

## Conferences at the Cambridge Corn Exchange and Guildhall



Situated in the historic university city of Cambridge, the Cambridge Corn Exchange and Guildhall offer some of the very best conference facilities in the region.

The venues are impressive examples of Victorian and 1930s architecture, combined with 21st Century technology, offering several flexible spaces to accommodate conferences, exhibitions or trade fairs - whether for 14 or 1400 people.

With superb catering and excellent technical facilities, our experienced staff will ensure that your event runs smoothly - from initial site visit right through to the day of the event.

## Why choose Cambridge?



### Why choose the Cambridge Corn Exchange and Guildhall?

One of the most famous cities in the world, Cambridge is the perfect destination for conferences of all sizes.

Located in the heart of the city the Cambridge Corn Exchange and Guildhall are ideally positioned venues in which to hold your conference or event.

Both are less than two minutes' walk from the famous King's College and close to the other 30 Cambridge University colleges, all of which have their own history and interesting stories to accompany them. Beyond the college lies the River Cam where punting and Pimms-drinking takes place.

Just 100 metres from the front of the Corn Exchange sits The Eagle, one of the oldest pubs in Cambridgeshire and, most famously, the place where the discovery of DNA was announced.

The Guildhall fronts onto the historic market place, one of the longest running in the country offering everything from fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, fish and continental breads, to arts, crafts and clothes. Surrounding the market square and beyond are a range of independent and high street shops, cafes, restaurants and pubs.

## Getting here

Cambridge is easy to get to by road, rail or air - just 50 minutes from central London and 30 minutes from London Stansted Airport.

The city is easily accessible via the M11, A11 and A14 and has international links via London airports with Stansted just 30 miles away, Heathrow 71 miles and Gatwick 96 miles.

There are also frequent trains to and from London's Kings Cross and Liverpool Street stations which are 50 and 80 minutes away respectively.

## Spaces available

### Cambridge Corn Exchange – Main Auditorium



Originally designed in 1873 by one of the country's foremost architects of his day, Richard Rowe, the Corn Exchange was, in more recent times, redesigned as a concert hall and conference facility.

The main auditorium is a versatile space offering flexibility for conferences of all sizes from fully seated (across three levels) to walk-round exhibitions.

There are additional exhibition areas available (see following pages) and the auditorium also has direct access for loading and unloading.

### One auditorium - three levels

The seating layout in the main auditorium can be arranged to suit your needs. The stage can be set at three sizes depending on your requirements.

The flat floor of the auditorium seats between 484 and 690 people (depending on the size of the stage), with a further 228 seats on the tiered removable seating at the rear of the flat section.

The balcony offers raked seating for 490 people and the mezzanine floor holds a further 42 seats.

The Corn Exchange also has 5 spacious dressing rooms in the backstage area for use during your conference.

### Area

476 Square metres

### Seating capacity

Standard size stage (4.5m depth x 16.5m width) - 1462

Middle size stage (7m depth x 16.5m width) - 1342

Large size stage (9.5m depth x 16.5m width) 1256

The main auditorium is accessible from street level.

## Cambridge Corn Exchange – Schering Room



The Schering Room is the ideal reception and registration area for welcoming delegates to your event.

The space comprises two bar areas and a cafe serving area complete with an expansive floor space where large numbers of delegates can congregate.

The room leads both to the main auditorium and the King's Room (upstairs).

The Schering Room can be used for a seated or standing reception and makes an ideal exhibition space.

### **Area**

109 square metres

### **Capacity**

60 Seated/Dining

150 Standing/Reception

## Cambridge Corn Exchange – King's Room



The King's Room is suited for small, intimate meetings, training sessions and presentations.

The room holds up to 100 people standing and the space is appropriate for overhead flip chart and PowerPoint presentations (all other necessary equipment can be provided).

The room is situated directly above the main entrance of the Corn Exchange and overlooks the Schering Room. A full catering service is available.

Please note: This space is upstairs and cannot be accessed by wheelchair users.

### **Area**

30 square metres

### **Capacity**

100 Standing

40 Theatre

14 Boardroom

24 Seated banquet

## Cambridge Corn Exchange – St John's Room



The St John's Room is conveniently sited as a break-out space for conferences due to its proximity to the main auditorium. Its flexibility also allows for board room and theatre style meetings and standing or seated buffets. The St John's Room also provides access to the two boxes that overlook the auditorium and stage. This space is accessible to wheelchair users via a platform lift.

The St John's Room offers easy access to the Corn Exchange backstage areas and has a fully equipped bar.

### **Area**

52.2 square metres

### **Capacity**

150 Standing

55 Theatre

40 Seated Banquet

## **Guildhall**

The historic Guildhall is situated next to the Cambridge Corn Exchange and offers two large conference spaces. These can be used independently or in conjunction with other spaces in the Corn Exchange. All the facilities are on first floor level with access by stairs or lifts.

These spaces are interconnected and used for a variety of events from live music to comedy, talks, craft fairs, conferences, weddings and much more.

## **The Large Hall**



The Large Hall is the main space within the Guildhall. This impressive conference venue is often used for university degree ceremonies. It offers 330 square metres of floor space which can be set up in a variety of configurations depending on the nature of your conference. The space can easily accommodate 40 exhibition stands measuring 1.83 x 0.92 meters.

There is a fixed stage and two dressing rooms to the rear. Lighting and sound equipment can be provided and operated by our team of experienced staff.

### **Area**

330 Square metres

### **Capacity**

400 Seated 400 Standing

576 Theatre

300 Seated banquet

400 Standing buffet

## The Small Hall



The beautiful Small Hall of the Guildhall has a large source of natural light and is the ideal space in which to host exhibitions.

The 144 square metres of floor space can easily hold up to 200 delegates or accommodate 15 exhibition stands. It can be used as an annex to the Large Hall or in its own right for smaller functions. The Large and Small Halls are adjacent and have linking doors to allow for the spaces to be used in conjunction with each other.

### **Area**

144 square metres

### **Capacity**

100 Theatre

100 Seated Banquet

150 Standing Buffet

## Information for your visit



### **Catering facilities**

Our first class catering is provided by Kudos Hospitality.

We can offer excellent catering facilities for conferences ranging from 11 people through to 1100 people. Our catering is bespoke to suit your needs but we can provide some sample menus to give you an idea of the sort of thing we can offer. To discuss your catering in more detail please contact Rhea Rastofsky, Catering Manager on [Rhea.Rastofsky@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:Rhea.Rastofsky@cambridge.gov.uk) or 01223 457556.

### **Technical facilities**

We can arrange for all the equipment you may need, from audio-visual facilities, stage lighting and effects to quality sound and a plentiful power supply. For full information on our technical facilities please visit

[www.cornex.co.uk/ccm/navigation/category.jsp?categoryID=10843079](http://www.cornex.co.uk/ccm/navigation/category.jsp?categoryID=10843079)

### **Accommodation partners**

If you are holding your conference at the Corn Exchange and wish to arrange accommodation for delegates we recommend contacting our special conference partners, [The Crowne Plaza Hotel](#) and [Doubletrees Hotel](#). Both are city centre hotels offering a special rate to Corn Exchange conference delegates.

### **Directions and parking**

For Directions and Parking please visit

<http://www.cornex.co.uk/ccm/navigation/category.jsp?categoryID=10838063>

If you have any comments or questions, please call 01223 458500 or email [carparks@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:carparks@cambridge.gov.uk)

### **Access & facilities for those with disabilities**

There is disabled access to both The Small Hall and Large Hall from the Peas Hill entrance to The Guildhall which is sloped and also from the Corn Exchange Street side which isn't sloped. There are lifts close to both these entrances.

For more information on disabled facilities at the Cambridge Corn Exchange please visit

<http://www.cornex.co.uk/ccm/navigation/category.jsp?categoryID=10814065>

## Contact us



To find out more about hosting your conference at the Cambridge Corn Exchange and Guildhall please contact us via any of the methods below:

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Gallery

**Auditorium**



## Schering Room



## King's Room



## St John's Room



## Exterior

