

Discover

Children's Story Centre

Venue Hire





A unique venue for events, meetings, and product and book launches

Discover is an award-winning interactive literature venue providing creative learning opportunities for children aged 0-11 years and their parents/carers. The Centre was set up in 1997 and opened in 2003 following consultation with local parents, children and educationalists to provide a safe place to play and learn in the local area. Discover provides participatory activities on its Story Worlds, presents events with leading authors and illustrators, and creates unique immersive exhibitions and performances. The Centre delivers an extensive community and education programme targeting vulnerable and disadvantaged children, focussing on developing literacy, oracy and listening through stories and children's literature.

Discover offers a range of versatile and affordable spaces for you to hold your meeting or event, within our extraordinary Edwardian building.

Discover is located on Stratford High Street, minutes away from Stratford's transport hub, including Central Line, Jubilee Line, DLR, London Overground, TFL and regional and national rail and bus services. Discover is only 15 minutes from London's City Centre and is ideally located close to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

By holding your event at Discover you will be supporting our work as a charity.

To make a booking or to discuss your event call us on **020 8536 5555** or email **bookings@discover.org.uk**.



Story World

Location: First Floor **Dimensions: 11m x 8.5m**
Capacity: 120

With lots of exciting spaces to explore, our **First Floor Story World** was designed by Discover in conjunction with award-winning illustrator **Jim Field** (*Oi Frog!, Oi Dog!*).

This beautiful space includes lots for children and adults to do, including adventures on the Sky Bridge, manning the control panel in the Observatron and counting the curious 'Hootah' birds. It features a cloud-themed seating area perfect for storytelling or presenting to your guests.

Please note that catering cannot be provided in this space.



Story Garden

Location: Ground Floor **Dimensions: 10m x 13m**
Capacity: 100

Host an event outside in our Story Garden, full of exciting exhibits and play spaces for children to explore. Slide down a monster's tongue, make music and have adventures in our pirate ship or space craft.

The garden also features a raised patio area perfect for picnics and refreshments. Tables, chairs and umbrellas can be provided in this space.



Exhibition Studio

Location: Lower Ground Floor **Dimensions:** 17m x 8m
Capacity: 60

Changing once every six months to a year, our interactive exhibitions immerse families in the world of their favourite authors. Our current exhibition, *The Fantastic World of Dr. Seuss*, features *The Cat in the Hat* house, a *Green Eggs and Ham* Tea Party, Truffula Trees and the Thneed Factory from *The Lorax* and the chance to play croquet and create music with the Boom Band from *Oh, The Places You'll Go!*

Previous exhibitions have explored work by Oliver Jeffers and Michael Rosen, and themes such as Journey to Space and Secret Agents.

Please note catering cannot be provided in this space.





Café

Location: First Floor Dimensions: 10.5m x 8m
Capacity: 65

Our light and spacious First Floor Café was created in 2016. Designed to draw upon our building's Edwardian history, whilst including all the modern amenities, it features artwork from illustrators **Ed Vere** and **Sarah Macintyre**.

The space can accommodate up to 65 people and we are able to serve refreshments from our café counter including cakes, sandwiches and hot and cold drinks.



Events Space

Location: Lower Ground Floor Dimensions: 10m x 10m
Capacity: 45 (Boardroom) 80 (Theatre Style)

Our dedicated Events Space on the Lower Ground Floor is perfect for larger-scale events. It is versatile and able to be decorated as you wish, and is fitted with a basic lighting rig, projector and drop-down screen. There is access to running water and private bathrooms in this space.

Our Events Space has hosted everything from meetings to author events and a special Christmas restaurant-themed show.



Meeting Room One

Location: Second Floor **Dimensions: 7m x 6.5m**
Capacity: 25 (Boardroom) 50 (Theatre Style)

Ideal for meetings or rehearsals, this light and flexible room can be laid out in a variety of ways to suit your needs.

Catering can be offered in this space and we are able to provide you with a projector and screen if you require.



Meeting Room Two

Location: Second Floor **Dimensions: 8m x 8m**
Capacity: 25 (Boardroom) 50 (Theatre Style)

The second of our meeting rooms on our quiet Second Floor is available to hire throughout the week.

Please note Meeting Rooms One and Two are separated by a sliding partition wall and can be combined to create a larger space of 15m x 8m with a capacity of up to 80 people.



Book Shop and Reception

Location: Ground Floor

Dimensions: 15m x 8m

Capacity: 80

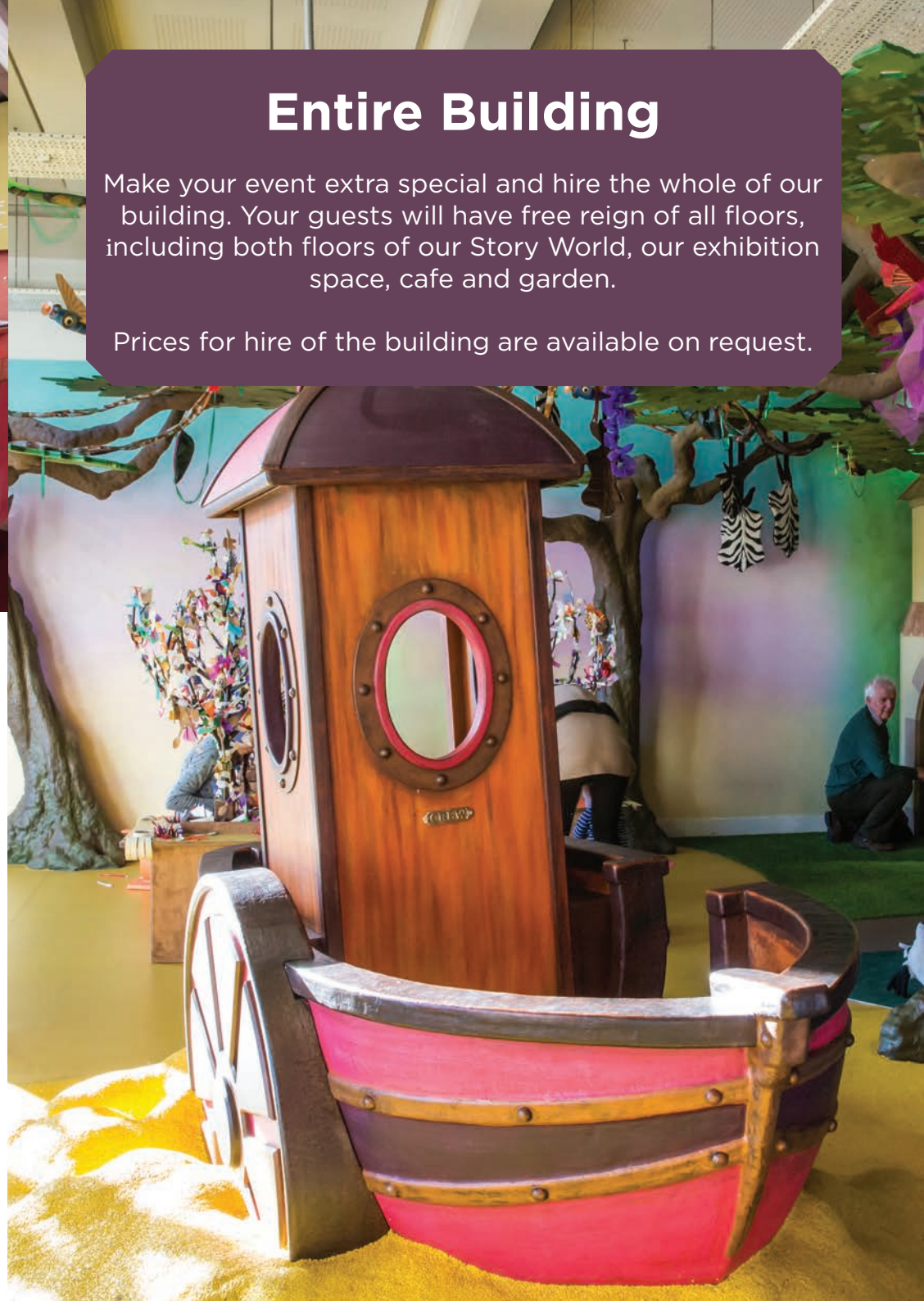
Our Book Shop was voted as one of Time Out's Top Five Children's Bookshops in London in 2016.

This light, bright and colourful space is perfect for book or product launches, and is conveniently located just inside the entrance to our building.

Entire Building

Make your event extra special and hire the whole of our building. Your guests will have free reign of all floors, including both floors of our Story World, our exhibition space, cafe and garden.

Prices for hire of the building are available on request.



Facilities and Management

Host:

When you book with us you will be assigned a host who will be on hand to help you throughout your event - from setting out the room and making sure you have everything you need, to arranging refreshments and greeting you and your guests.

Access:

Discover is a multi-sensory centre suitable for anyone with visual or hearing impairments. There is ramp access for wheelchairs or buggies and a lift serving each floor. There is an accessible toilet on every level, and our ground floor accessible toilet is equipped with a height adjustable changing bench and ceiling track hoist system.

Equipment:

Projectors, screens, laptops, flip charts and whiteboards can be provided on request.

Refreshments:

Discover is able to provide a selection of hot drinks and biscuits, or freshly baked cakes from our on site cafe. We are also able to provide more extensive catering, based on a discussion of your specific requirements.

Booking:

To book a room or to discuss your event please call us on 020 8536 5555 (Mon-Fri 10am-5pm) or email bookings@discover.org.uk.

Room Hire Hourly Rates

Room Name	Dimensions (approx)	Capacity (Board-room)	Capacity (Theatre Style)	Commercial Rate (incl. of VAT)	Charity Rate (incl. of VAT)
Story World	11m x 8.5m	N/A	120	Price available upon request	
Story Garden	10m x 13m	N/A	100		
Exhibition Studio	17m x 8m	N/A	60		
Café	10.5m x 8m	35	65	£150.00	£125.00
Events Space	10m x 10m	45	80	£100.00	£85.00
Book Shop	15m x 8m	N/A	80	£150.00	£125.00
Meeting Room 1	7m x 6.5m	25	50	£40.00	£34.00
Meeting Room 2	8m x 8m	25	50	£40.00	£34.00
Rooms 1 & 2	15m x 8m	45	80	£100.00	£85.00

Staffing and Other Costs

Supervisor (Host)	£16.00 per hour
Visitor Services Assistant	£14.00 per hour
A selection of hot drinks and biscuits	£2.50 per head
Buffet catering	Price upon request

To confirm your hire, you must pay a £50 deposit within one week of making the reservation. The remaining fees must be paid at least three weeks prior to the hire date.

Please note there will be additional costs for staffing and cleaning if the event takes place outside of hours 10am - 5pm.

Getting Here



Discover is five minutes from Stratford's Jubilee Line, Central Line, Overground, National Rail and Bus Services (routes 25, 86, 108, 425, D8, 257, 308, 104, 238, 241, 262, 158, 473, 276, UL1 and 69).

Parking is available at the Stratford Shopping Centre, E15 1BB, or Westfield (10 min walk).

Discover is open every day, 10am-5pm.

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