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The Gallery

If you require any further assistance, please call our Technical Department on 0191 4541234 (ext. 235).

The newly refurbished Customs House Gallery, now boasts the latest lighting, sound and visual effects technology, in increasingly accessible surroundings, which will enable us to display the growing number of audio/visual arts. As well as offering a space that is attractive to artists and their work, we want The Customs House Gallery to be accommodating to everyone in the local community.

The state of the art architectural lighting rig enables individual artworks to be lit in isolation, at any level and with any colour mix. There are two intelligent, computer controlled Robo lights that can provide a variety of effects around the gallery. Motorised blinds change the ambient lighting conditions to suit the varying exhibition requirements.

There is a four zone sound system that can be operated independently to provide either commentary and/or music in the various gallery spaces.

A video projector and 42" plasma screen will enable us to participate in the growing popularity of audio-visual art. Motorised blinds that can be used to manipulate the appearance of the Gallery. Other electronic display equipment is also available such as laptop computers, a digital video projector, CD/DVD player, Mini Disc, and an MP3 player.

Great emphasis has been placed on improving our access for people with mobility restrictions so in addition to the lift from ground floor to Main Gallery, there is also chair lift access the second floor Fusion Gallery. Magnetic door catches have been installed on the Main Gallery doors to facilitate easier entrance for wheelchair users.

An audio-descriptive system that will provide detailed explanations about the artwork and its inspiration, to the blind or partially sighted, while also enhancing the experience of those with hearing impairments through amplification of sound. This is state of the art technology and we are one of the first venues in the country to use it.

All of these features are produced by the latest digital signal technology, and controlled by laptop computer.



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