



Dovecot

Venue Hire



Dovecot Venue Hire

Dovecot's unique venue offers more than just space; it is an environment with a creative backdrop and intriguing history which provokes thought and inspires visitors.

Dovecot Studios is a unique and atmospheric building situated in the heart of Edinburgh's historic Old Town. The Old Infirmary Street Baths underwent a renovation in 2008, transforming into the building that we know and love today – a bright, open space with a ton of character. Dovecot can accommodate a broad range of unique events from small intimate banquets, to larger drinks receptions, awards ceremonies, conferences and weddings.

Our Events Team are dedicated to delivering a bespoke service and they will work alongside you throughout the planning process and be on hand for the duration of your event to create a memorable experience for you and your guests.

We have a variety of spaces on offer, all of which could be the perfect setting for your event. Our largest space is our impressive Weaving Floor, which is where our team of Weavers work their magic to create fabulous tapestries and tufted rugs. We need to ensure that our team have the time and focus they need, so because of this we have a focus on exclusivity on our Weaving Floor, meaning that it is only cleared once a month for events. This makes it a truly unique venue! We work with a list of trusted nominated suppliers including our caterers.

When you book your event at Dovecot you are contributing toward the charitable mission of the Dovecot Foundation. The Dovecot Foundation was established as a charity in 2010 in order to ensure the long term future of tapestry weaving in Scotland and to build on the legacy and archive of 100 years of Dovecot Tapestry Studio's history.



The Dovecot Story

Dovecot was originally established by 4th Marquess of Bute who invited weavers John Glassbrook and Gordon Berry, from the Wimbledon workshops of William Morris, to Edinburgh in 1912 to establish a weaving studio that would produce tapestries of historic interest for Mount Stuart in Rothesay. The founding Master Weavers' ethos of arts and crafts ideals and weaving skills have been passed on to generations of Dovecot Apprentices to the present day.

The Dovecot symbol represents the 16th century stone pigeon house located in the grounds of the Studio's first home in Corstorphine, Edinburgh. Dovecot Tapestry Studio was incorporated in to The Edinburgh Tapestry Company in 1946, but continued to be known as Dovecot until it faced closure in 2000. Dovecot was re-established in the following year with philanthropic support from Alastair and Elizabeth Salvesen and directed by David Weir.

In 2008 Dovecot Tapestry Studio moved into a stunning new space in the centre of Edinburgh's Old Town. Formerly a disused Victorian swimming baths, it had been languishing on the Buildings at Risk Register for many years. A combination of vision from Dovecot's Director, David Weir, and the financial backing and passion for tapestry from the Salvesens, provided an opportunity to create a new home for Dovecot. The building allows visitors the chance to see contemporary tapestry being made and to view exhibitions that explore different aspects of the Studio's activities.



Event Name: **Scottish Government**

Proposed Dates: **1st and 3rd of May**

Timings: **26th and 18th of May**
9 am – 5 pm

Status: **No on Hold**

Anticipated Attendees: • 40 – 50

Event Format: • Meeting Cabaret style

Today's date 18/04/2023

Date	Function Type	Start	End	Venue / space	Attendees / maximum capacity
May 2023	Meeting	09:00	17:00	Ladies Bath	40 - 50

	Delegates / Venues	Per Person / Hire cost	Total
Venue Hire: Ladies Bath (usually £800.00 + VAT)	Full Day Hire	██████	██████
Catering Package: Awaiting catering proposal	1	Quoted separately	Quoted separately
Other: 2 Speaker PA System with 2 hand-held mics Projector Hire	1 1	██████ ██████	██████ ██████
Upgrades: Exhibition Tours, Curator Talks	-	Additional costs applies	Additional costs applies
TOTAL (GBP): All rates excludes VAT at the prevailing rate.			██████ + VAT

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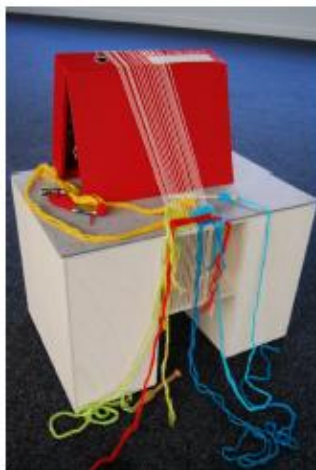
What's Included

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- Ladies Bath for meeting and catering
- Complimentary delegate Wi-Fi throughout the Studio
- Free access to our Viewing Balcony Gallery weekdays between 12pm and 3pm
- Exhibition discount for all meeting and event delegates at the day of the event (*subject to availability* [Art Design and Textiles Exhibitions - Dovecot Studios](#))
- Dedicated Planner on hand throughout the planning process
- Dedicated event design team through Hickory on-hand throughout the planning process
- Exclusive use of our Weaving Wool Spools for table decorations in an array of colours

Not included in venue hire costs:

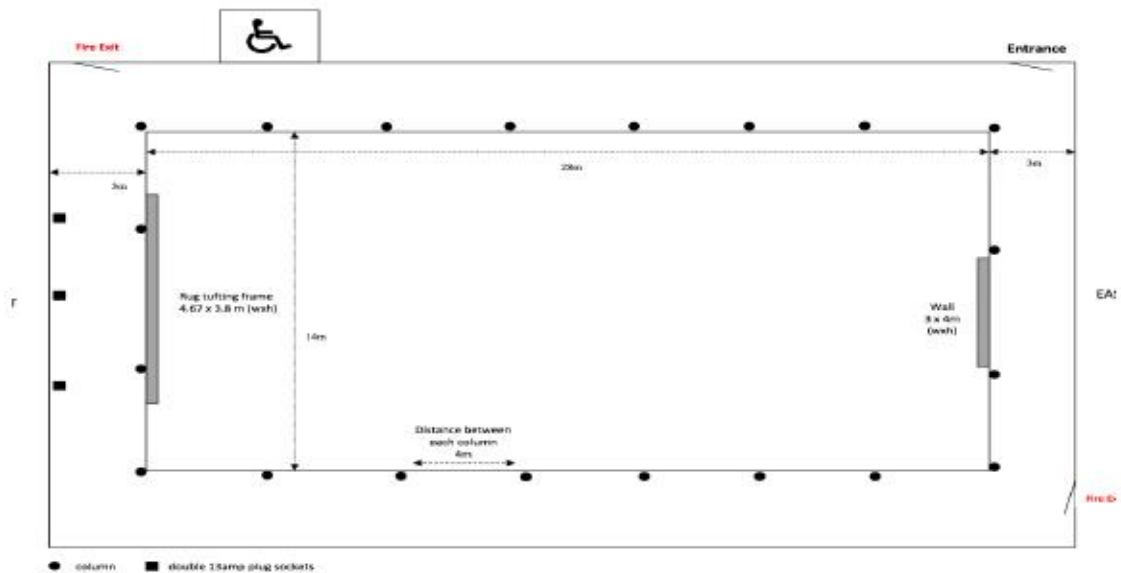
- Catering and refreshments
- Linen and bespoke furniture
- LED Up-lighters
- Audio Visual equipment





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Viewing Balcony



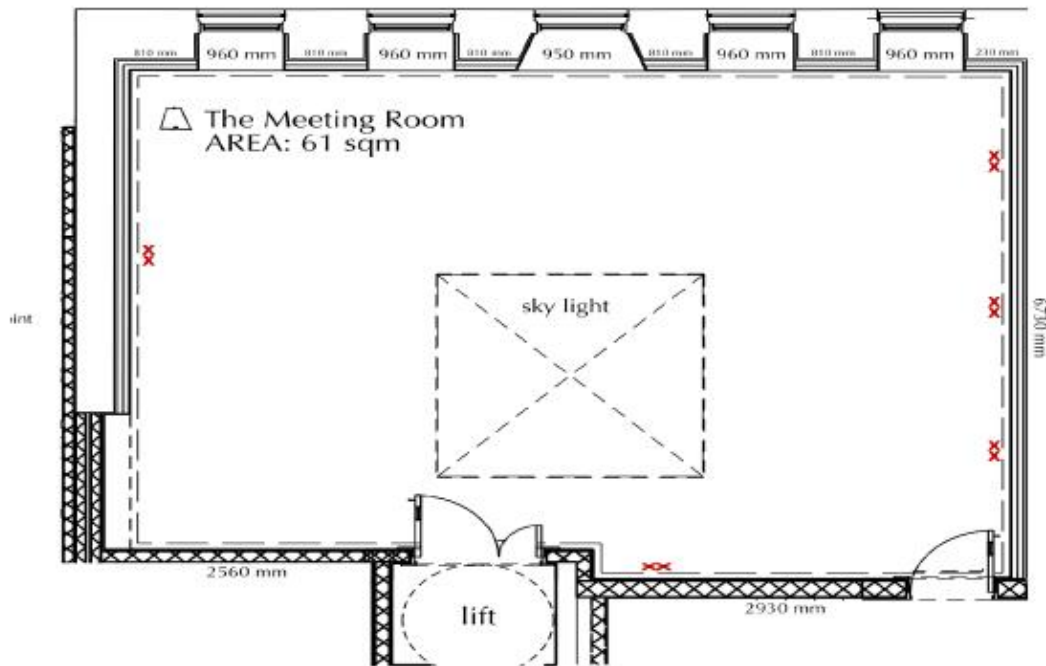
Framed by the original vaulted ceiling of a Victorian Swimming Pool, the Viewing Balcony combines historic features with contemporary style to create a light and atmospheric setting for drinks receptions and dinners.

With a stunning view over Dovecot Tapestry Studio, the Viewing Balcony is a memorable setting for special events.



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Meeting Room

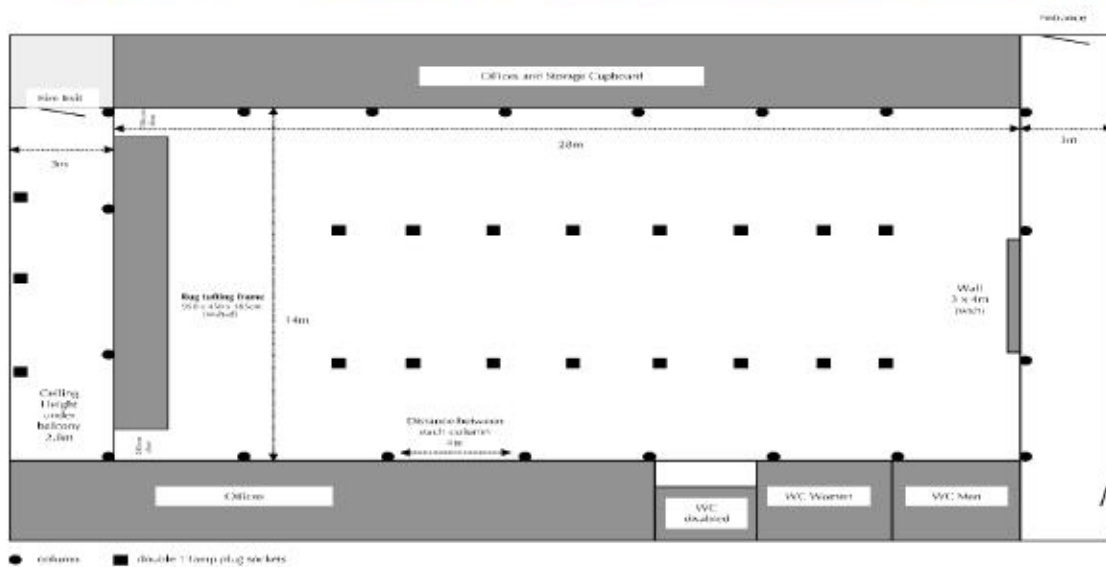


Flooded with natural light from an overhead skylight, and a row of beautiful arched windows, the Meeting Room lends itself perfectly for any event.



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Weaving Floor



The Weaving Floor is the most sought after and exclusive of Dovecot's spaces, not least due to its stunning Victorian vaulted ceiling and colourful wool spool wall displays.

You can also make use of the Viewing Balcony space (included in full day rate) to extend your event area and really wow your guests.



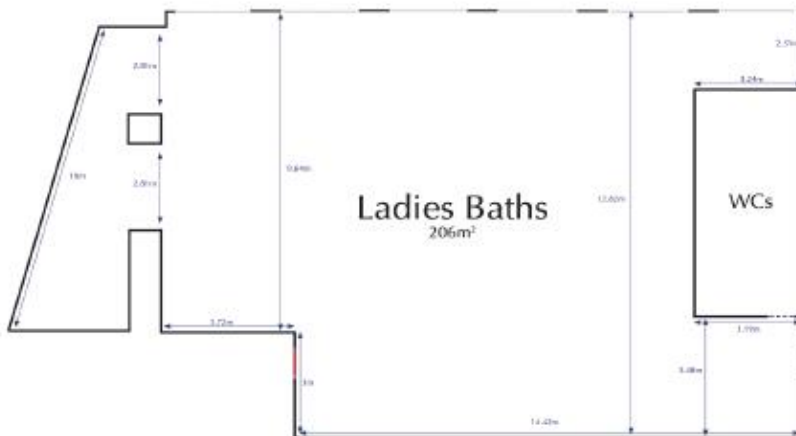
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Ladies Bath



Floor Plan with Wall Lengths

..... Door - - - - Fire Exit ——— Window



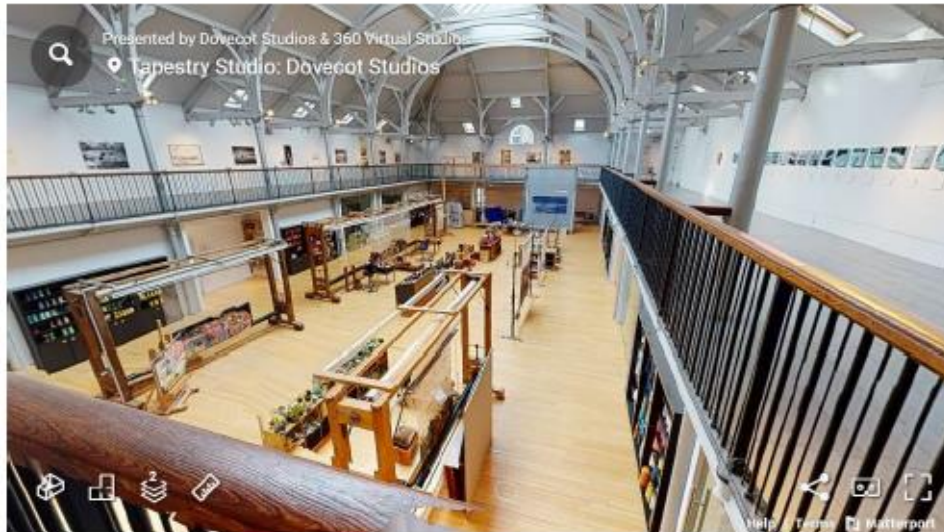
With a skylight and original Victorian arches, the contemporary Ladies Baths is a blank canvas sure to suit any event.

This large, flexible space is ideal for workshops, receptions, performances, and talks.



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Viewing Balcony Virtual Tour & Apprentice Weaver Video



[Viewing Balcony Virtual Tour](#)



[Ben Hymers, Penelope Dovecot Apprentice Tapestry](#)



Venue Hire Capacity

	Theatre	Reception	Banquet	Dinner Dance	Boardroom	Cabaret	Classroom
Weaving Floor	250	250	180	180	50	144	176
Viewing Balcony	N/A	250	180	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
Ladies Bath	170	175	144	96	18	96	81
Meeting Room	40 (50)	50	30	N/A	24	24	26

Some capacity rates may vary or require additional furniture hire.

*The Weaving Floor is a working Tapestry and Rug tufting Studio, so week-day hires are very limited.

To enquire or request rates, please email events@dovecotstudios.com or phone +44 (0)131 550 3660.

Dovecot's Events Cteam are more than happy to offer assistance and welcome you to view the spaces



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What our clients say about us...

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Queen Margaret University - Annual Scholarship and Awards

“Dovecot Studios has been the venue for our annual Scholarship and Awards reception for the past three years. I cannot think of a more appropriate venue in Edinburgh that reflects Queen Margaret University’s own flagships of creativity and culture and sustainable business. The planning, catering and technical support was second to none with a professional and friendly welcome for all of our guests. Of course we would expect nothing less from QMU Event Management graduates who co-ordinate the programme for the Dovecot Studios.”

Heather Edie, Queen Margaret University Development & Alumni Manager

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Sniffer – Annual Workshops

“Dovecot Studios is a great venue and the staff couldn’t be more helpful. We held three workshops there at the end of 2015 and all went off without a hitch. The building has a great, creative atmosphere, excellent catering and the light, bright meeting spaces really gave a lift to our events. Jane and Leigh ensured all our requirements were taken care of and were on hand for trouble-shooting tweaks during the day. We will definitely be back.”

David Macpherson, Sniffer, Information Support Officer

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WhiteSpace – Christmas Party

“For a night, Dovecot Studios became our very own Studio 54, with the space offering the perfect blank canvas for our themed Christmas Party. The organisers were helpful and flexible, quickly getting on board with our 1970s inspired vision. The food was great. The service was professional. Andy Warhol would have loved it too!”

Emma Jardine, Managing Partner at WhiteSpace

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Generation Scotland – Board Meeting

“Our team booked space at Dovecot Studios for two days, so that we were able to hold our first face-to-face meeting since the beginning of the pandemic. Kim and colleagues could not have been more helpful or accommodating, and went out of their way to ensure we were looked after. Our group had a few dietary requirements which were catered for by Pinkertons without fuss, and the food was of a very high quality all around. The space was airy, bright and suited our needs perfectly. We are sincerely appreciative of how helpful and friendly everyone at Dovecot Studios was, and we will absolutely keep this venue in mind for future meetings. Thank you all again.”

Christie Leven, Generation Scotland

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Our Catering Partner...

At Dovecot we work with some of the best suppliers to create magical and unique experiences, that includes our catering partner **Hickory**.

Hickory are an award-winning business with a focus on quality, creativity and innovation, and a track record for outstanding events.

Taste. Sound. Smell. The incredible little details that catch your eye and make you smile. Be it jaw-dropping canapés for festival VIPs, or scrumptious and sociable bowl food for hundreds of conference delegates.

From the very beginning, Hickory has been on a mission to create indelible memories for all their clients. Every year they will push themselves to raise the bar with the ingenuity of their event design, impeccable management and exemplary, award-winning food.

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No	Venue	Rooms
1	Dovecot Studios	-
2	Ibis Edinburgh South Bridge	259
3	Travelodge Edinburgh Central	
4	Radisson Blu Hotel	
5	Macdonald Holyrood	
6	Hilton Edinburgh Carlton	
7	Apex Grassmarket	169
8	Apex City of Edinburgh	122
9	Apex Waterloo Place	184
10	Wilde – Stayscity Apartments	
11	Radisson Royal Mile	136
12	Balmoral Hotel	188

Dovecot is prominently located on Infirmity Street in Edinburgh's Old Town, close to the National Museum of Scotland, The Festival Theatre and Waverley Train Station.

Transport

Walk

Dovecot is a 10 minute walk from Waverley Train Station, Princes Street, Edinburgh Castle and Holyrood Palace.

Bus

[Lothian Bus routes](#) 3, 3A, 5, 7, 8, 14, 29, 30, 31, 33, 37, 47, X47, 48, X48, 49.

Train

The closest train station is Edinburgh Waverley. From here it is a 10 minute walk or 5 minute taxi journey to Dovecot.

Bicycle

Edinburgh has a number of [cycle lanes and paths](#). Dovecot has a bike rail at the front of the building.

Car

There is 2 hour on-street parking on Infirmity Street. The closest public car park is the NCP car park on Holyrood Road.



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Our Social Responsibilities...

Who we work with and support

The Dovecot Foundation ensures the future of tapestry weaving in Scotland by building on the legacy and archive of 100 years of Dovecot's history and supporting Dovecot helps;

- Provide opportunities for young people to work in the arts
- Develop young apprentices and preserve the art of weaving
- Bring tapestry weaving and the creative arts to a wider audience

At Dovecot we also work with various charities both local and national to help support the wider community and we encourage our visitors to do the same.

Garvald 'Our Joinery and Woodwork workshops craft real change for people with disabilities, and beautiful products everyone can enjoy'

The team at Garvald makes our Hand Turned Wooden Bobbins, made using offcuts from their bigger projects. Each one hand-cut, shaped and finished in their Georgie workshop.

Arthouse Unlimited A charity presenting the autistics talents of adults living with learning and physical disabilities who require varying levels of support. 100% of sales revenue sustains the charity, enabling it to grow and evolve. Their products and artwork can be purchased in our shop

Invisible Cities - "Invisible Neighbourhoods" is a project by Invisible Cities. Every year, we take thousands of tourists and locals on our tours but we also want people to discover their local areas, or lesser known parts of our neighborhoods. Their products and artwork can be purchased in our shop



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The Dovecot Foundation is a registered charity no. SC041370.



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