



# SPACES<sub>AT</sub> arts factory

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# About us

Arts Factory is an independent development trust that was founded in 1990 by local residents who aimed to enhance their quality of life. The organisation is located in Rhondda Cynon Taff (RCT), a county borough in South Wales. Previously, RCT was famous for its mining and industrial heritage, but the decline of the coal industry led to social deprivation and the loss of thousands of jobs. Arts Factory was created to address this challenge and to assist marginalised and excluded individuals to develop skills, self-esteem, and supportive social networks by engaging in team-based projects.

The organisation's activities include creating opportunities for others to learn and develop, providing valuable services that meet the needs of the wider community, and developing social enterprises to fund their work. Arts Factory relies on various income streams, such as graphic design, an online bookshop, and renting space within its property, to achieve its social goals.

Arts Factory is committed to creating independent income streams through enterprise and assets that are robust enough to meet its core operating costs and to minimize its dependence on grant funding. This strategy will promote the long-term financial sustainability of the organisation.

Arts Factory has partnered with local organisations in the past, and its future plans include collaborating with health boards, local councils, arts organisations, charities, and support networks for mutual benefit. Market research indicates that Arts Factory has made a significant impact on the Rhondda Cynon Taf (RCT) region through positive interventions. The organisation's future strategy is to develop creative approaches to investing in communities, which will help to tackle major societal issues such as reducing loneliness and isolation and boosting self-esteem. This will enhance community resilience and promote a stronger, more inclusive community.

# Our vision

“Create life-changing opportunities for everyone, especially those that are less advantaged than others. Everyone is regarded as an asset and contributes to us being a financially sustainable community anchor organisation”.

# Our mission

“Arts Factory helps to create a stronger and more inclusive community by offering opportunities to those who may be less advantaged or undervalued by others. We achieve this by developing skills, establishing supportive social networks, and building self-confidence and self-esteem through team-based projects. Our projects facilitate learning, fulfill community needs, and generate income to support our work”.

# Our values

“We believe;

- that everyone is an asset
- in social justice and fairness
- in diversity and inclusivity
- in building a sustainable and safe community
- in teamwork, mutual benefit and positive attitudes”.



# AT TRERHONDDA

Trerhondda, located in the heart of Frenndale's bustling high street, is a beautifully converted chapel that provides a unique setting for meetings and events. Conveniently, there are two local car parks nearby, making it an ideal location for gatherings.



# Vestry SPACE

Our signature space offers excellent access to the high street. It can accommodate up to 40 people, making it perfect for parties, groups, and conferences. Tables and chairs are available upon request. We also have soft play areas with safety mats, along with a springboard and trampoline, making it perfect for various sports activities.



Up to 40 People



Free WiFi



Tea / Coffee facilities available



TV or Projector



8m length | 10.4m width



Prices from £15 per hour



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# Main Hall SPACE

This well-lit space is perfect for small parties or groups, wheelchair-friendly with easy access to toilets and offers disco lights, a plug-and-play TV, and optional setup of tables and chairs. Access to the canteen is available for food and drinks.



Up to 40 People



Free WiFi



Tea / Coffee facilities available



TV



8m length | 11m width



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## Studio SPACE

This space is versatile and can be utilised for meetings, small training sessions, one-on-one meetings, or even as a temporary or permanent office space.



Up to 6 People



Free WiFi



Tea / Coffee facilities available



TV



3.8m length | 3m width



Prices from £10 per hour



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# Meeting SPACE

Space for meetings, small training or one-to-ones.  
Space can be opened out into the kitchen



Up to 10 People



Free WiFi



Tea / Coffee facilities available



TV



6.4m length | 2.4m width



Prices from £10 per hour



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# Canteen SPACE

Our contemporary canteen space is open for use for large groups and for breakout sessions when it is not in use by our staff and volunteers.



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# Changing SPACE

Whether you are visiting or you just are in the area – you will have access to the convenience of Changing Space toilet facility, which is fully equipped and available to anyone requiring these facilities.



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# ATMAERDY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Maerdy Community Centre is situated near Maerdy high street. It is a spacious and distinct building that provides an excellent setting for meetings and events. Additionally, the center offers the convenience of onsite parking, making it an ideal and accessible location for various gatherings.



# The Social SPACE

Sprung wooden dance floor or soft padded floor for sports and health activities. Lighting rig and stage available. Double side door access to backstage. Ideal for theatre shows, parties and group activities.



Up to 200 People seated



Free WiFi



Tea / Coffee facilities available



Onsite Free parking



Sound system, TV or Projector



14m length | 10m width (excluding stage)



Prices from £20 per hour



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# Workshop SPACE

A spacious and flexible area perfect for hosting workshops and meetings accommodating a significant number of attendees.



Up to 40 People



Free WiFi



Tea / Coffee facilities available



Onsite Free parking



TV



15m length | 8m width



Prices from £15 per hour



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# Conference SPACE

Ideal space for training, team meetings, and presentations. The 12 ft table can seat 16 people or accommodate presentation-style seating for up to 30 individuals. TV, projector screen, and flipchart are available.



Up to 30 People



Free WiFi



Tea / Coffee facilities available



Onsite Free parking



TV or Projector



6.3m length | 4.9m width



Prices from £10 per hour



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# Wellbeing SPACE

Spacious and welcoming, this large space provides a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, making it suitable for a variety of sessions. Additionally, it comes equipped with convenient kitchen facilities.



Up to 30 People



Free WiFi



Tea, coffee and kitchen facilities available



Onsite Free parking



Sound system, TV or Projector



8.7m length | 7.5m width



Prices from £15 per hour



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## The Attic SPACE

Quite spacious space for an array of different uses. Can be used to run training, where participants can work independently on their laptops. The separate room can be used as a meeting room or temporary office.



Up to 12 People



Free WiFi



Tea / Coffee facilities available



Onsite Free parking



5.5m length | 2.7m width x2 rooms available



Prices from £10 per hour



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## Office SPACE

For private meetings or to use as an office. If you need to meet with clients this space is ideal for you.



Up to 3 People



Free WiFi



Tea / Coffee facilities available



Onsite Free parking



TV or Flip chart



3.3m length | 2.4m width



Prices from £10 per hour



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## Counseling SPACE

Used for counselling sessions; a warm, comfortable space.



Up to 6 People



Free WiFi



Tea / Coffee facilities available



Onsite Free parking



3.7m length | 2.6m width



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