

Visual Storyboard

How to find us

Welcome to our Visual Storyboard! We have made this visual guide to help you find your way to Talbot Rice Gallery and around our building. In this guide you will find:

- What to expect when getting to Talbot Rice Gallery.
- Images of what our spaces look like.
- The facilities and resources available during your visit.

We're aware that our building has some restrictions. If you need assistance, please speak to our Volunteers on arrival or get in touch with us: **info.talbotrice@ed.ac.uk**



Old College Entrance from South Bridge

Talbot Rice Gallery is in The University of Edinburgh's Old College. One way to enter is through the main Old College gates from South Bridge [\[https://rb.gy/g26fiv\]](https://rb.gy/g26fiv).



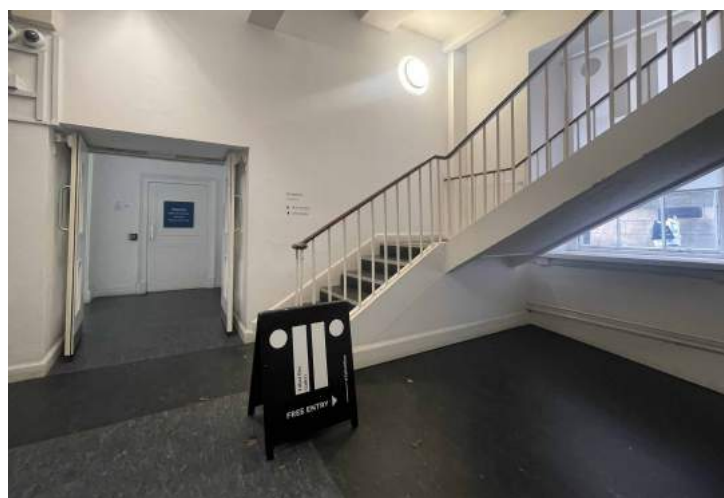
Talbot Rice Gallery within Old College

When you enter through the gates you will find us in the far-left corner where you will see four pillars displaying our exhibition banners. After 14 steps, you will enter the Gallery's main foyer (Level 0) through the passageway/corridor. It is the second door on the left.



Talbot Rice Gallery from West College Street

Our second entrance is on West College Street [\[https://rb.gy/moz6cn\]](https://rb.gy/moz6cn). You can find it on the cobbled street between South College Street and Chamber Street [\[https://rb.gy/o4siya\]](https://rb.gy/o4siya). Here there is a narrow ramp leading to the Gallery's main foyer (Level 0) through the passageway. It is the first door on your right.

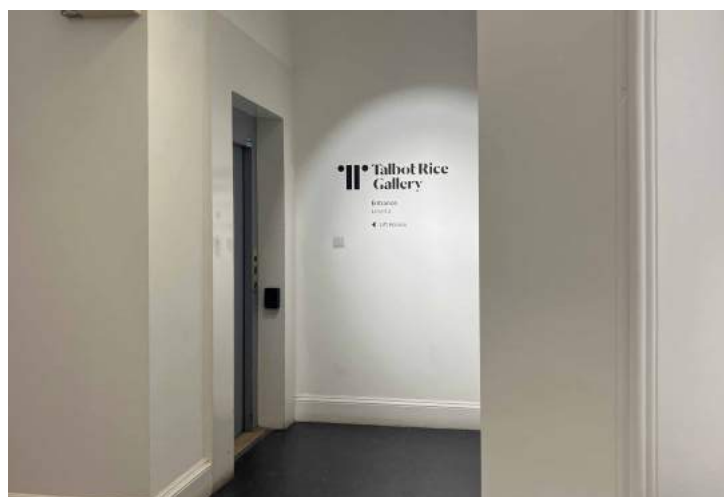


Talbot Rice Gallery downstairs foyer

This is the Gallery's main foyer (Level 0). Here you can take the stairs (42 steps in total) on your right up to our main Entrance (Level 2). You can also follow the corridor to the left to take the lift to the main entrance (Level 2). You can follow the signs pointing to either 'Entrance' or 'Lift'.

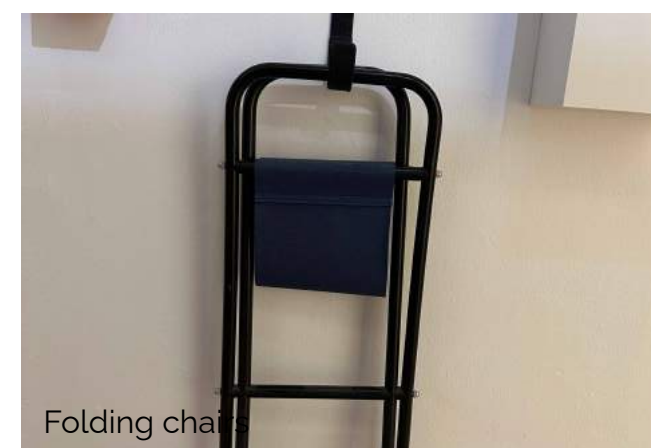
- If you take the stairs, you will arrive at the Welcome Desk.
- If you take the lift, you will enter directly into the main White Gallery.

*If you arrive in the lift, the Welcome Desk is over towards the right-hand corner of the gallery.



Welcome Desk

This is our Welcome Desk. If you take the stairs, you will be greeted by one of our Volunteers. It is ok to speak to them or ask them questions. If you need anything just ask!



Welcome Desk Resources

At the desk you will find:

- A BSL (British Sign Language) introduction video to the Gallery.
- Cloakroom for coats, umbrellas, and large bags.
- Folding chairs to take around the gallery.
- Exhibition / large print guides
- Translation and transcription documents.
- Our Sensory Kit (available upon request).
- A Sensory Map of the Gallery.
- Gallery wheelchair (available upon request).

The first gallery that you will encounter is our White Gallery. If you follow the corridor, you will find our Gallery Shop, Toilets and then our Georgian Gallery.





Gallery Shop

After entering the hallway past the Welcome Desk, you will find our Gallery Shop. If you would like to purchase anything, please speak to a Volunteer. You can pay with cash or card.



Toilets

Our Toilets are in the corridor past the Gallery Shop and before the stairs into the Georgian Gallery.

In the women's toilets, you will find two cubicles, sanitary bins in each cubicles, and free tampons and sanitary pads.

In the men's toilets, you will find two urinals. If you require a seated toilet, please use the Accessible / Gender neutral toilet.

In the Accessible / Gender neutral toilet, you will find one cubicle, a baby changing table, a sanitary bin, an Assistance alarm cord, a handrail, and free tampons and sanitary pads.



White Gallery

The layout and the colour of our White Gallery changes depending on the exhibitions.

The main White Gallery is a bright space with large sculptures on the walls. If you have any questions, please speak to a Volunteer.

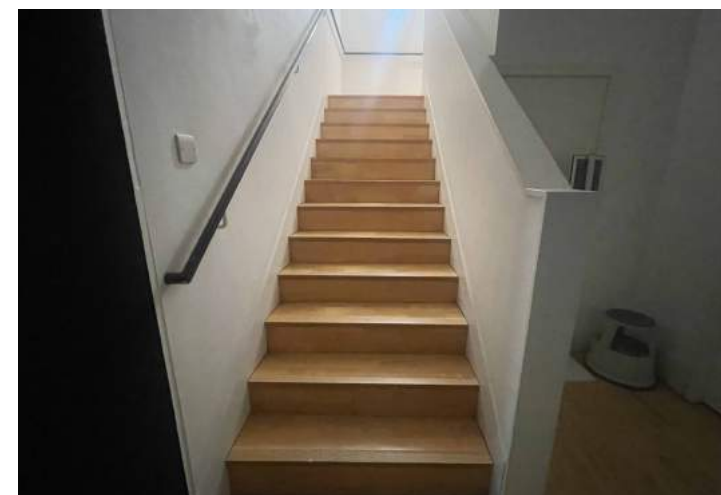
This space can get quite busy and it echoes a lot.



Side Gallery

In our Side Gallery you will find a large sculpture hanging on the walls of the room.

This is a small space and can be quiet, but it does echo.

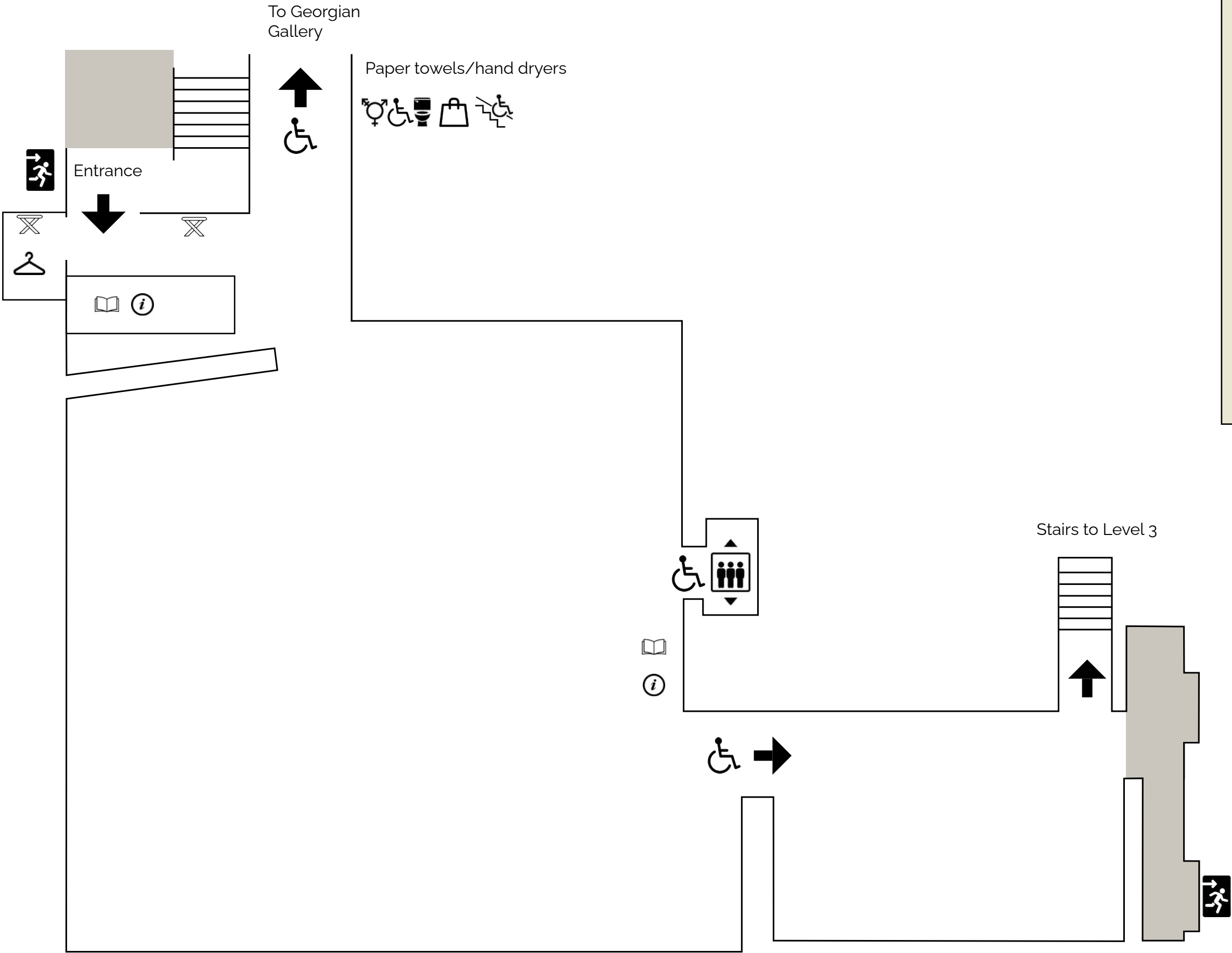


Stairs to Level 3

Past the Side Gallery, there are stairs (24 steps in total) leading up to the Upper Gallery, Mezzanine, and Round Room (Level 3).

Alternatively, can also access Level 3 by using the lift from the main White Gallery or from the main foyer (Level 0).

Level 2 White Gallery and Side Gallery



Key



Coats and bag storage



Toilets



Gallery Shop



Lift



Welcome Desk / Volunteer



Chair lift



Wheelchair accessible



Fire evacuation route



Exhibition Guide



Portable chairs

The **White Gallery** is located on Level 2 and is the first room you enter when taking the stairs or the lift from Level 0. You will be greeted by one of our Volunteers at our **Welcome Desk**, where you can also find exhibition guides, portable chairs, and ask them for any further information.

You will also find our hallway where our **Toilets** and **Gallery Shop** are located. It is a brightly lit space and can have groups of people waiting in it. The chair lift is also located here, which can take you up to the **lower Georgian Gallery**.

The **Side Gallery** is a smaller room and is often less busy. There are stairs that can take you up to Level 3 on the far left of the room.



Upper Gallery

This is our Upper Gallery. This space has various wooden sculptures hanging on the walls.

This room is evenly lit.



Mezzanine

Past the Upper Gallery is the Mezzanine. It is a bright balcony with a view over the main White Gallery Floor. It is an exhibition space, and it leads to our Round Room.

Here you will find the wall text about the exhibition and a metal sculpture hanging on the right side of the wall.



Round Room

The Round Room is a circular space with a dome skylight. This room is dimly lit and has fabric curtains covering the skylight.

There is seating available here.

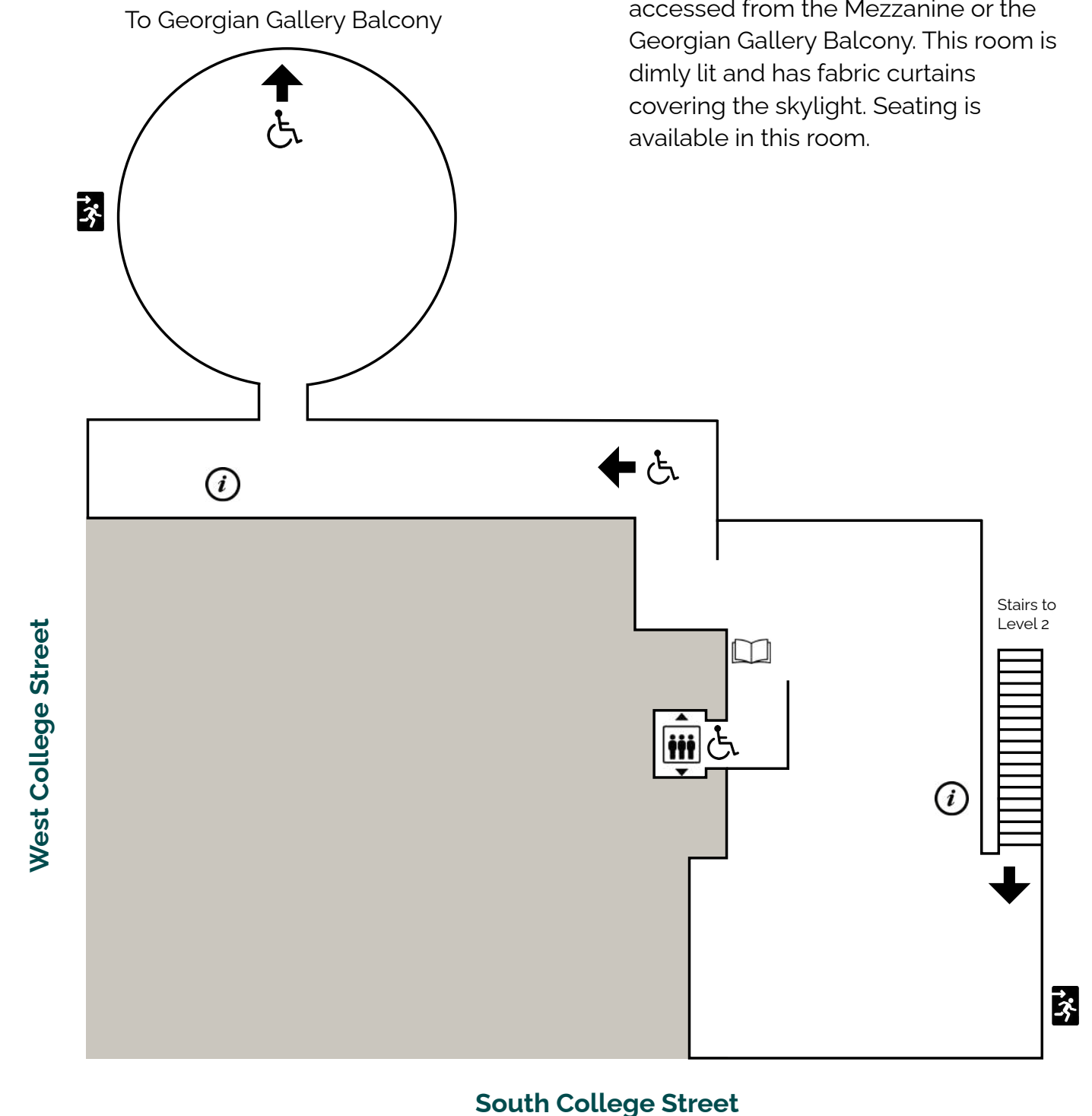
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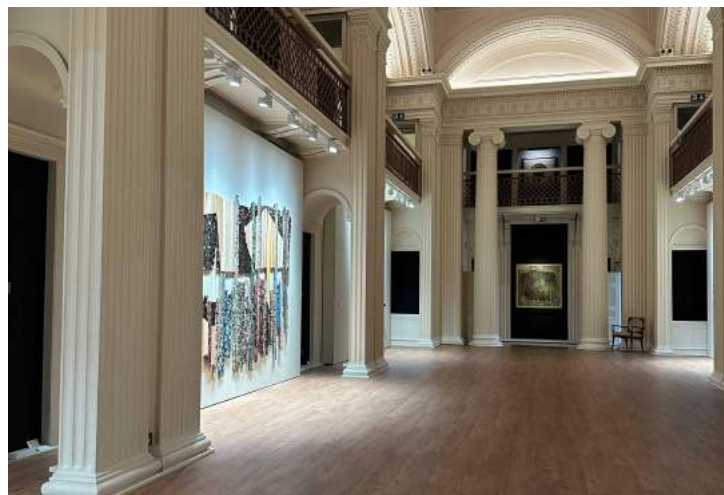
Upper Gallery and Round Room

The **Upper Gallery** is located on Level 3 and can be accessed via the stairs from the Side Gallery (Level 2) and the lift, which is wheelchair accessible. It is an evenly lit room with various wooden sculptures hanging on the walls.

Past the Upper Gallery is the **Mezzanine**, a bright balcony with a view over the main White Gallery. It is an exhibition space, and it leads to our Round Room.

The **Round Room** is a circular space with a dome skylight, which can be accessed from the Mezzanine or the Georgian Gallery Balcony. This room is dimly lit and has fabric curtains covering the skylight. Seating is available in this room.





Lower Georgian Gallery

This is our lower Georgian Gallery. Here you can see more of El Anatsui's sculptures hanging in the bays.

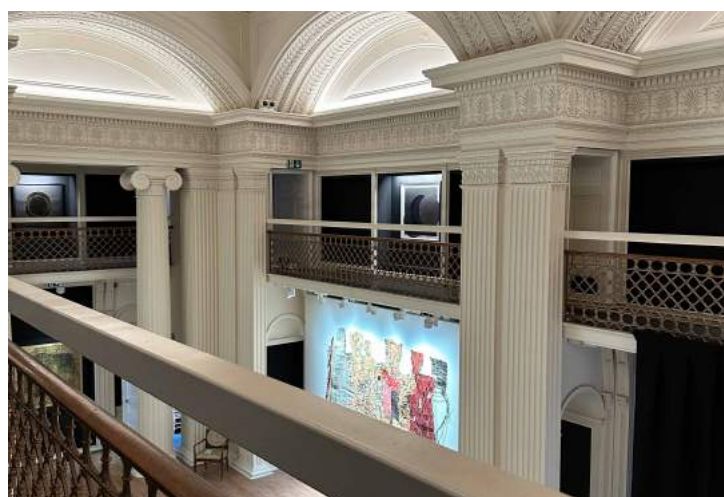
The space is evenly lit.



Stairs to the Georgian Gallery Balcony

In the back left corner of the lower Georgian Gallery there is a spiral staircase (22 steps in total) leading up to the Georgian Gallery Balcony.

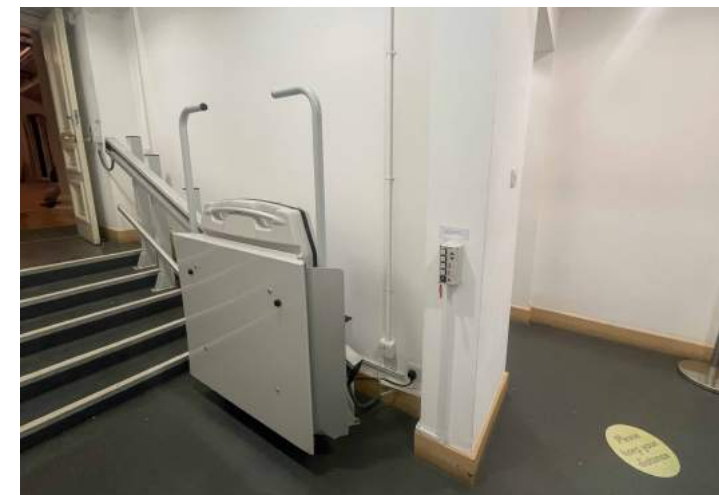
*If you require step free access, speak to a Volunteer. Step-free access is available through the Round Room, which you can access by taking the lift in the White Gallery to Level 3.



Georgian Gallery Balcony

The Georgian Gallery Balcony overlooks the lower Georgian Gallery. It has a narrow passageway with a width of 1.94m (from the wall to the railing).

Here you will find a series of El Anatsui's print works.

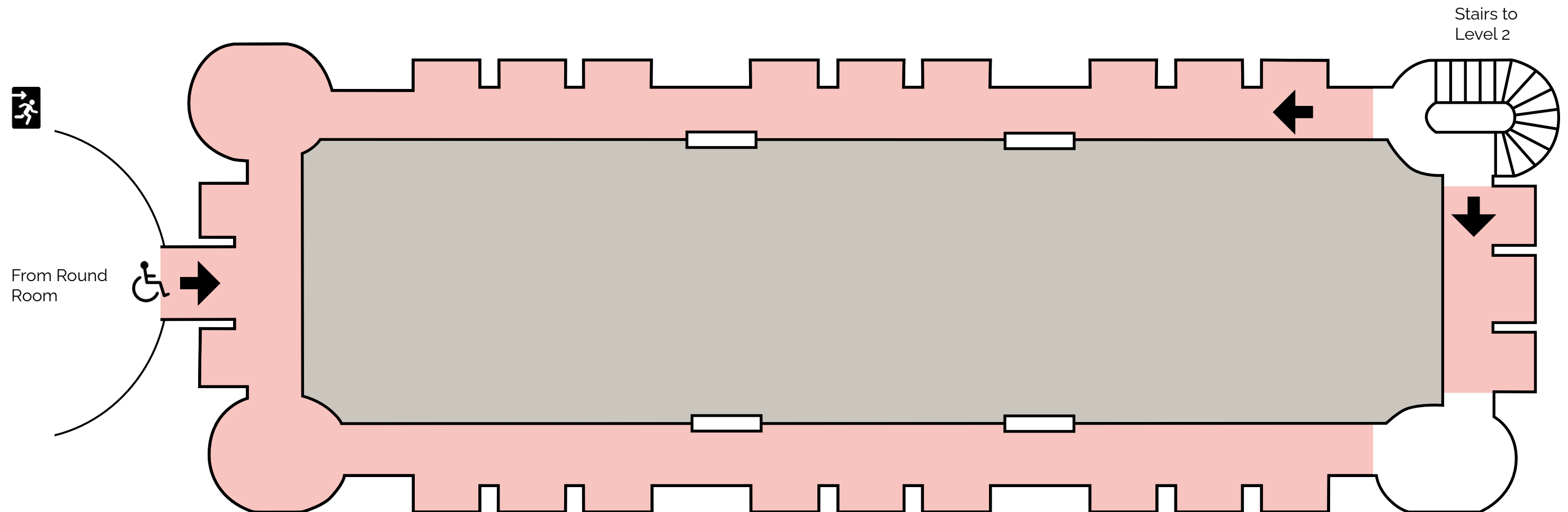


Georgian Gallery

You can enter our lower Georgian Gallery at the end of the corridor past the Toilets. There are five steps up to this gallery and we have a chair lift available for wheelchair users. Please speak to a Volunteer if you require the lift.

There are also small folding chairs and exhibition guides available at the entrance to take on your visit.

Level 3 Georgian Gallery Balcony



The **Georgian Gallery Balcony** overlooks the lower Georgian Gallery on Level 3. It has a narrow passageway with a width of 1.94m (from the wall to the railing).

 Narrow: 1.94m in width

Step-free access to the Georgian Gallery Balcony is through the Round Room only.

Level 2 Lower Georgian Gallery

You can enter our **lower Georgian Gallery** at the end of the corridor past the Toilets and Gallery Shop on Level 2. There are 5 steps up to this gallery and we have a chair lift available for wheelchair users. Please speak to a Volunteer if you require the lift.

In the back left corner of the lower Georgian Gallery there is a spiral staircase (22 steps in total) leading up to the **Georgian Gallery Balcony** on Level 3.

The Toilets and Gallery Shop are located in the hallway. You will find the Welcome Desk on the other side of this hallway.

