

## WYSING ARTS CENTRE SPACE HIRE



### ABOUT

Established in 1989, Wysing Arts Centre is a progressive organisation in a rural setting. We enable artists and audiences to engage their imagination freely and take creative risks; we believe that everybody has the right to time and space for creativity, away from the distractions of daily life.

The site is ten miles from Cambridge city. It holds 20 subsidised studios, accommodation for up to 80 visiting artists annually, recording and ceramics studios, flexible space to experiment, present and learn, fields, woodland, and several outdoor outworks. Work made at Wysing is seen worldwide. An accessible digital offer increases reach and archives our work; our youth programme empowers future generations.

Wysing invites artists from across the world to stay and reflect on their practice without the pressure of producing new work: time spent without a plan can often be when the best new ideas emerge. We take a proactive, intersectional approach to equity and inclusion, and often support artists who have not been well supported by mainstream gallery and funding systems. Several artists who have spent time at Wysing have gone on to be Turner-prize or Paul Hamlyn Award winners. Some artists go on to be commissioned by Wysing to make artworks, music and performance; many participate in Wysing's lively events.

Wysing engages people of all ages through artist-led workshops, events, online projects, gatherings and an alternative art school called The Syllabus. Our young people's programme has a focus on reaching people from rural areas. Wysing has recently initiated a Youth Council who will have decision-making powers in the organisation.

We are funded principally by Arts Council England through its National Portfolio scheme. Further funds are raised through Trusts, Foundations, individual giving, and income generating activities such as space hire.

## SPACES FOR HIRE

### *Wysing Reception Space*



A contemporary venue for events with floor to ceiling glass sliding doors on two sides making it light and airy and particularly pleasant in summer. The space is self-contained with a small adjoining kitchen for catering, plus two washrooms, one of which is accessible.

Dimensions: 8 x 10m (73.7m sq) usable space

Capacity: 50 theatre style (110 standing maximum)

Equipment: Projector with necessary cables, free standing screen; DVD player, CD player.  
PA system on request at additional charge.

Access: Wheelchair accessible via ramp, level floor, with internal access to an accessible washroom.

Rates: Per hour £35  
Full day £250 (9.30am-5.30pm)  
Evening £275 (6-11pm)  
**\*Prices subject to VAT**

## Wysing Gallery



*Top image: facing away from reception entrance towards double doors opening onto a courtyard area.*

*Bottom image: facing towards main entrance adjoining reception.*

The Wysing Gallery is large space, converted from a former hay shed. Historically used as a site of experimentation and exhibitions of work being developed and created at Wysing, it is now available to hire for events. As a blank canvas, there is scope to adapt the space to meet the needs of a range of event types and styles. It directly adjoins the Wysing Reception space, which can be hired in conjunction and works well as a breakout space.

**Dimensions:** 6.7 x 13.4m (89.78m sq)  
**Capacity:** 80 seated banquet style or theatre style/ 150 standing  
**Equipment:** Directional Lighting, overhead projector, speakers  
**Access:** Wheelchair accessible via ramp to the adjoining reception space. Level floor.  
Reception also has internal access to an accessible washroom.

**Rates:** Per hour £50  
Full day £350 (9.30am-5.30pm)  
Evening £375 (6-11pm)  
**\*Prices subject to VAT**

## Wysing Open Studio



A spacious and quiet room in our studio building. This contemporary space is ideal for meetings, presentations and away days with smaller groups.

Dimensions: 7.5 x 8.13m sq (61.5m sq)  
Capacity: 20 people Boardroom style, 100 standing  
Equipment: Projector with necessary cables, screen; DVD player, CD player  
Access: Wheelchair accessible, level floor, with internal access to an accessible washroom.

Rates: Per hour £30  
Full day £200 (9.30am-5.30pm)  
Evening £225 (6-11pm)  
**\*Prices subject to VAT**

## *Amphis*



In 2008 Wysing Arts Centre invited Berlin-based artists Folke Köbberling and Martin Kaltwasser to create an 'amphitheatre' using only discarded, found and recycled materials. Working with over 40 volunteers, the artists created this incredible patchwork 'house' in less than six weeks. Amphis is an inspiring structure and during the summer months is available for use as a creative and innovative space as part of your booking with us.

Dimensions:    Approx. 42 sqm  
Capacity:        50 standing  
Access:          Situated within a field with uneven ground and with several steps to  
                    access the inside ground level. Not wheelchair accessible. Uneven flooring.  
                    Mezzanine level accessed by a staircase.

Rates:            Per hour £30  
                    Full day £200 (9.30am-5.30pm)  
                    Evening £225 (6-11pm)  
                    \*Prices subject to VAT

## Window Room



The space is self-contained with a large seating area and an adjoining commercial kitchen for catering. This space has windows along the full side of the room, with doors that open onto a courtyard area, perfect for parties and events.

Dimensions: 13 x 5.3 sq (69sqm) seating space plus kitchen (18sqm)  
Capacity: 50 theatre style (110 standing maximum)  
Equipment: Fully equipped commercial kitchen  
Access: Step free access from side entrance. Wheelchair accessible, some assistance may be needed for a slightly raised door threshold. Accessible washroom located in a neighbouring building, approx. 100m away, with external access.

Rates: **Room/Kitchen Only**  
Per hour £30  
Full day £200 (9.30am-5.30pm)  
Evening £225 (6-11pm)  
**Room and Kitchen Facilities**  
Per hour £50  
Full day £350 (9.30am-5.30pm)  
Evening £375 (6-11pm)  
**\*Prices subject to VAT**

## EXTRAS

### *Catering*

We can provide a range of catering options including teas, coffees, biscuits, sandwich lunches or hot and cold buffets. We work with professional caterers and where possible we use products from sustainable sources. We can cater for vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free diets.

Teas and Coffees - £2.00 per head

Teas, coffees plus biscuits/cakes - £3.50 per head

Sandwich lunch - £5.00-£7.00 per head

Hot & Cold Buffets – prices on request

### *Additional equipment*

Projector/laptop/DVD player - £25

Flip chart, paper and pens – free and available on request

PA systems – prices on request

### *Additional services*

Site tour with a Wysing Curator £150

Artist talk or studio visit – prices on request

### *Wi-fi*

There is free wi-fi across the site and available as part of your standard booking.



## MAKING A BOOKING

### *Planning and availability*

We are very happy to discuss your requirements and help plan your event. Please contact us for more information, to check availability and prices or to arrange a viewing.

### *Making a booking*

To make a booking call us on +44 (0)1954 718881 or email us at [info@wysingartscentre.org](mailto:info@wysingartscentre.org). Please note a booking is not confirmed until a contract has been signed and returned, and a non-returnable deposit (50% of total booking fee) is received.

### *Charity Rates*

If you are a registered charity, or independent artist, we reduce the hire rates listed above by 25%.

### *Terms and Conditions*

- All prices are subject to VAT of 20%.
- Hire prices are inclusive of staffing and stated equipment. Any additional staffing requirements or equipment, once agreed with the hirer, will carry an additional charge.
- Standard hire days begin at 9.30am and end at 5.30pm.
- Hire includes Wysing's Public Liability Insurance, which covers accidents occurring on site. Wysing Arts Centre is only liable for accidents which happen due to our own negligence.
- Bookings are not confirmed until the contract has been signed and returned and the deposit (50% of total booking fee) has been received.
- Detailed Terms and Conditions are provided with the contract. Please let us know if you would like a copy in advance.

### *Access and Parking*

Our site benefits from step free Reception and exhibition space along with accessible Open Studio space located close to two accessible parking spaces. We have ample parking on site including two accessible parking bays at the front of the site. Some areas of the site are not as easy to access but our onsite team would be delighted to discuss your access requirements to enable your visit.

Wysing is not easily accessible by public transport, as the bus stop is a 10-minute walk away and there is no pathway along part of the road. For this reason, we recommend driving or getting a nearby taxi if possible. We would be happy to discuss accessible transport and other access features to help your journey to us.

More directions and transport information can be found on our website here:

<http://www.wysingartscentre.org/visit>

If you have specific accessibility requirements you want to discuss confidentially, you can talk directly to our Deputy Director, Lorna O'Brien. She will only share the information you provide with your permission. Email: [lorna.obrien@wysingartscentre.org](mailto:lorna.obrien@wysingartscentre.org) Tel: +44 (0)1954 717104

