

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 arriving at 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. **Please note that the gallery does not currently have level access due to replacement of the lift. Information on access for wheelchair users during this period is detailed in this storyboard.**

If you need additional assistance, please speak to our Volunteers on arrival or get in touch with us:

info.talbotrice@ed.ac.uk

Your feedback is important to us. Is this document helpful for you? If you have any comments or suggestions on how we can improve our access resources, please contact us via the options above.



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 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 will arrive at the Welcome Desk.



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.



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!



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.



Exhibition Guides

We have free exhibition guides readily available for all visitors to take with them throughout their visit. You can find these stocked up at the Welcome Desk for each exhibition.

If you require a large print version of the exhibition guide, please refer to the holder near the Welcome Desk.

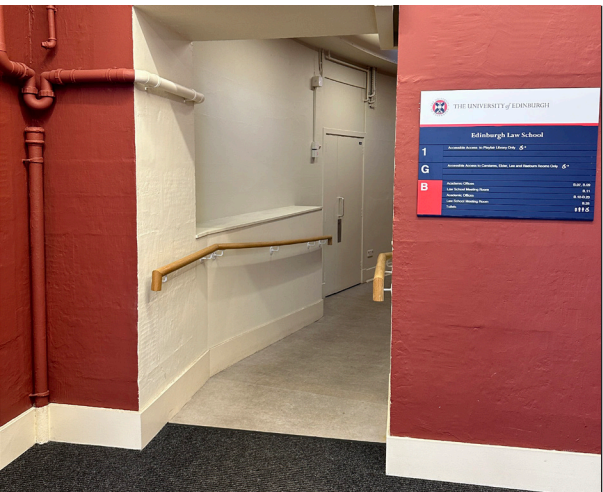
There are also Activity Sheets for ages 5+ available here for your visit

Unfortunately our lift is currently out of service.

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and fully understand the disappointment it will create for many visitors. The University have prioritised the replacement and works are scheduled to take place over Summer 2026. We anticipate that our new lift will be operational by October 2026 for our Autumn/Winter exhibition. Please bear with us as the University ensures that Talbot Rice Gallery will be fully accessible in the future, for everyone.

To arrange wheelchair access to the exhibition by appointment, please contact us in advance by calling 0131 650 2210 or emailing us: info.talbotrice@ed.ac.uk. We will respond within 2 working days and confirm if we can support your visit. Wheelchair and mobility support access will be via the South Bridge entrance to Old College.

The following images will show you the route you will take for wheelchair access.



Wheelchair route

- 01. Enter from South Bridge through the large central gate.
- 02. Use the ramp to get to the next level
- 03. A member of the TRG staff team will meet you at the blue double doors to take you the rest of the way: through the Old College basement, up in the lift and through the Playfair Library. You will enter our White Gallery.

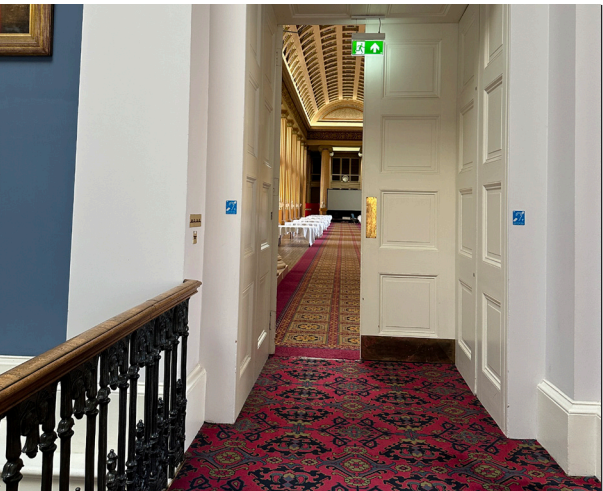


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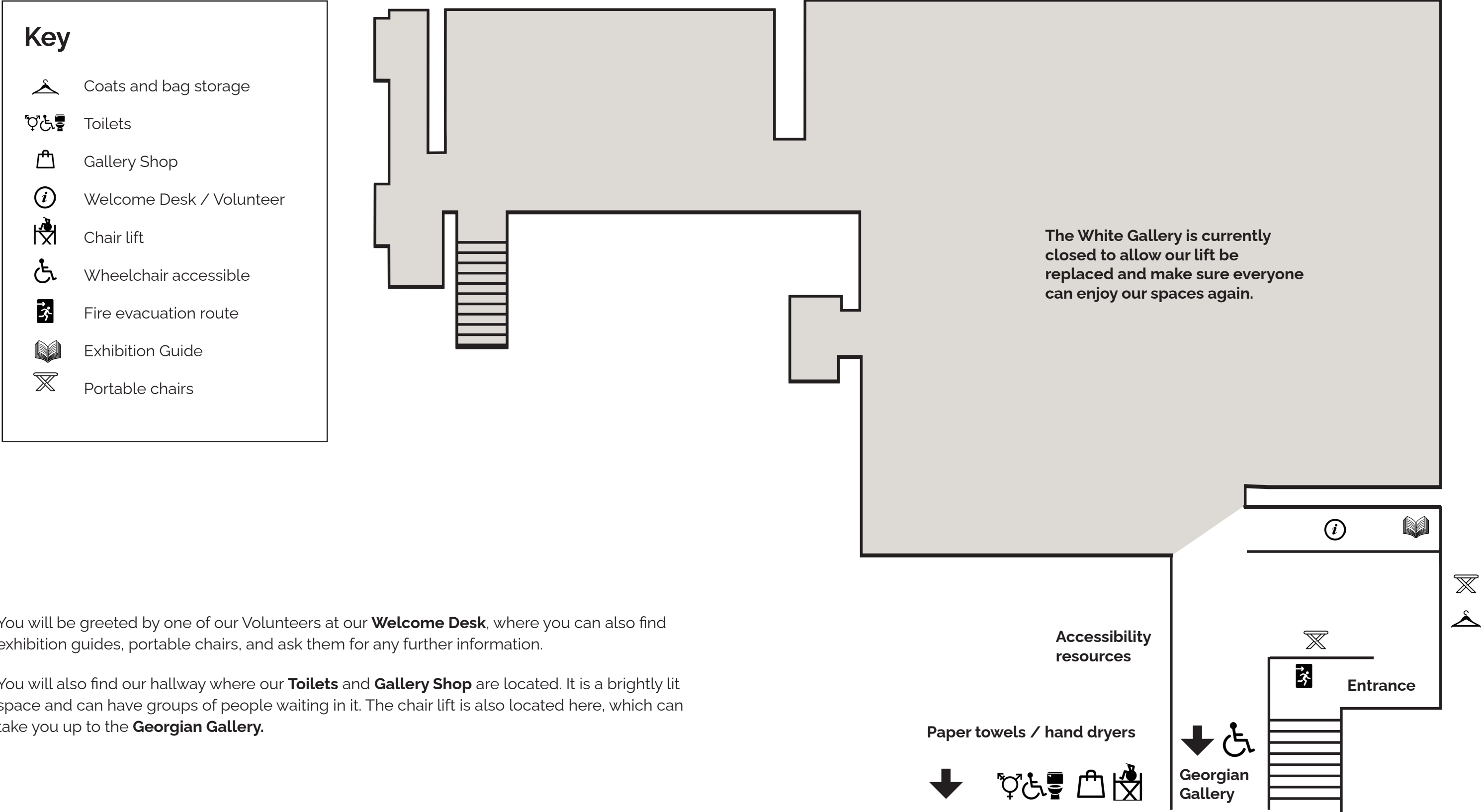
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Level 2 Welcome Desk



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 **Georgian 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.

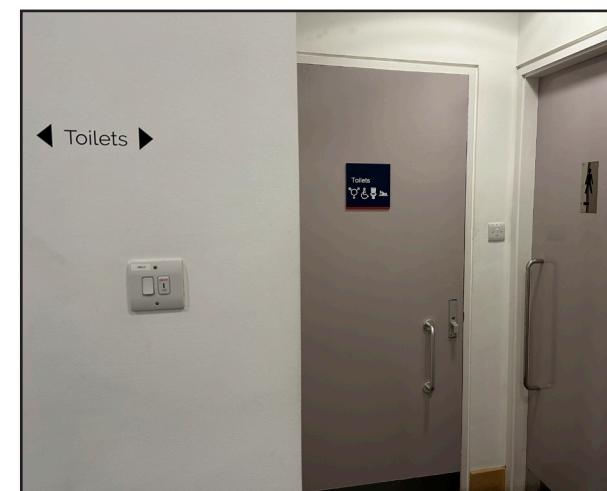
Welcome Desk Resources

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.
- Gallery wheelchair (available upon request).

On the **accessibility wall** directly next to the desk, you will find:

- Exhibition / large print guides.
- Transcription documents.
- Our Sensory Kit.
- A Sensory Map of the gallery.
- Fidget toys.
- Audio recordings of wall vinyl and label texts.
- Ear defenders and ear plugs.
- Book lights.



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.



Corridor: Toilets and Gallery Shop

Once you leave the Welcome Desk you are in the corridor where our toilets and gallery shop are.

To exit the Georgian Gallery, go up the corridor and enter via the double doors.



Georgian Gallery

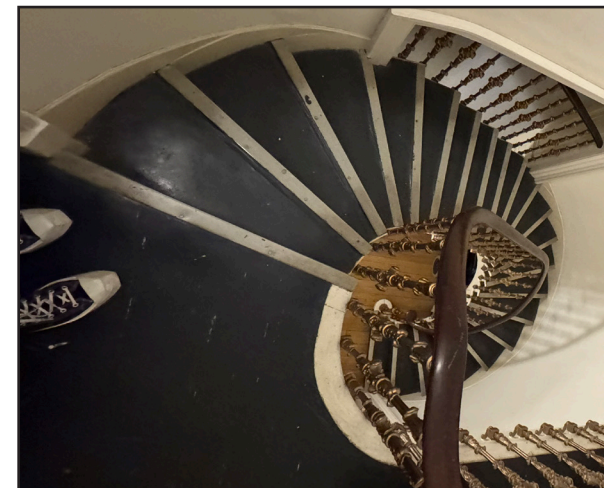
This is our Georgian Gallery. Here you can see an installation and sound work by Anne Hardy.

The space has fluctuating light, with audio playing throughout the entire room.



Georgian Gallery

You can enter our lower Georgian Gallery at the end of the corridor past the toilets.



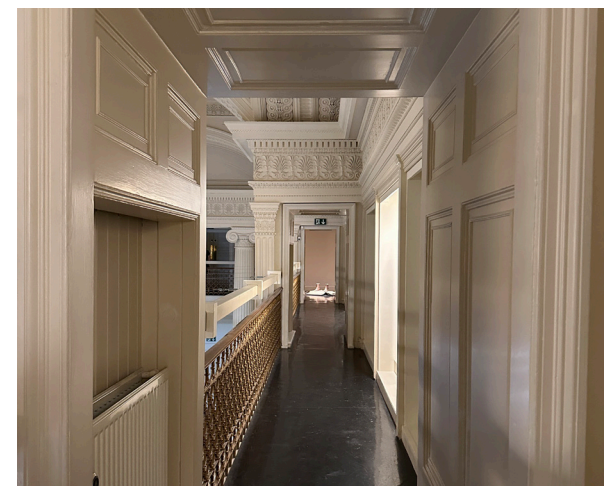
Stairs to the Georgian Gallery

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



Stair lift

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.



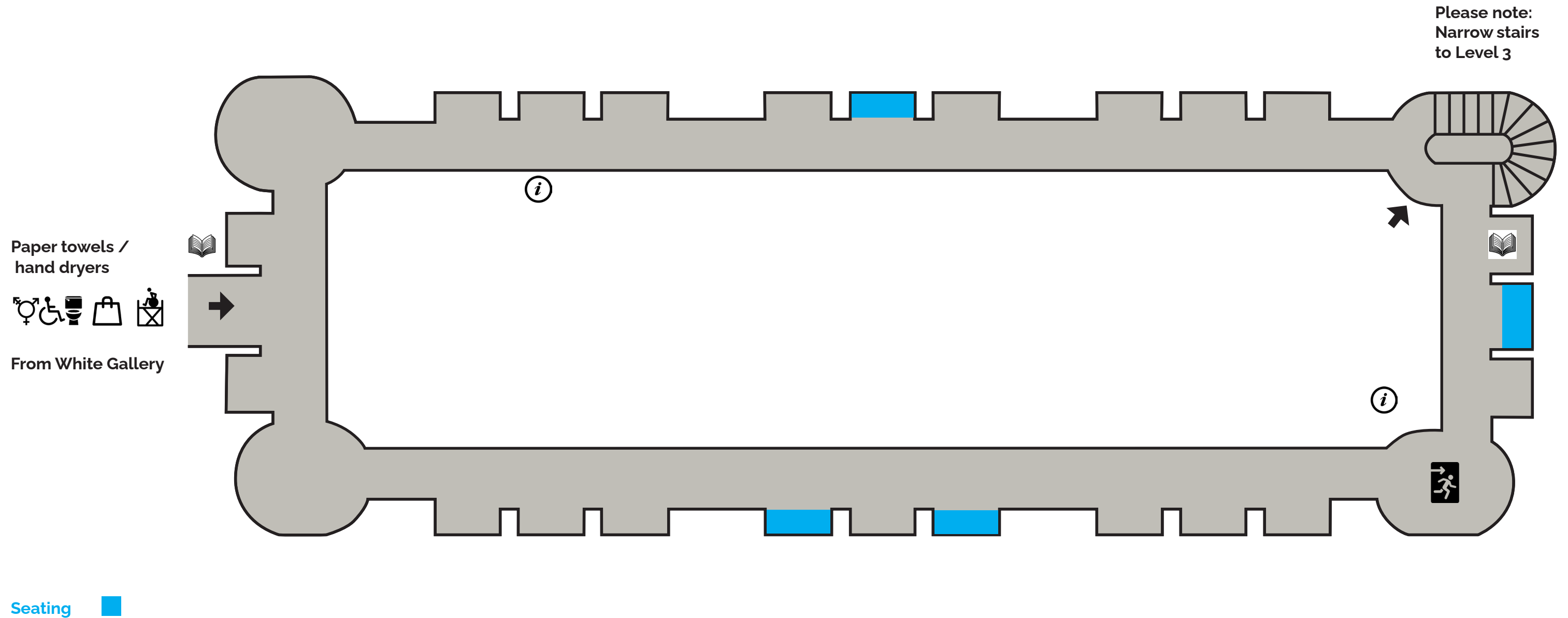
Georgian Gallery Balcony

The Georgian Gallery Balcony overlooks the Georgian Gallery. It has a narrow passageway with a width of 1.94m (from the wall to the railing). Here, you will find works by Anne Hardy. The space has fluctuating light, and the artworks are spotlit.

There is audio playing from the work below. There are a number of seating areas here - please see the map.

Level 2

Georgian Gallery

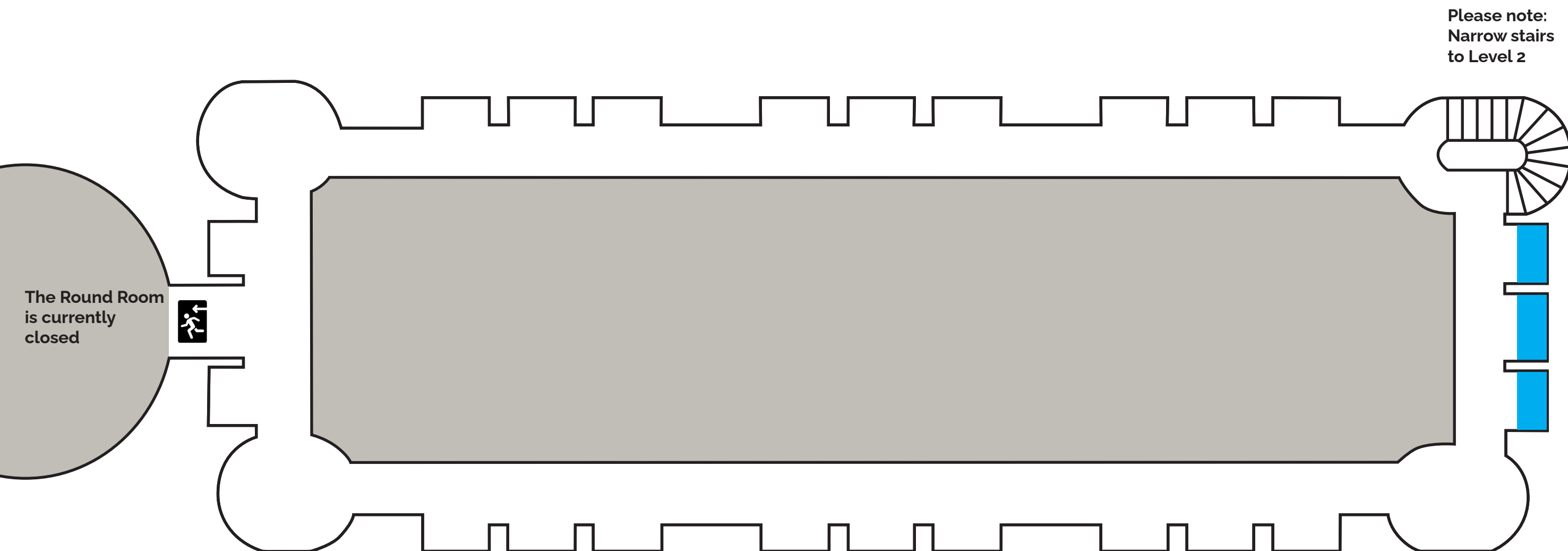


You can enter our **Georgian Gallery** at the end of the corridor past the Toilets and Gallery Shop on Level 2. There are 5 steps up to this gallery and we have a chair lift available for wheelchair users. Please speak to a Volunteer if you require the lift.

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

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 as shown on the map.

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