



The Glasshouse
International
Centre for Music

Music lives and grows here



Conferences and Events

Make it iconic



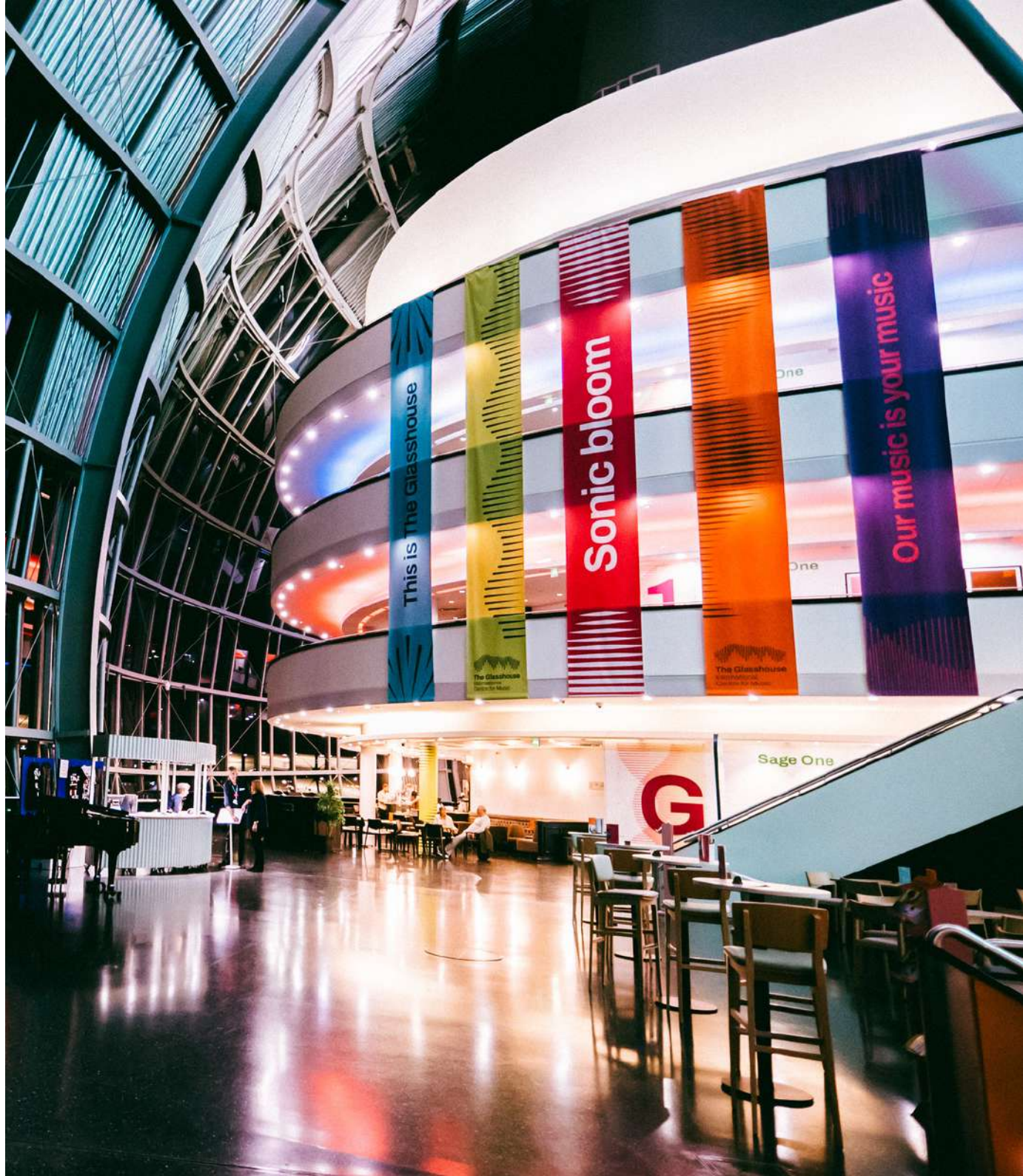
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Feet stop. Eyes pop. Jaws drop.

That's what we all want, isn't it? Events that make people feel something. Or do something. And that's what we create every single day.

Our spectacular glass-fronted venue is perched on the banks of the River Tyne. With the breathtaking backdrop of Newcastle's city skyline, The Glasshouse International Centre for Music is the perfect setting for any conference or event.





Curve culture

Our one-of-a-kind curved structure is home to two auditoriums, flat-floored function rooms and distinctive breakouts.

Our crowning glory? The large central Concourse used for exhibitions, dinners and parties. All under one roof, with our own production crew and in-house catering.

We offer event spaces with specialist-designed auditorium acoustics and state-of-the-art facilities, in a building sprung from the imagination of the renowned Norman Foster & Partners.

Looking for elegant glamour for an awards ceremony? A prestigious place for your international medical convention or political conference? Or the buzz for your brand launch? The versatility of this amazing place will astound you.



A room with a view



The Glasshouse is *the* venue in the North East. You can stand at any one of our five balconies and soak up the view.

This venue packs in the personality. Take a look out of our windows and everywhere you look you'll see iconic structures...

Anyone who's ever ran, or watched the Great North Run will instantly recognise the famous Tyne Bridge.

Gateshead's stunning Millennium bridge is not just an engineering spectacular, you can have it lit in your event colours, adding an extra wow factor!

Or perhaps you can spot one of the most famous sporting grounds in the world on the horizon, St James' Park.

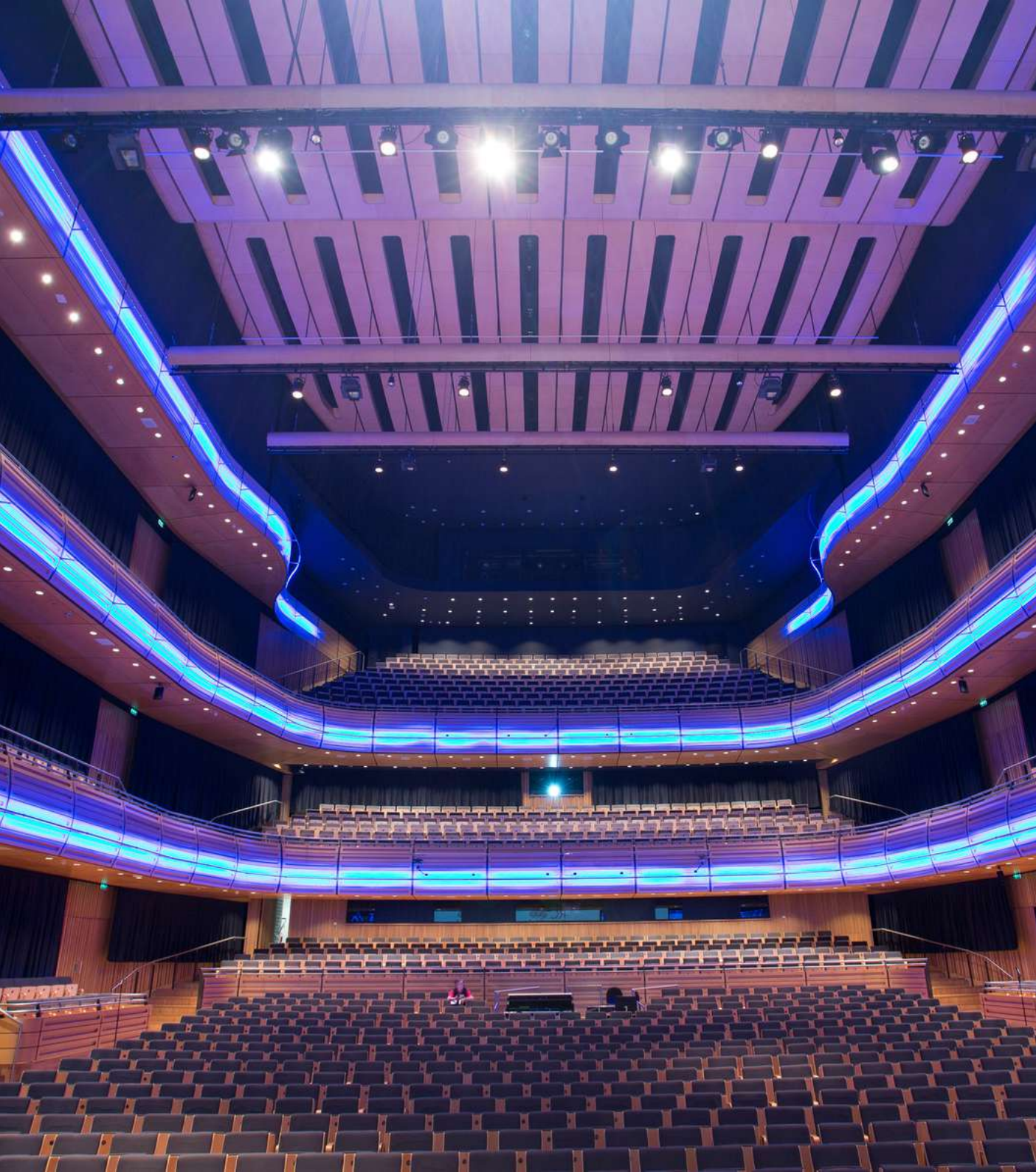


Concourse

The central Concourse area presents views that sets the venue and region apart. It's an open, light, and airy space and is loved by all visitors.

With no two panes of glass the same, our specialist window cleaners keep them sparkling, scaling the building Tom Cruise style!





Auditoriums

Once inside the actual auditoriums, you'll be amazed. It's a truly magnificent space. You'll want to take a moment to absorb the sights and sounds of everything the space has to offer.

Sage One **Seating for 1640**

The three-tiered, wooden panelled hall, with its large centre stage gives a majestic feel, whilst encouraging creativity in your event. There's loads of tech in here too. Always wanted to try gig-level production on your conference? Now is your chance.

Sage One includes three foyer bar spaces, en-suite dressing rooms, projection booths, flexible staging, hospitality suites and meeting pods.

Sage Two

Seating for 330

Inside Sage Two, you'll immediately appreciate an atmospheric warmth. It's created by the ten-sided design and specialist lighting. No matter where guests sit, they feel part of the event.

The possibilities feel endless, from classic staging to in-the-round for a truly immersive experience.

Sage Two includes a foyer bar, en-suite dressing room, projection booth and flexible staging.





Northern Rock Foundation Hall Seating for 200

Our third auditorium is the Northern Rock Foundation Hall. It has a dramatic feel, with impressive 10m high ceilings, wood-panelled walls and stunning full-length windows looking out onto the Concourse. It's a flat-floored space with a built-in truss rig so really flexible in layout.

The acoustics of the room are designed for orchestral rehearsals - mirroring the acoustics of our main auditorium. With an event in here you know you'll be taking advantage of that sound quality and tech kit.

Barbour Room Seating for 250

For a conference or event that requires flexibility to its set up, the Barbour Room provides space for 40-250 delegates. It is set back from the main Concourse area of the venue with a private glass balcony overlooking the Tyne Bridge.

There's space for networking and drinks, and, most importantly, it gives the perfect backdrop for that Instagram selfie or press shot. Plus, this room can be divided into two separate spaces in the time it takes for a tea break.



Exclusive events

You can hire our venue for full, exclusive use. It's ideal for large conferences with exhibitions and for those who want to really take-over the building with their own brand.

In addition to all the halls and conference spaces in the venue, exclusive hire also gives you extra opportunities for networking, breakouts and catering.

Squires Room

Situated just off the Concourse, this business suite can hold 30. It's an ideal space for a speaker preview room, media room or production office. It comes with a large plasma screen and speakers. Need a Teams or Zoom call? It's all ready for you, just plug in and go.

Just outside the Squires Room is our business centre - Squires Meeting Space. Perfect for charging laptops and sending all important emails!





Concourse

1,800m² exhibition space on our bright Concourse, plus our balcony foyers for receptions, posterboards, exhibitions and catering.

Meeting and Hospitality Pods

Located around the outside of Sage One, these unique spaces are ideal for VIPs, office spaces, interview rooms, or reception areas. Some pods are equipped as standard with large plasma screens and all of them have an audio feed from the auditoriums. Suggested uses: laptop lounges, a private prayer room or baby feeding space.

Backstage access

Exclusive hire of the building includes full access to all our en-suite dressing rooms located backstage. These spaces are ideal as production offices, VIP speaker rooms or storage. You also have direct access to the purpose-built loading bay from our backstage corridor.



Bold branding

We understand that every detail of your event reflects your brand's reputation. It's why we love getting creative with branding opportunities. We'll work to deliver above and beyond your conference expectations.

From personalised hall lighting displays to logo vinyl on the floor, your branding can be seen from top to bottom of our building. You can really make the venue your own.



Event support

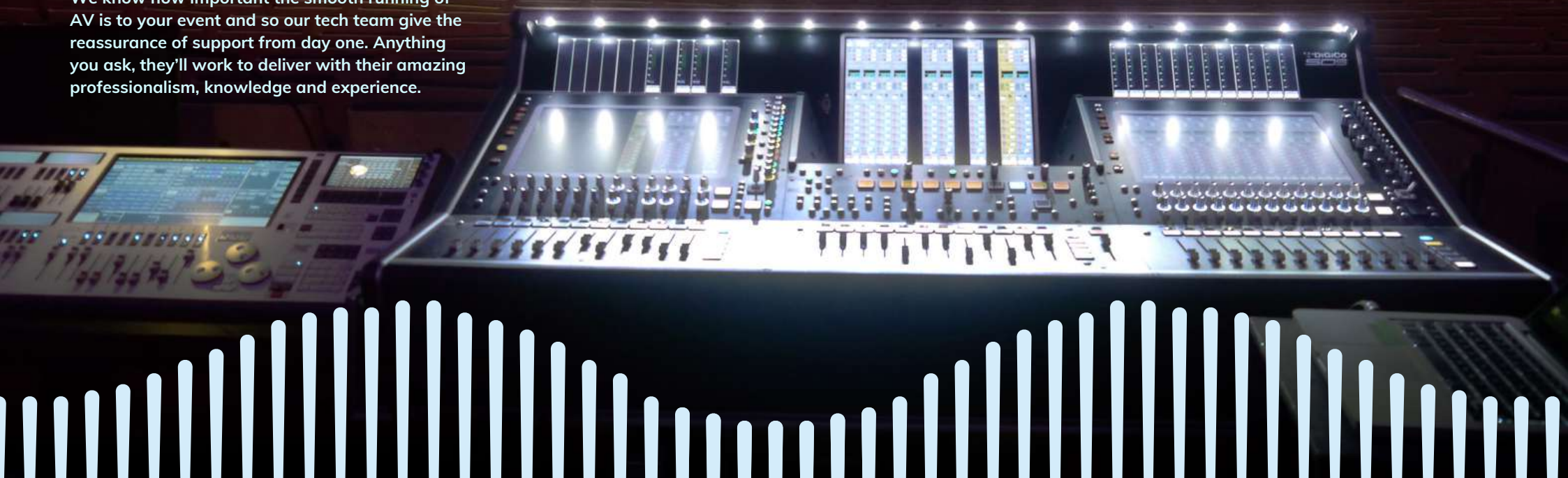
As a team we are always working to wow each person who comes through our doors. Whether that be in relation to event management, AV, or the catering element of your event, our 'can do' attitude is a breath of fresh air to our clients.

Our venue is independent. It means that we have the freedom to adapt to our clients and what they need. And we love being challenged with new ideas. We're event professionals – it's what we do.

We'll work alongside you, right from your initial enquiry to event delivery, ensuring that you and your event are well looked after, across every detail.

Audio visual

We know how important the smooth running of AV is to your event and so our tech team give the reassurance of support from day one. Anything you ask, they'll work to deliver with their amazing professionalism, knowledge and experience.





Food and beverage

We understand the importance of quality food and beverage to any event.

We focus on seasonality, sustainability and love highlighting our regional produce. We hate food waste, and work hard to reduce our carbon footprint. Dietary requirements are taken in our stride and a minimum of 50% of our standard menus are vegan or vegetarian.

All our menus can be customised to suit your needs. If posh dining is your thing, we'll put on our airs and graces. If you'd rather a chippy tea, we know how to do the Friday weekend feel – tomato sauce and all.

Creative thinking. Planet loving. Net zero 2030.

We don't believe goals should just be met; we surpass them. Our pledge to be net zero by 2030 is 20 years ahead of the government's target.

We are smashing our Environmental Impact Reduction Objectives (EIROs) and we continue to deliver best environmental practice. And we're here to help you create joyful, impactful, and sustainable events.

- Heat and power generated locally by Gateshead District Energy scheme
- No single use plastic
- Local and ethically sustainable suppliers
- LED lighting
- Sustainable equipment, print and venue decoration
- Electric car charging point
- Ample public bike racks
- Extensive recycling programme
- Our dedication to reducing food waste means we donate any excess produce to local food charities.
- In-house Green Team





Everyone is welcome

- when we say that we really mean it. The awards we've won for accessibility tell us we're on the right track.

- Staff trained in best practice around dementia awareness, neurodiversity, LGBTQIA+
- Level access to all areas
- Lift access throughout
- Wheelchairs available
- Wheelchair-level counters, door handles & lift buttons
- Wheelchair assistance
- Monitored light levels to assist those with visual impairment
- Braille lift buttons and handrails
- Assistance animals welcome
- Sennheiser hearing loop
- Changing Places facilities
- 35 accessible toilets
- Adult changing/showering areas
- Male, female and gender-neutral toilets
- Options for prayer rooms, feeding rooms, relaxed space
- 270 onsite car parking bays with 35 Accessible spaces
- Free cloakroom and registration desk
- Free wifi
- Café and shop

Music lives and grows here

And most of all, everyone at The Glasshouse is here to help.

And the cherry? We're a charity.

As well as home to conferences and events, The Glasshouse is an established international music venue.

We are a charity, empowering and inspiring people through music. The income from our conference and events programme goes directly to our charity.

And as a charity we're focused on making sure all of that is available to anyone – no matter where you're from, how old you are, how much money you have, or what challenges you face.



**So, your event will
make a difference as
well as an impression.**

Making the most of your visit

Known for its friendly welcome, high concentration of museums, galleries, independent music venues, comedy clubs, nightlife, passionate sport supporters and Geordie humour, Newcastle Gateshead is a vibrant city. Its full of culture and The Glasshouse proudly plays its part.

The building is instantly recognisable, a landmark on the river. And our region isn't standing still. Developments right across the city and Quayside continue. With the addition of venues, hotels, restaurants and shops, the experience offered to you just keeps getting better.

There are super speedy rail connections (less than three hours to London) and plenty of flights heading in and out of Newcastle international airport, all of which bring you within a 10-30 minute drive from The Glasshouse.

On our doorstep are hotels to suit everyone and all of which will ensure your stay with us feels like home from home.



Don't just take our word for it

"Excellent venue and a great team; perfect for this conference."

NHS R&D Forums Annual Conference

"Always a pleasure to work with Chris and the team. We have developed an excellent relationship over the years we've been delivering this event. Communication is always timely, and any queries or concerns are addressed swiftly and to our satisfaction."

#INSPIRE Gateshead Schools Dance

"Everything about the event was spectacular and this was in no small part due the brilliant staff who made it all come to life. They are a dream to work with and we're looking forward to returning next year."

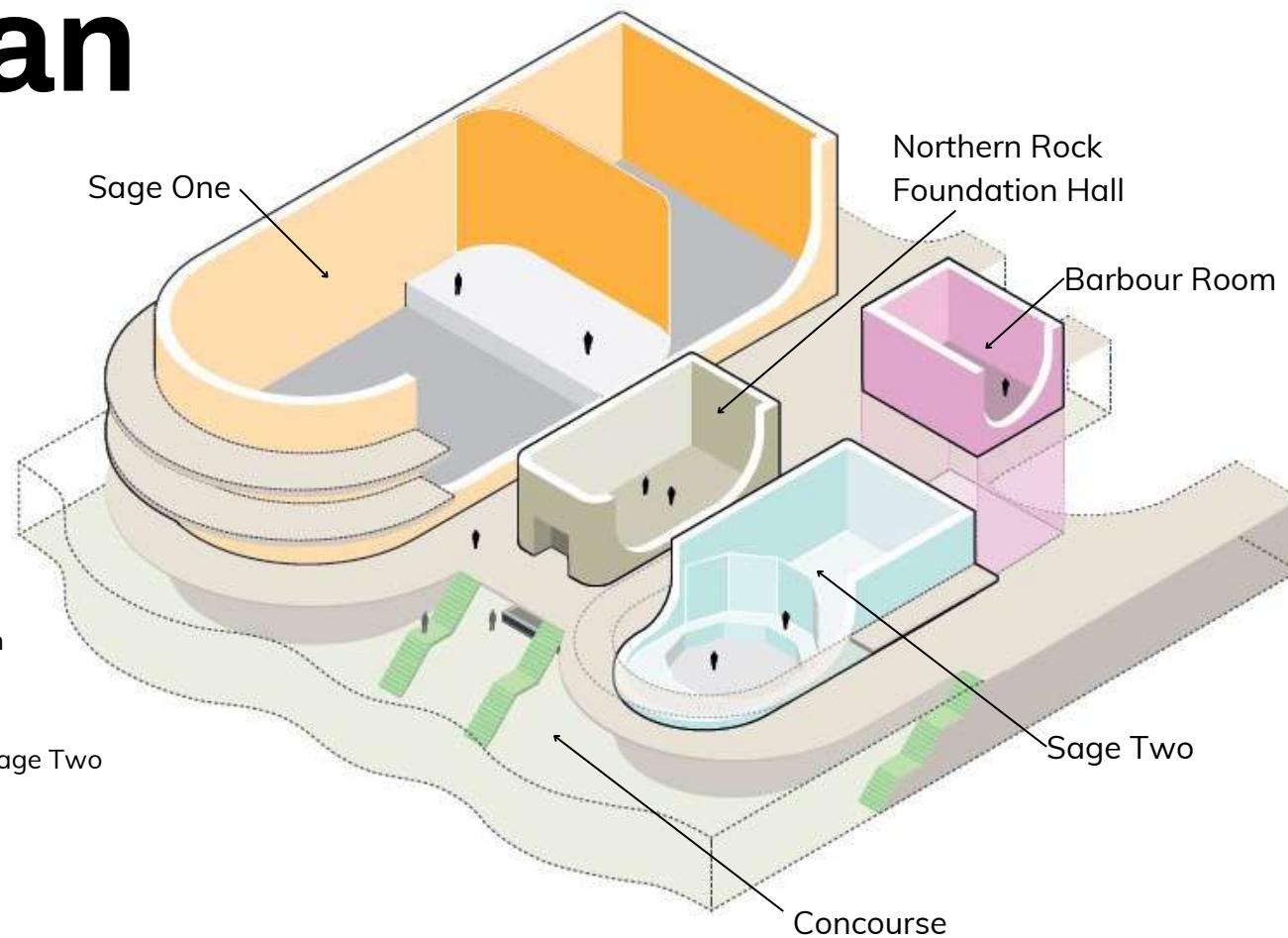
North Tyneside Learning Trust

"Chris & Nicola were top class. The surgeons who organised were delighted with the standard of the event."

The Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain & Ireland (ACPGBI) North-East Chapter Meeting



Building plan



Concourse Level

Entry to building on ground level, welcome desk, cloakroom

Level One

Access to Sage One, Northern Rock Foundation Hall and Sage Two

Level B

Access to Barbour Room

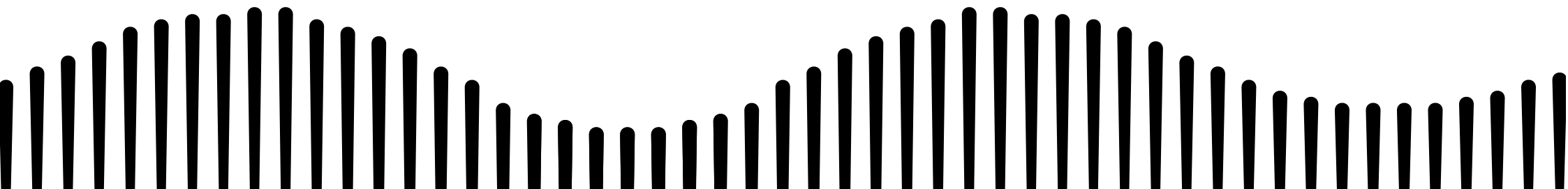
Level Two & Three

Access to the second and third tiers of Sage One including Meeting Pods

Make Music Centre

Access to Make Music Centre, lower ground floor

*All spaces can be accessed via stairs or lift and we have braille handrails and lift buttons.



Capacities

Spaces	Theatre style	Classroom	Cabaret (8 per table)	U-shape	Boardroom	Banquet (10 per table)	Standing reception	Exhibition	Natural light
Sage One	1,640	-	-	~	-	-	-	-	No
Sage Two	330	-	-	-	-	-	290	-	No
Northern Rock Foundation Hall	200	56	96	30	50	120	230	230m ²	Yes
Barbour Room	250	120	112	36	60	140	250	258m ²	Yes
Barbour West	130	-	64	28	44	80	-	-	Yes
Barbour East	60	-	40	16	28	50	-	yes	
Squires Room	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	No
Meeting Pod	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	No
Concourse	-	-	400	-	~	500	-	1,800m ²	Yes
Balcony Foyer	-	-	-	-	~	~	200	-	Yes

Accessible venue	Parking	Accessible parking	Exhibition space	WI-FI	Air conditioning	Restaurant/bar
Yes	260	35	Variable	Yes	Yes	Yes

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