



Alt Text: Promotional banner for The University of Manchester Innovation Festival 26. White text on a dark purple background reads “Innovation Festival 26” and “5-9 October”. The design features abstract geometric shapes, textured graphic elements, and a photograph of a person speaking at a lectern on stage, alongside a smaller image of people networking at an event.

Sister Auditorium & Networking Space

Access Guide



Alt text: Exterior of the Sister Renold Innovation Hub, showing the building frontage and approach to the entrance from the street, with trees and planting alongside the path



Access at a glance

Step-free access	Yes.
Accessible entrance	Main entrance on Altrincham Street
Floor	Upper Ground / Ground Floor
Lift	Yes
Accessible toilet	Accessible toilet in the main reception area
Quiet space	Meeting Room 2 can be used as a quiet room; confirm availability for the event.
Hearing support	Y — auditorium hearing loop
Assistance dogs welcome	Yes

Location and arrival

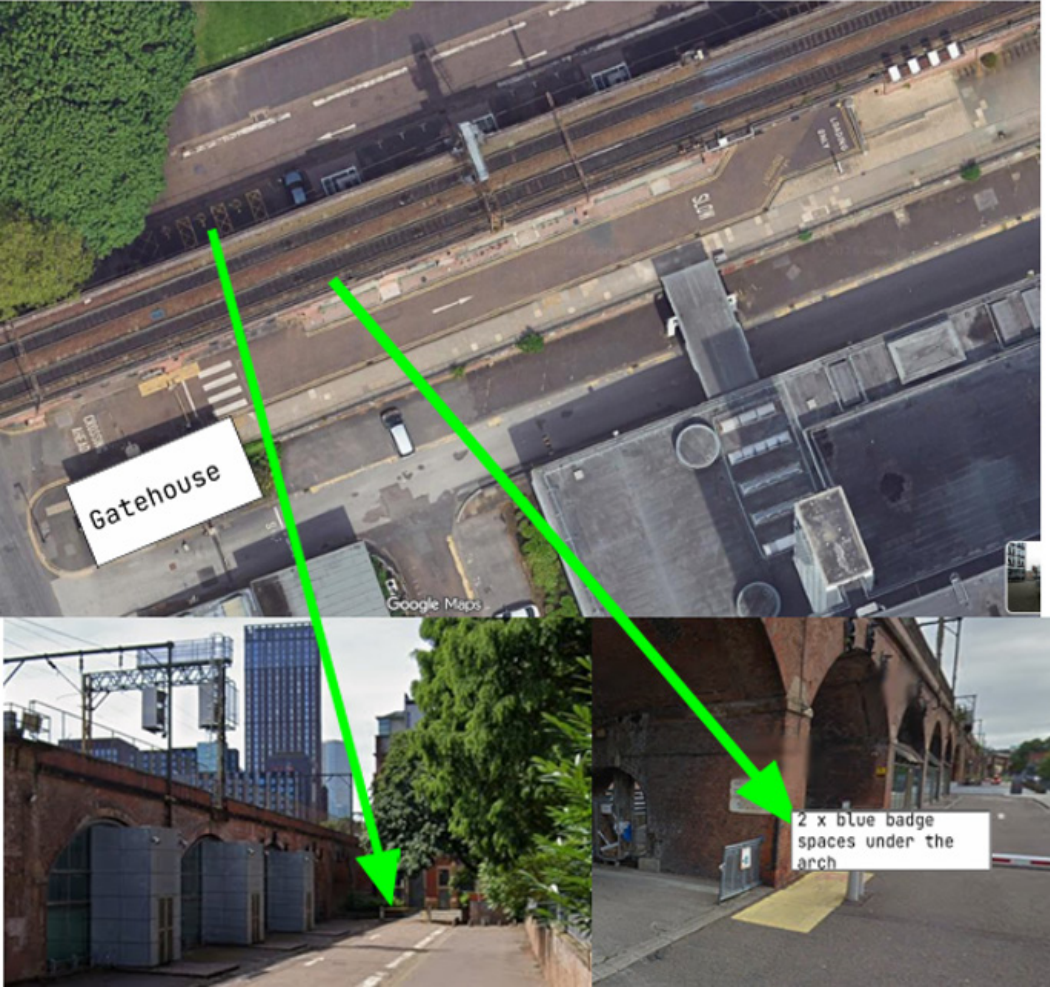
Address: Renold Building, 32a Altrincham Street, Manchester M1 7JR

Postcode: M1 7JR

What3Words: ///forest.ticket.sulk

Drop-off: Altrincham Street main entrance; confirm taxi drop-off with the events team.

Parking: Five Blue Badge bays in the Arches car park beside The Gatehouse (M1 3NJ); pre-book via renold@sistermanchester.com.



Alt Text: Annotated access map showing a railway station and adjacent buildings from an aerial view. Two bright green arrows highlight accessible routes from a labelled “Gatehouse” entrance on the left side of the image. The first arrow points to a street-level pathway beside brick railway arches and utility structures. The second arrow points to an archway entrance beneath a brick viaduct, marked with a note reading “2 x blue badge spaces under the arch”. The lower portion of the image contains street-level photographs corresponding to each route, helping visitors identify the entrances and accessible parking location. The map is intended as a wayfinding guide to show access routes from the gatehouse to the station area and nearby Blue Badge parking spaces.



Useful links

 [Open Google Maps](#)

Inside the building



Alt Text: Annotated photograph of the entrance to the Renold Building. The main entrance features double glass doors beneath a large canopy with the word “RENOLD” displayed above. A note on the image highlights a slight slope leading up to the entrance. On the right-hand side, an annotated arrow points to an accessible push-button door control mounted near a signpost. The annotation explains that the button opens the accessible entrance door, which is the far-right door. Black handrails line the approach to the entrance, and wayfinding signage for the Renold Courtyard and Renold Entrance Café is visible beside the accessible door control. The image is intended to help visitors locate the accessible entrance and understand the route to the building.

Entrance description: Recommended accessible entrance: level pavement access with a slope to a card-controlled power-assisted door; reception can assist with entry.

Automatic doors: Y — power-assisted accessible entrance and auditorium door

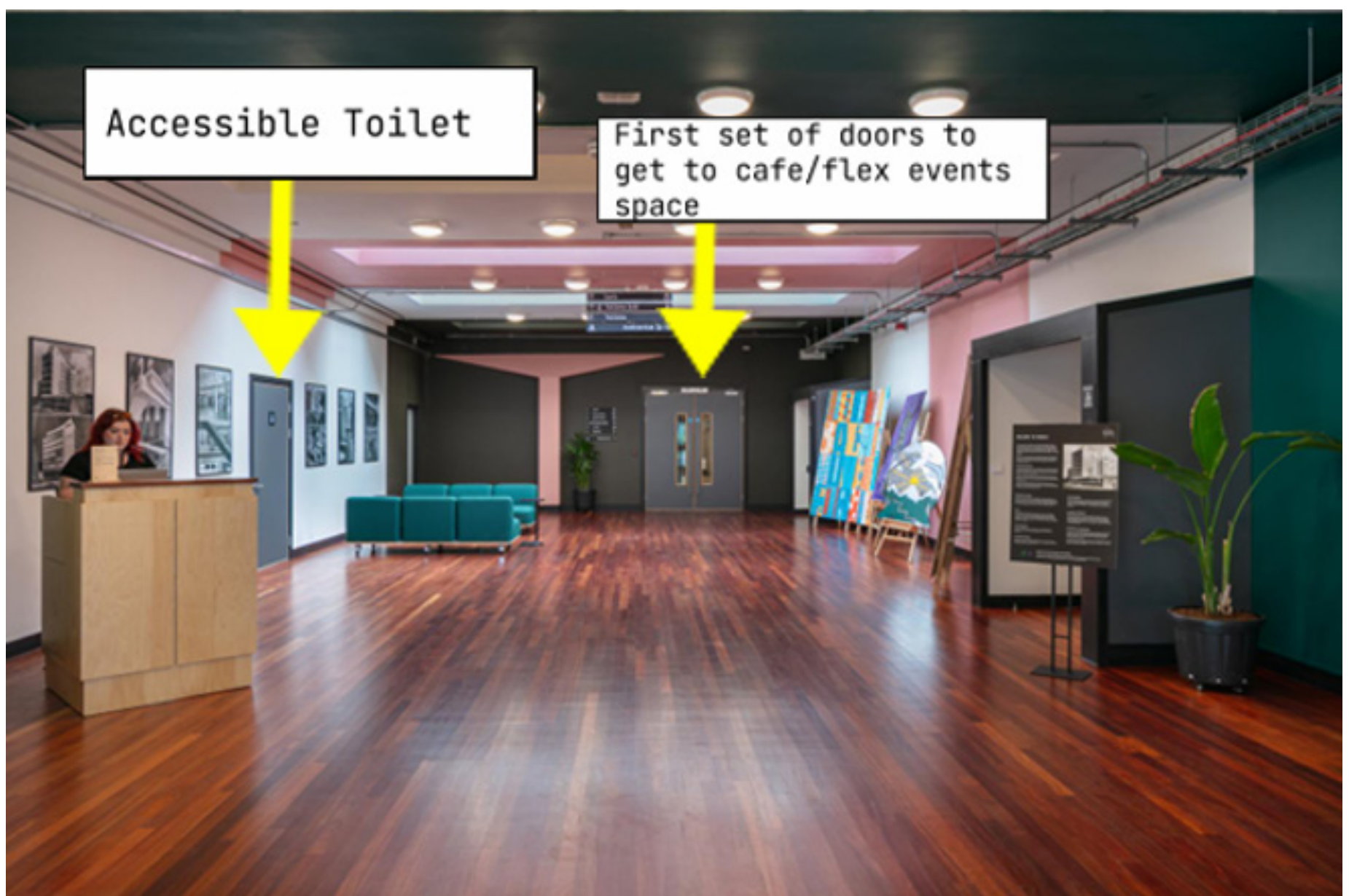
Lift notes: Three central lifts connect the Upper Ground and Lower Ground event spaces; staff-lift assistance is available for front-row step-free auditorium seating.

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Toilets and facilities



Alt Text: Spacious foyer with wooden flooring and reception desk. Annotations highlight the location of an accessible toilet on the left and the first set of double doors leading to the café and flexible events space straight ahead. The image is provided as a wayfinding guide for visitors.

Accessible toilet directions: Located in main reception after the power-assisted internal double doors.

Standard toilets: Male and female toilets on the Lower Ground Floor.

Gender neutral toilets: Within the building

Prayer room: Contemplation Room, Level 6

Quiet space: Meeting Room 2 can be used as a quiet room; confirm availability for the event.

Hearing Loop: The auditorium space is fitted with a hearing loop system. If there are any guests requiring this, please get in touch with the events team at events@sistermanchester.com to let them know ahead of the event.



Public transport

Nearest bus stop: University of Manchester stop (ID MANTWMJP), approximately 2 minutes away

Bus routes: 147; Free Bus 2 stops near the Sheena Simon Campus

Nearest tram stop: Manchester Piccadilly Metrolink / rail interchange

Piccadilly: Walk from Manchester Piccadilly to Altrincham Street

Oxford Road: Walk or take local city-centre transport to Altrincham Street

Victoria: Tram to Piccadilly, then approximately 5 minutes walk to Altrincham Street

Emergency evacuation

Information: Discuss PEEP/assistance needs with organisers before event; refuge/evacuation arrangements to be confirmed locally.



Alt text: University of Manchester Innovation Festival 26 logo on a bright green background. The text reads “The University of Manchester”, “INNOVATION FESTIVAL 26”, and “CONNECT” in a white box below.