



HOSPITALFIELD FOR HIRE

Dedicated to contemporary art and ideas, Hospitalfield is a place to work, study, learn, visit and enjoy.

This is your handbook for hiring this very special place for your event, study programme, party, meeting, wedding or any other idea you might have.

Background

Hospitalfield is an artist's house in Arbroath with a captivating cultural and social history that spans many hundreds of years. The fantastical Arts & Crafts house that Hospitalfield is today was the project of artist Patrick Allan-Fraser and his wife Elizabeth. Between 1843 and 1890, on the site of a Benedictine monastery, they accumulated their collections of art and created their highly crafted vision. On Patrick's death in 1890 the estate was left in trust as a place of learning for artists, and in 1902 became one of Scotland's first art schools.

Hospitalfield is renowned internationally as a place for the production of art and the support of artists. Our programmes are rooted in the visual arts yet we host many other creative practitioners through our residency programmes and public commissions.

Planning

We like to work with you at every stage to manage your event, we know how important it is to get it just right.

Catering

The produce from this fertile and sunny coast give us easy access to the best fresh food for all our catering. Our kitchens produce delicious menus for a wide range of functions. We offer the same creative approach to an impressive celebratory dinner for between 12 and 80 guests as we do for a study group of 25 or more staying for several days. We happily accommodate all sorts of dietary requirements.

Location

Hospitalfield is well located for all forms of travel: Arbroath is on the main east coast train line and we are just 5 minutes from the train station by taxi, 15 miles north of Dundee. We can advise if you need a bus, a taxi or hire vehicles from airports in Glasgow, Edinburgh or Aberdeen.

Work

We can offer the use of historic rooms with lovely Arts & Crafts 19th-century interiors, or those that are more simply decorated. In sunnier months, the options include the use of the walled gardens and sheltered courtyards.

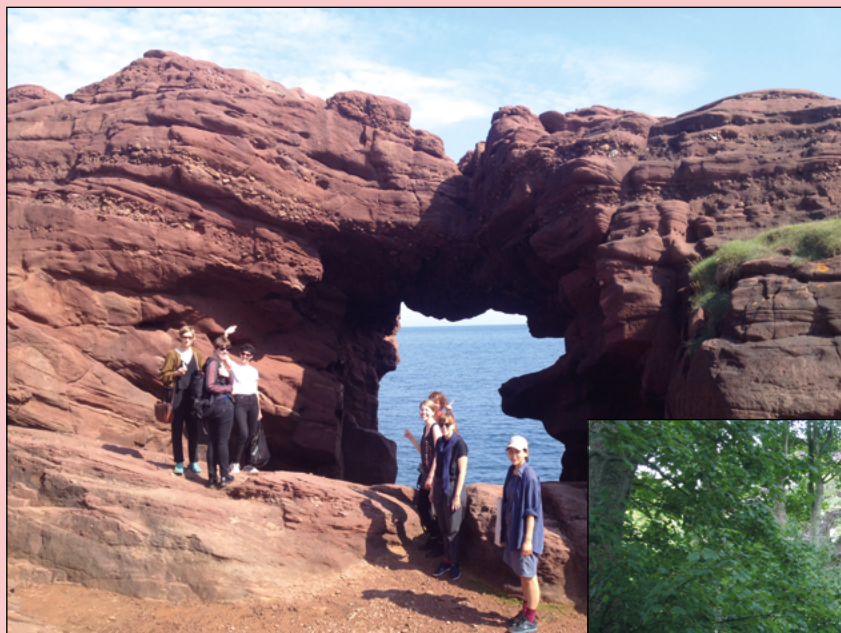
The Picture Gallery can be used as a large and impressive space for your AGM, presentation or workshop, with the adjacent Cedar Gallery and Ante Room acting as ideal break out rooms.



“Your input and approach was much appreciated and made our unusual event possible in your spectacular venue.”

Kate Givan, Programme Coordinator, Architecture + Design Scotland

Photos: Laura Simpson & Architecture + Design Scotland



Photos clockwise from top left: Giles Bailey,
Laura Simpson, Joanne Fagan

Study & Learn

Whether it's a day trip or a residential visit, we are positive that we can offer an inspiring location for conferences, residential study days, academic research retreats, professional network meetings, rehearsals, reading weeks, creative workshops, the list goes on...

The Drawing Room & Dining Room, offer a perfect environment for a business development meeting or workshop. You could also make use of the Artists' Studios, a series of fascinating buildings that provide the focal point for the residency programmes at Hospitalfield.

"The food was delicious; I'd thoroughly recommend Hospitalfield House to anyone planning a special event"

Maureen Fagen

Visit & Enjoy

There are many options for your celebration, party or gig at Hospitalfield. This has always been a home for artists and creative people, so it is likely that the architecture and design of the building, the lovely grounds and courtyards, will give you the ideas you need to imagine and plan your event.

All around us is the lovely landscape of Angus; the beaches and rocky coast line make for wonderful walks to punctuate your visit. The Abbey in the centre of the town is the starting point towards understanding just how important the history of this region is.

"Thank you for making our wedding such a special and intimate day. Everything was beautiful."

Mr & Mrs McGhie





Photo: Laura Simpson

Notes & Queries

Here are some answers to frequently asked questions:

- We have accommodation available for up to 26 people for study trips, reading weeks, research presentations and other types of residential visits
- Catering is exclusively prepared by our chef. We use fresh local produce to create delicious food. We are always delighted to work with you to accommodate special menus and specific food requirements
- We have a fully licenced bar and can provide guidance through our wine supplier on selection of wines for all occasions
- We host a small number of weddings per year with between 25 and 110 guests depending on the scale of the rooms selected
- Parking is available on site
- For meetings we can provide data projectors, screens, flip charts and we have fast and free open wi-fi throughout the building
- For weddings & parties we can recommend musicians, flower arrangers & photographers. We like to use flowers from the garden rather than bought where we can
- We are VAT registered



Future Plan

We are planning to restore the heritage and develop new buildings which will make Hospitalfield a better resource for the arts and ensure that we can host visitors ever more generously.

One of the highest priorities is the quality of residential accommodation. The designs for a new building with ten bedrooms and a lovely meeting and dining room area has been drawn up by our architects Caruso St John. This sensitively designed and sustainable building that we call The Greens will offer us the opportunity to host many more people throughout the year. To the west of the house and beside the clock tower, the existing cottage will be redesigned to provide excellent self-catering accommodation within the footprint of the old house.

We will restore the walled gardens and Victorian glass house, including the fernery. Designed and built c.1870, this is the only building of its kind on the east coast of Scotland built at the height of the popularity for fern collecting.

All this and other capital works will make Hospitalfield a unique place to visit and a wonderful and interesting destination to stay, study and hold your wedding celebration or party.

This is a place with an astonishing cultural history that you can be a part of.



The organisations, institutions and individuals who hire Hospitalfield represent an invaluable network of people who get to know and love this place as much as we do, many returning again and again.

Hospitalfield is a registered charity, our aims are to support art and education in the arts. We make over sixty percent of our income through our Hospitalfield for Hire activity. All of the income is invested back in to the running costs and maintenance of the lovely grounds and highly crafted buildings.



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