

CONFERENCES AND EXHIBITIONS

SHARE IDEAS AND SPARK INNOVATION

Factory International is an organisation for thinkers, and Aviva Studios, our landmark venue, is no different. With easy transport options, this is a place to gather, debate and inspire.

Our soaring spaces flex to your needs, offering a variety of setups, and state-of-the-art technology and event production facilities mean we can explore the art of the possible.

Our in-house event, technical and production teams will help to bring your vision to life, and craft a truly unique and inimitable event.

And when you choose to gather at Aviva Studios, you directly support Factory International's mission to widen engagement with the arts and develop the next generation of creative talent.

**“YOU CAN REALISE AN
AMBITION OR VISION HERE
AND NOW IN THIS PLACE...
IT'S A TWO-WAY STREET
BETWEEN MANCHESTER AND
THE REST OF THE WORLD.”**

Peter Saville CBE

View our Venue Hire brochure
to learn more about our spaces

MANCHESTER – THE PLACE WE CALL HOME

- On Manchester's former Granada Studios site and a stone's throw from MediaCityUK
- 2nd most creative city in Europe, with a GVA of £1.4bn to the city from culture and creative industries

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

- Designed by world-leading architects Office for Metropolitan Architecture
- Listed in Time Out's '23 Best Things to Do in the World in 2023'

WE'VE GOT SOMETHING SPECIAL

- Over 15 years' experience producing the globally renowned Manchester International Festival
- Diverse team of 16 in-house experts covering all aspects of production
- Access to technical expertise in lighting, sound and more

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WE'RE
A BIT
DIFFERENT

WE'RE SHAPE- SHIFTERS

We have four unique, industrial yet modern spaces – the Warehouse, the Hall, the Public Realm and the Social – that flex to your needs.

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THE WAREHOUSE

- 🏠 A retractable wall allows you to reconfigure the space into the North and South Warehouse
- 📄 Acoustic separation and allowing multi-use across the venue at any one time
- 🚚 Direct articulated truck access
- 🔧 Anchor points in the wall to support any kind of mount or rigging
- 🏠 Universal technical grid across the ceiling

THE PUBLIC REALM AND THE SOCIAL

- 🏠 Supplementing Riverside Square, the Undercroft runs below Aviva Studios, creating a covered external space and enabling filming to take place year-round
- 🔌 External power supply
- 📶 WiFi provision within the Undercroft
- 📶 Connected to neighbouring St John's business and leisure district

THE HALL

- 🎤 AV, stage and lighting inclusions available
- 🏠 Varying stage depths
- 📄 Flexible stall seating, or can be removed entirely
- 🏠 Tiered seating
- ♿ Wheelchair access on all levels
- 🏠 Foyer bars, with impressive views across the city
- 🏠 Proscenium wall with option to connect to the Warehouse