

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/926fiv>].



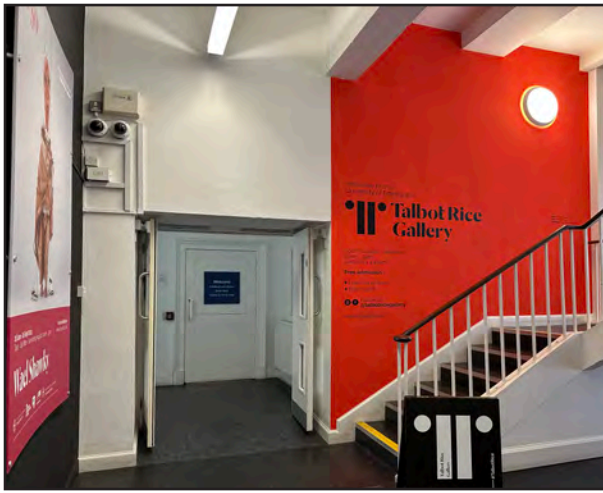
Talbot Rice Gallery within Old College

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>]. You can find it on the cobbled street between South College Street and Chambers Street [<https://rb.gy/04siya>]. 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

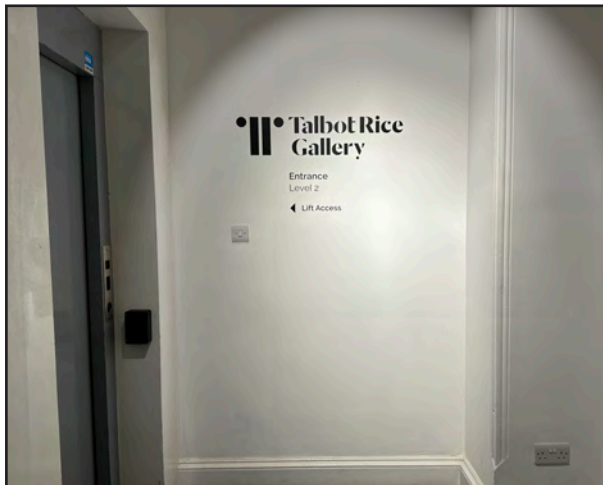
This is the gallery's main foyer (Level 0).

Here you can take the stairs (42 steps in total) on your right up to our Main Entrance (Level 2).

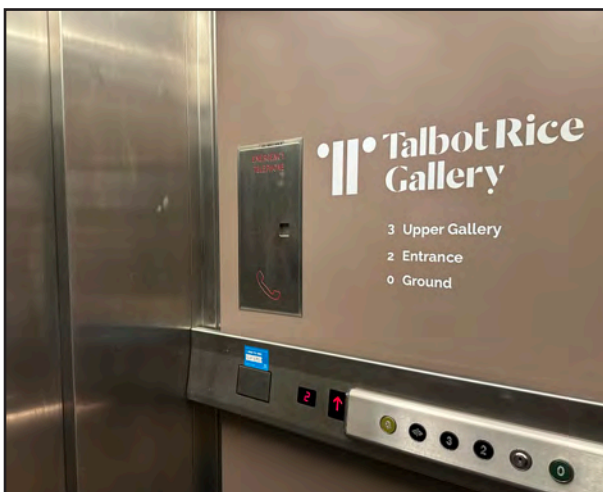
You can also follow the corridor to the left to take the lift to the Main Entrance (Level 2).

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 White Gallery.



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



Lift

This is the inside of our lift. It can take a while to operate between floors, but it is brightly lit. It can take you to Level 2 (the White Gallery) or Level 3 (the Upper Gallery).

The ground floor and exit is Level 0.

The lift may take a moment to arrive.



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!



Exhibition Guides

We have free exhibition guides readily available for all visitors to take with them throughout their visit.

You can find these at the Welcome Desk for each exhibition.

If you require a large print version of the exhibition guide, please refer to the dispenser across from the Welcome Desk.

There are also Activity Sheets for ages 5 + available here for your visit.



Welcome Desk Resources

At the desk you will find:

- A BSL (British Sign Language) introduction video to Talbot Rice 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
- A Sensory Map of the Gallery
- Talbot Rice Gallery wheelchair (available upon request)
- Fidget Toys - please return after your visit

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.

If you enter via the lift from Level 0 you will exit right into the White Gallery.

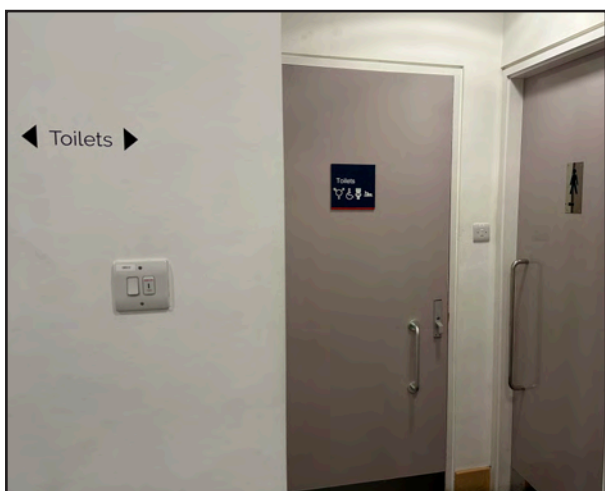




Gallery Shop

After entering the corridor 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 cubicle, 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, free tampons and sanitary pads.



White Gallery

The layout and the colour of our White Gallery changes depending on the exhibitions. Our current exhibition is *The Children are Now*, featuring 8 adult artists and 12 children.

The White Gallery is a large space with various artworks. There are ceramics, a painting on the wall, a large monster head in the corner and a film..

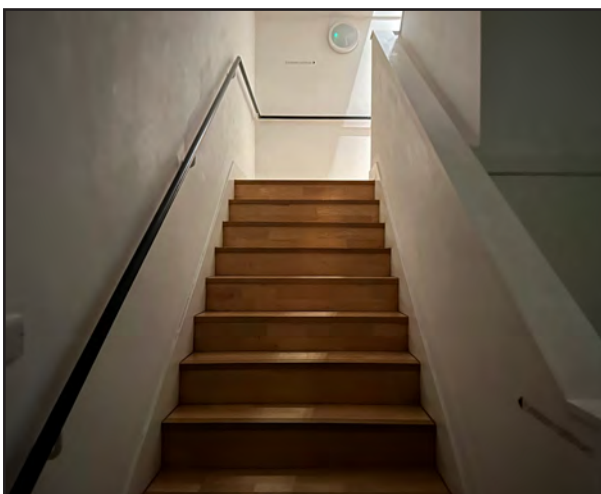
The space is dimly lit and has loud audio from the film. This space can get quite busy and it echoes a lot. There are beanbags and a bench for seating.



Side Gallery

In our Side Gallery you will find more of this exhibition. You will enter this space through the monster head. This room is bright red, brightly lit and has a large painting on the wall. The painting has a lot of words written on. If you need a transcript please ask a volunteer.

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



Stairs to Level 3

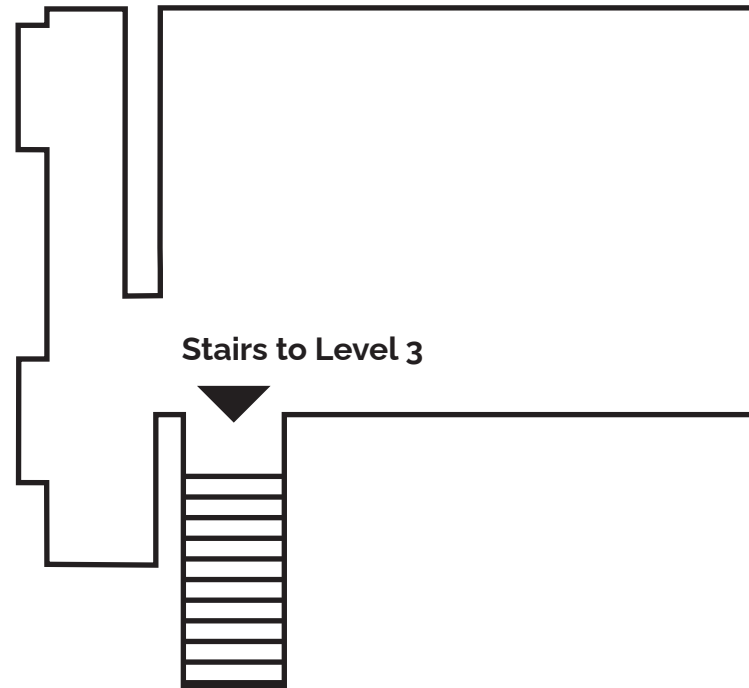
Past the Side Gallery, there are stairs (24 steps in total) leading up to the Upper Gallery, Mezzanine, and Round Room (Level 3).

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

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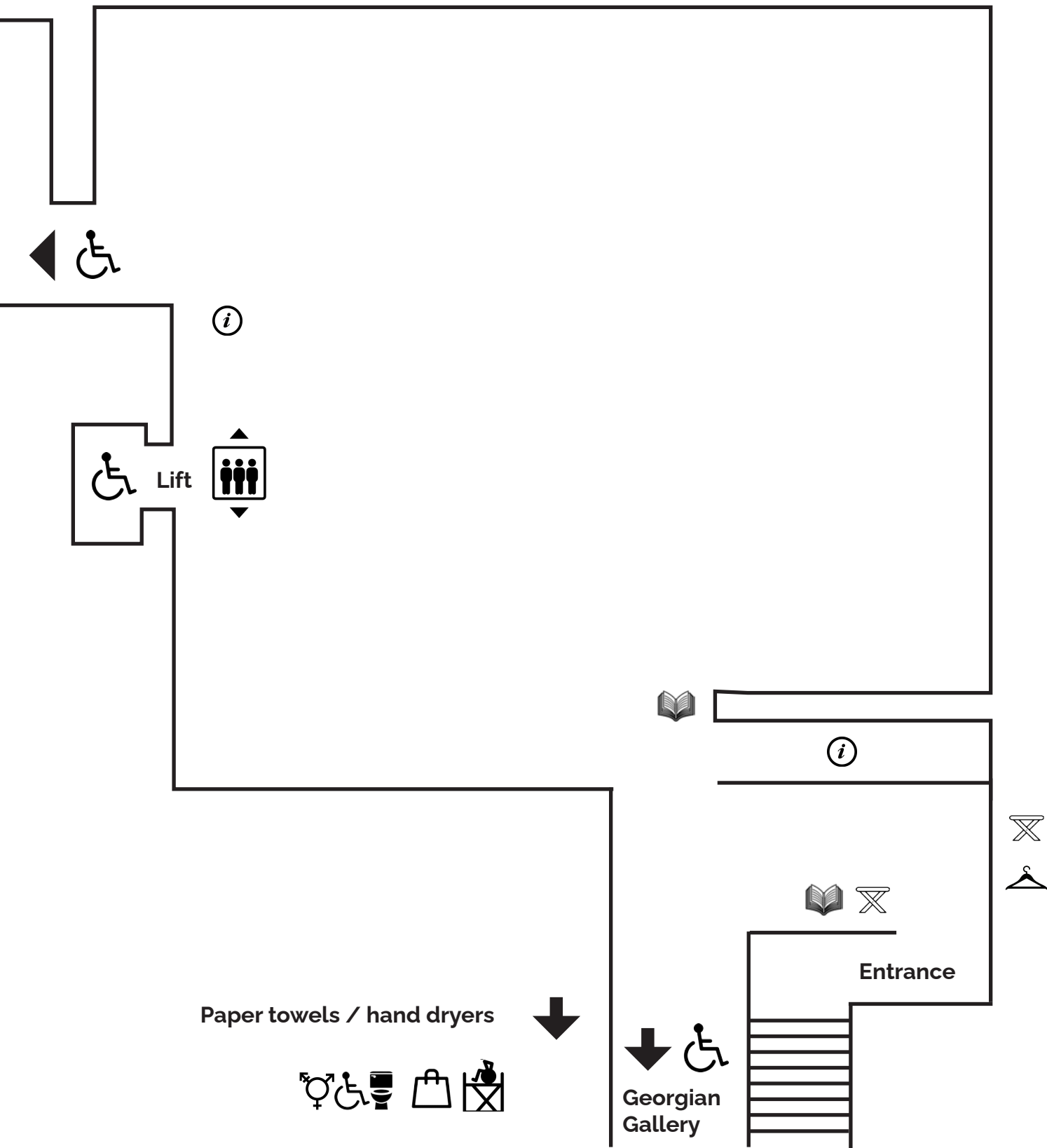
-  Coats and bag storage
-  Toilets
-  Gallery Shop
-  Lift
-  Welcome Desk / Volunteer
-  Chair lift
-  Wheelchair accessible
-  Fire evacuation route
-  Exhibition Guide
-  Portable chairs



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.



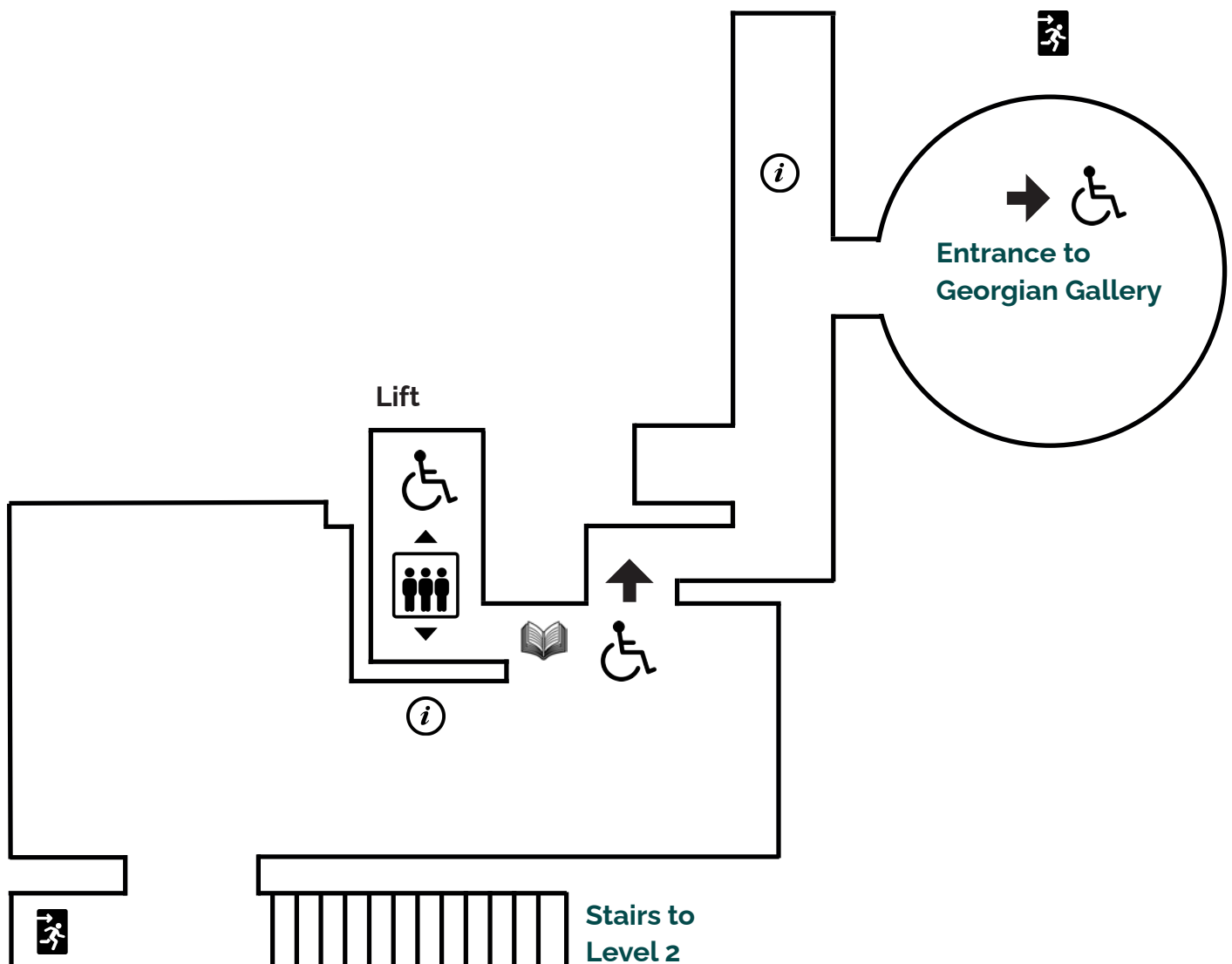
Level 3

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 unevenly lit space with a projection screen, a TV on the wall, and paintings lit by spotlights.

Past the Upper Gallery is the **Mezzanine**, a 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. You will enter this room through a black fabric curtain. This room is brightly lit.

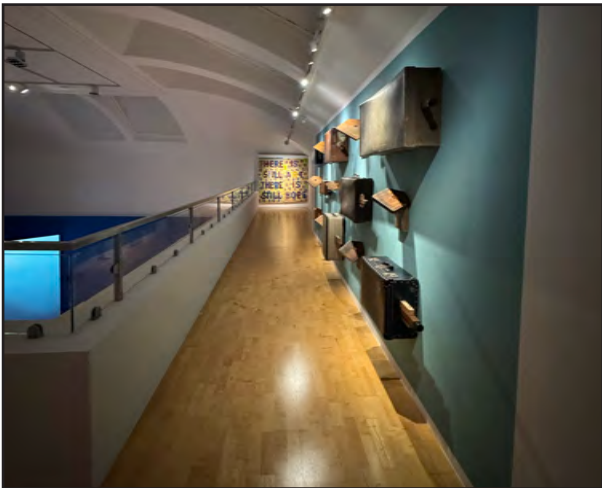




Upper Gallery

This is our Upper Gallery. This space has a TV screen on the wall and a bigger projector screen on another wall. There are benches here for seating. It is also where the lift opens on Level 3.

This room is unevenly lit, with some spotlights and the light from the TV screens. The audio from one film is quite loud. The film on the TV screen has headphones where you can adjust the volume



Mezzanine

Past the Upper Gallery is the Mezzanine. It is a balcony with a view over the main White Gallery. There is an artwork attached to the wall which projects out onto the space. This leads into the Round Room from a door on the right. It can be narrow and get busy here. There is no seating here.

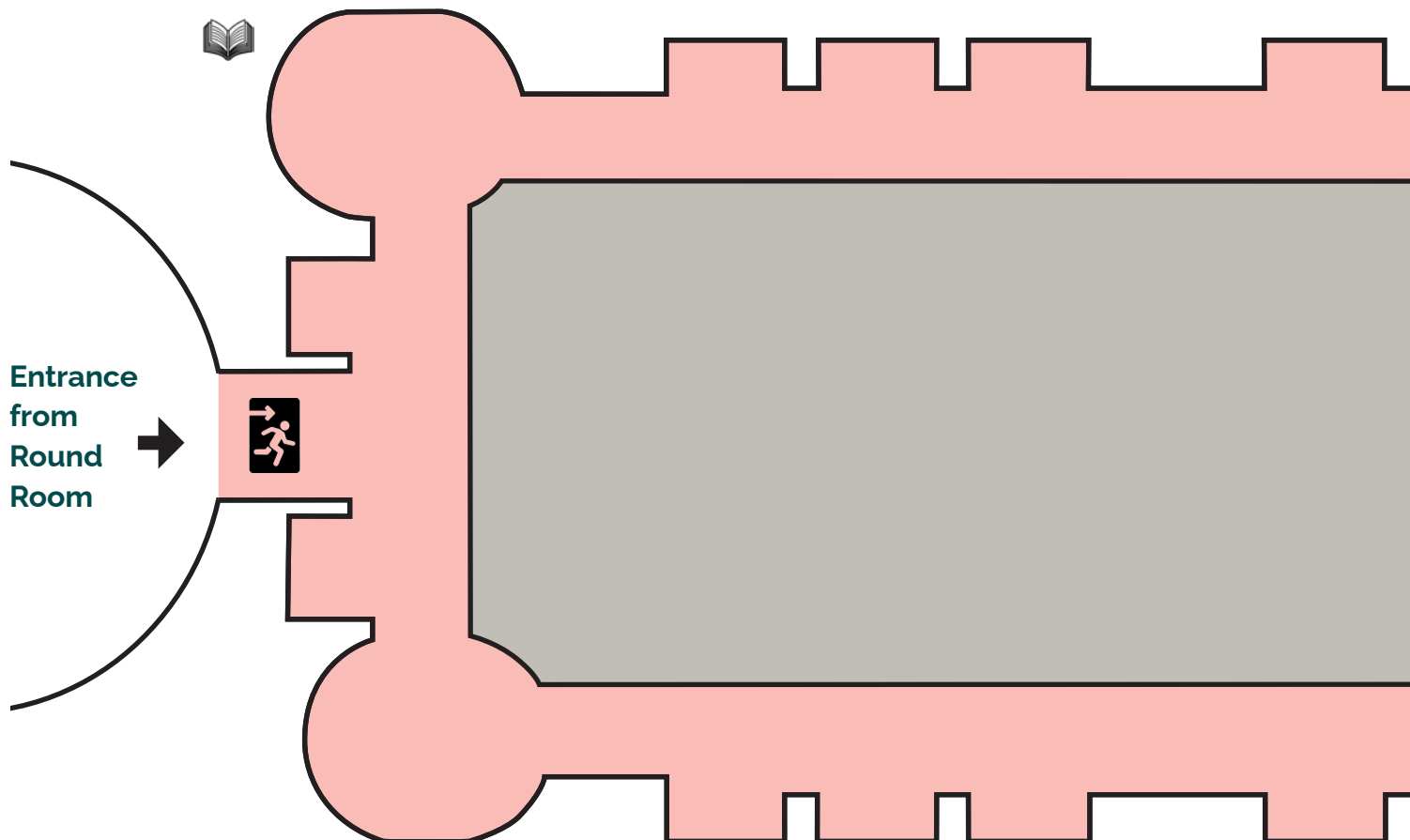


Round Room

The Round Room is a circular space with a dome skylight, which can be accessed from the Mezzanine or the Georgian Gallery Balcony. You will enter this room through a black fabric curtain if you come through the Mezzanine. This room is brightly lit. It can be quiet in here but it can get busy. This is also where you can gain step free access to the Georgian Gallery Balcony. There is no seating here.

Level 3

Georgian Gallery Balcony



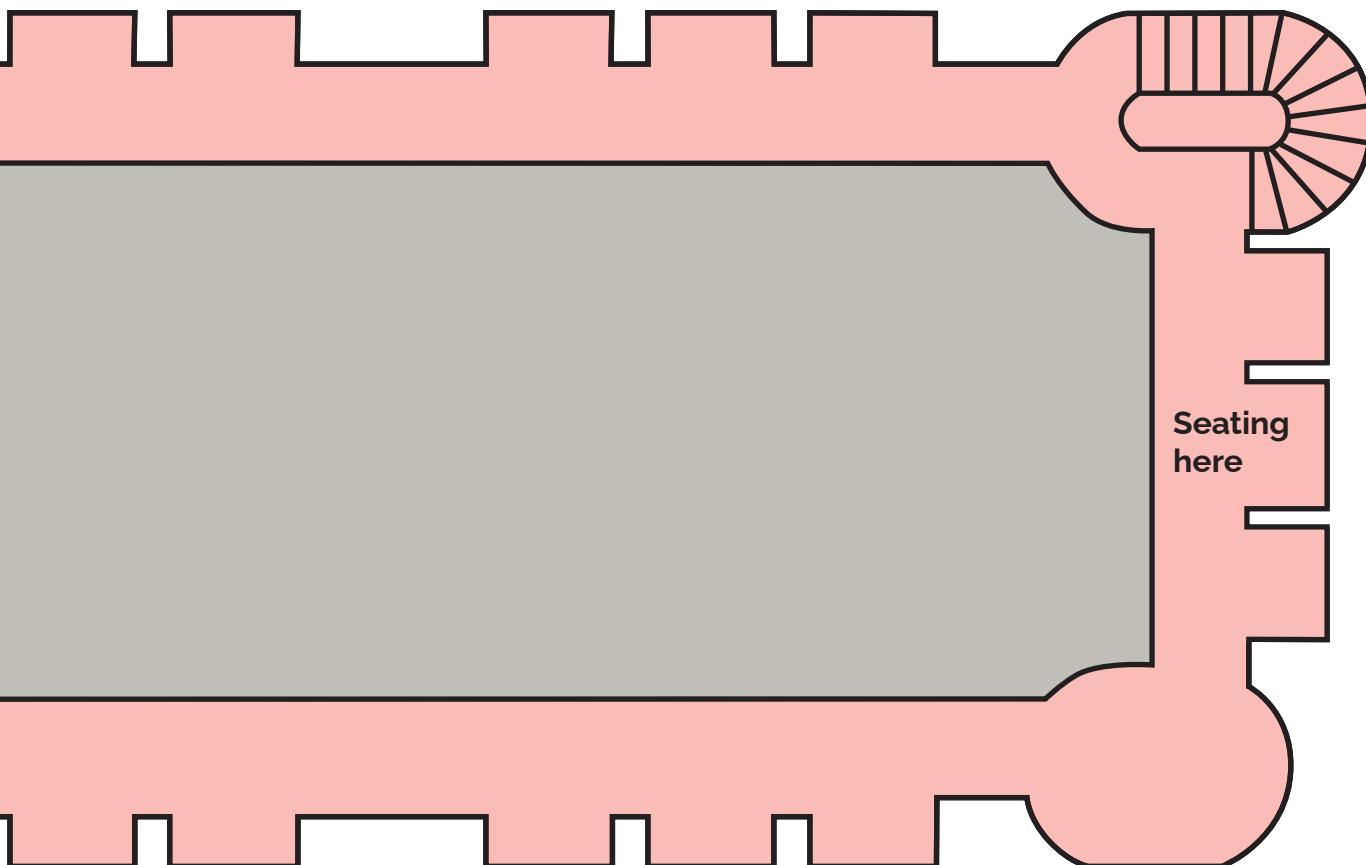
The **Georgian Gallery Balcony** overlooks the lower Georgian Gallery on Level 3.

It has a narrow passageway with a width of 1.94m (from the wall to the railing).

There are seats available at the far end of the balcony past the stairs.

*Step-free access to the Georgian Gallery Balcony is through the Round Room only. Our recommended entrance into the exhibition is from the lower Georgian Gallery, through the Gallery Shop.

Please note:
Narrow stairs
to Level 2



 Narrow: 1.94m in width

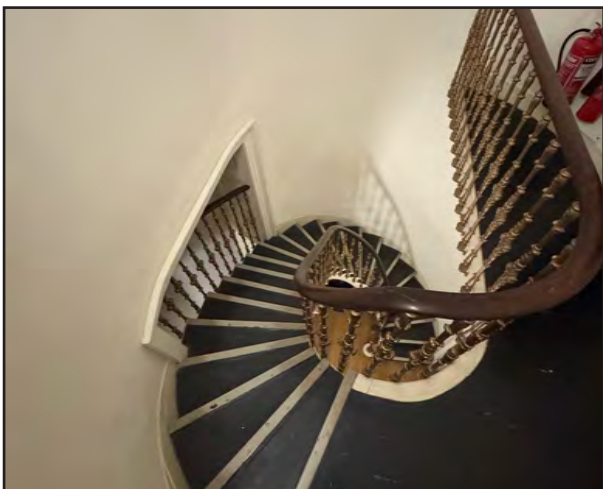


Georgian Gallery Balcony

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 an artwork on shelves across the balcony. The space is dimly lit and the artworks are spotlit. There is loud audio playing from the film below.

There is bench seating at the far end of the balcony near the stairs.



Stairs to the Georgian Gallery

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.

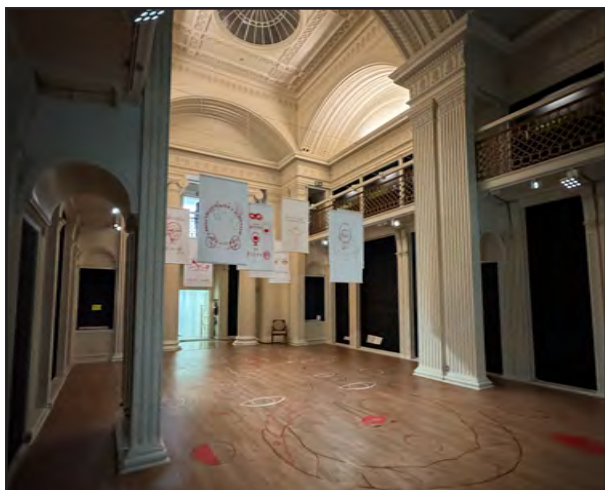
*If you require step free access, speak to a Volunteer. Step-free access is available through the Round Room, which you can access by taking the lift in the White Gallery to Level 3.



Lower Georgian Gallery

This is our lower Georgian Gallery. Here you can see another film in one half of the gallery and an installation and floor painting across the other half.

The space is dimly lit, with loud audio playing throughout the entire room from the film. You can walk on the floor painting and even play hopscotch on it! There are benches and bean-bags to sit on here.



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.

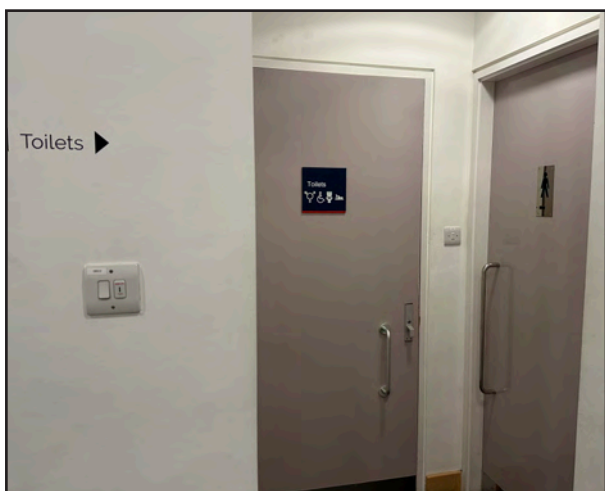
There are also small folding chairs and exhibition guides available at the entrance to take on your visit.



Corridor: Toilets and Gallery Shop

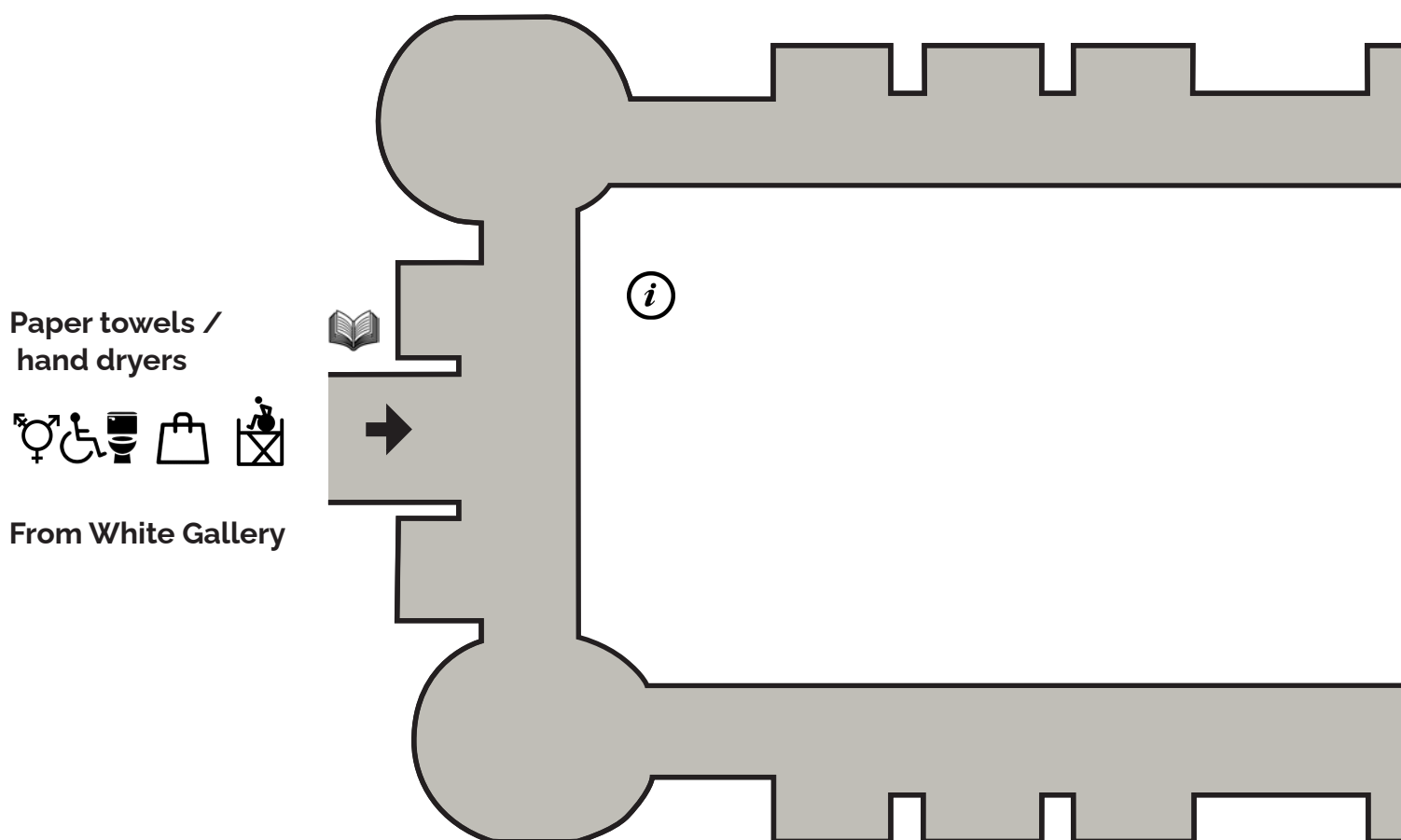
Once you exit the lower Georgian Gallery, you are back in the corridor where our Toilets and Gallery Shop are!

To exit the gallery, you can walk past the Welcome Desk and take the stairs down to the foyer, or you can take the lift in the White Gallery. It can take you down to Level 0.



Level 2

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 corridor. You will find the Welcome Desk on the other end of this corridor.

Please note:
Narrow stairs
to Level 3

