytime crowds and take in our critically acclaimed exhibition, *Japan: Myths to Manga*.

Hosting your event at the V&A means you can add a gallery or exhibition as an extra experience for your guests, offering the opportunity to take in the incredible collection the Museum has to offer away from the daytime crowds. Our creative, inspiring and stimulating exhibits can also inspire your event theme (an exciting creative opportunity for your suppliers!).

Private Views can take place in the morning before the Museum opens to the public, or after our doors have closed in the evening. It is also possible to hire one of our expert guides to give an informative introduction to guests, or lead private tours.

For more information about arranging a Private View of a gallery or exhibition, or to add this to your venue hire, please contact the Corporate Events team.

To view more information about upcoming exhibitions, please visit [www.vam.ac.uk/whatson](http://www.vam.ac.uk/whatson)





# Corporate Partnerships

Corporate Membership at the V&A is an opportunity to demonstrate your support for the arts and associate with one of the most recognisable and admired international brands. Corporate support is vital to ensuring that the V&A continues to grow and thrive. It is through the generosity of our supporters that we can sustain and develop the V&A's leadership in the fields of art and design.

Corporate Membership offers bespoke and unforgettable experiences for your employees and clients - from complimentary and significantly discounted event hire opportunities and private out-of-hours tours of our exhibitions and collections with a curator, to invitations to our exclusive private views and unlimited access to our ticketed exhibitions.

For more information about our Corporate Membership programme and available packages, please contact:

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## FAQs

### **Is Young V&A licensed for civil ceremonies?**

Yes, Young V&A is licensed for Civil Marriage and Civil Partnership ceremonies. Please be aware that you must book your registrar directly via the Borough of Tower Hamlets and this is not something the venue can do for you. We highly recommend securing your ceremony with them before booking the venue. They can be contacted via [www.towerhamlets.gov.uk](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk)

### **Is Young V&A available to hire for engagement parties, anniversaries and other celebrations?**

Yes, the Museum can be hired to celebrate parties and anniversaries. The information in this brochure is relevant for all types of private celebrations so please do contact us for further information.

### **What is included in the venue hire fee?**

The venue hire fee includes exclusive use of the agreed event areas, a dedicated Event Manager, security staff, cleaning staff, an electrician, and a floor manager. If you are hiring Young V&A for a seated dinner, the pre dinner drinks area is included within the one fee and is not a separate cost.

### **The set-up time seems very short, how does that work?**

We are open to the public 7 days a week until 5:45pm so we appreciate the turnaround from daytime museum to exclusive event venue can be daunting! However, we are very well practised at creating beautiful, memorable and magical events in as little as 45 mins. This is down to using approved suppliers such as caterers, florists and production companies who know the building intimately and are equipped and experienced enough to deliver fabulous events in very short set up times.

### **Can we use our own suppliers?**

As a Grade I listed building with priceless works on display and a short set-up time, you must work with our approved list of suppliers (listed below) for catering, production, flowers and entertainment. By using our knowledgeable approved suppliers, we can ensure that not only is the Museum and its collections protected but that you will receive a high level of service due to their experience of working in our wonderful spaces. Whilst we do not have specify which planners and photographers can work at the Museum, do contact us for some suggestions.

### **Can we supply our own drinks?**

You are welcome to provide your own drinks. We don't charge a corkage fee but your chosen caterer will charge an ancillary amount to chill, deliver and serve the drinks so do check with each caterer regarding their policy.

### **Can you recommend any wedding planners or wedding photographers?**

Yes, if you would like to employ the services of a dedicated wedding planner to help pull the finer details together, we have a number of wedding planners we recommend, who have extensive experience of delivering excellence at V&A sites. We also have a number of wonderful wedding photographers and videographers who have captured the beauty of the V&A for our wedding clients and have lots of brilliant contacts if you would like recommendations.



# Approved Suppliers

As a Grade II listed building and because of the works on display and the short set up time, you must work with our approved list of suppliers for catering, production, floristry and entertainment. If you cannot find what you need from our list below, please ask your V&A Event Manager as there are some additional suppliers who work across V&A sister sites who may be able to support you case-by-case.

## CATERERS

**Ben Tenenblat**

info@ben-tenenblat.com  
0208 205 0463  
@bentenblat

**Laguna**

info@lagunarestaurant.com  
0208 5799 9992  
@Laguna\_UK

**Sapna Caterers**

sales@sapna.co.uk  
020 8965 5145 / 020 8991 2508  
@sapnacaterers

**Boulevard Events**

enquiries@boulevardevents.co.uk  
0208 533 3341  
@boulevardevents

**Lettice Events**

info@letticeevents.com  
0207 820 1161  
@letticeevents

**Social Pantry Ltd**

enquiries@socialpantry.co.uk  
020 8871 1949  
@social\_pantry

**Dinner Ladies**

stiritup@dinnerladiesltd.com  
020 3793 4126  
@dinner\_ladies

**Ragasaan**

sales@ragasaan.com  
020 8839 0880  
@ragasaan

**Zafferano**

info@zafferano.co.uk  
020 8905 9120  
@zafferanoparty

## PRODUCTION & DÉCOR

**Ash Event Productions**

info@asheventproductions.co.uk  
01634 306180  
@asheventproductions

**Event Concept**

info@eventconcept.co.uk  
020 7740 3988  
@eventconcept

**RWS London**

info@rws london.com  
02086068889  
@rws\_london

**Equip**

venues@equip.london  
0207 7334 488  
@equipevents

**Ritzy Music**

info@ritzymusic.co.uk  
07803400123  
@ritzy\_music

**Storm Ltd**

hire@stormltd.co.uk  
01483 757 211  
@storm\_ltd

## FLORISTS

**Enchanted by Syma**

admin@enchantedbysyma.com  
0175 3525 300  
@enchantedbysyma

**Flowerbx**

events@flowerbx.com  
0208 1066 919  
@theflowerbx

**Pinstripes & Peonies**

flowers@pinstripesandpeonies.com  
020 7720 1245  
@pandpaflowers

## ENTERTAINMENT

**Euphonica**

hello@euphonica.com  
020 3397 9018  
@euphonicalive

**Sternberg Clarke**

sales@sternbergclarke.co.uk  
020 8877 1102  
@sternbergclarke





# Recommended Suppliers

We do not have a fixed list of suppliers for the service types noted below so you are more than welcome to source your own for these areas of service. However, here are some suppliers that we strongly recommend from our experience.

## PHOTO AND VIDEO

**Anthony Chok Photographer**  
info@anthonychokphotography.com  
07956 862 776  
@anthonychokphotography

**Matt Chung Photography**  
mattchungphoto@gmail.com  
07940 278 679  
@mattchungphoto

**Eye Jogia Photography**  
info@eyejogia.com  
07985 84 84 83  
@eyejogia\_photo\_cinema

**The Makers Film + Photography**  
valentin@themakers.co.uk  
07446910509  
@themakers.uk

**Joshua Tucker Photography**  
josh@joshuatuckerphotography.com  
@joshuatuckerphotography

**twobytwo Event Photography**  
noah@twobytwo.co  
0773 842 7713  
@noahtwobytwo

## EVENT AND WEDDING PLANNERS

**ARC Events**  
hello@arc.events  
0208 947 8245  
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**SW Events**  
hello@swevents.uk  
020 7127 8483  
@sweventsuk

**Moriarty Events**  
info@moriartyevents.com  
020 3239 6025  
@moriartyevents

**Golborne Collection**  
natalia@thegolbornecollection.com  
07899 935 776  
@thegolbornecollection

## FURNITURE HIRE

**Velvet Living**  
info@velvetliving.co.uk  
0208 947 8245  
@velvetliving





# Contact

We would love to talk to you about holding your event at the Young V&A, please do contact the Corporate and Private Events Team for further information.

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