



DEVON & EXETER
INSTITUTION

VENUE HIRE INFORMATION PACK



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The Devon and Exeter Institution is a thriving independent library and educational charity in the heart of the city of Exeter.

OUR SPACES

A major restoration programme has recently been completed at the Devon and Exeter Institution and it now boasts a range of stylish rooms, rich in historic character and charm, which are available for hire. At the heart of the building is a magnificent galleried Georgian library which has been used on numerous occasions as a film, television and photo shoot location. Private rooms of varying sizes offer flexible spaces for corporate, academic or cultural events, or smaller, more intimate meetings.



THE BLUE ROOM

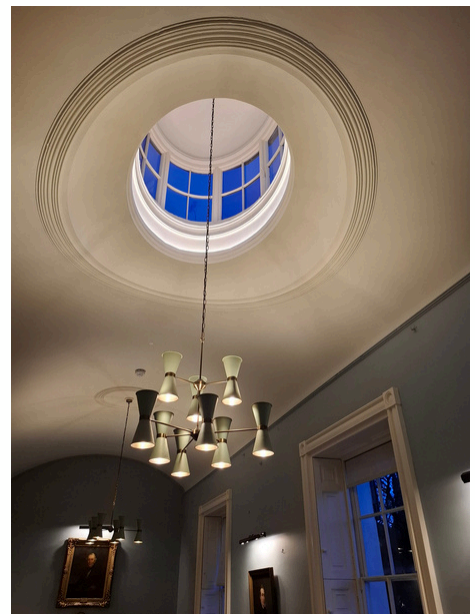
This stunning South-West facing room overlooks Exeter Cathedral and is believed to have been used by the 9th Earl of Devon, William Courtenay, for his high society parties. Now restored to its Georgian splendour, the Blue Room is airy and elegant, with a distinctive barrelled ceiling and cupola lantern light, and original period features. This versatile space, on the first floor, can host up to fifty people seated and provides an inspiring venue for everything from business meetings and conferences to creative workshops, yoga, and afternoon tea parties.



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THE GREEN ROOM

With space for up to eight people seated, this charming room was used at one point as the librarian's office. It is full of original features including the 9th Earl's pink Italian marble fireplace. The room is on the ground floor and overlooks the cathedral through its elegant Georgian window. It is suitable for small meetings, writing retreats, or workshops, or can be used as part of a larger booking alongside other rooms in the building.



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THE PARLOUR

Situated on the ground floor, this room is the former parlour of the 9th Earl of Devon and retains his Italian marble fireplace dating from 1805 as well as other period features, including some Art Deco additions from the 1930s. The Parlour is the smallest of the rooms available for hire and has a beautiful view of the cathedral. It has space for up to four people seated, and is perfect for cosy meetings, seminar groups or interviews.



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THE GARDEN ROOM

We have turned some previously unused outdoor space into a smart new extension which can be used as a breakout area. The room can also be hired separately for small gatherings, such as craft activities or an evening drinks event. This glass-fronted Garden Room has doors that open onto a cosy courtyard garden and provides an additional space for relaxing and conversation.



HIRE OPTIONS

FUNCTION ROOMS	The Blue Room	The Green Room	The Parlour	Garden Room
SIZE	57.6 sqm 16 x 3.6m	18.5 sqm 5 x 3.7m	12.1 sqm 3.1 x 4m	12.2 sqm 4.7 x 2.6m
CAPACITY	Up to 50 seated	Up to 8 seated	Up to 4 seated	Up to 10 standing
COST	£100 per hour £600 full day £120 per hour evenings or out of hours	£50 per hour £340 full day	£45 per hour £300 full day	£50 per hour £340 full day
AVAILABILITY	<p>Tuesday to Saturday Weekdays 9.30 am - 5pm Saturday 10 am - 4 pm Please ask us if you require an earlier start time or want to hire a room on Sunday or Monday. Minimum hire period is 2 hours</p>			<p>Booking times must include any time you need for initial setting up and packing up afterwards</p>
ROOM LAYOUT STYLE	<p>Theatre-style: Chairs in rows facing one end of the room</p>	<p>Boardroom: One large table with chairs set around it</p>	<p>Café-style: Individual tables with chair set around them</p>	<p>Seminar: Chairs arranged in U-shape</p>

OUR LIBRARY



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Our impressive galleried library is virtually unchanged since its creation in 1813. The Inner Library and Outer Library are home to a unique collection of books, maps, prints, drawings and decorative art. The Outer Library is available for evening hire for lectures, cultural events and awards. We advise a site visit to the library before booking to discuss your project.

Our room hire bookings can also include a **bespoke library tour** and, where appropriate, a display of books.

To discuss hiring our library, please send an email to:
venue@devonandexeterinstitution.org



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Our library provides an atmospheric venue for cultural and artistic events, whether you are looking for a setting that is inspiring and uplifting, or peaceful and romantic.



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FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Our library is also available as a filming location. It has featured in many films, documentaries, and TV programmes, including the BBC's *Empire* and 'Who Do You Think You Are?' The Institution also makes an atmospheric venue for photo shoots. Please see our separate **Filming Information Pack** for further information.



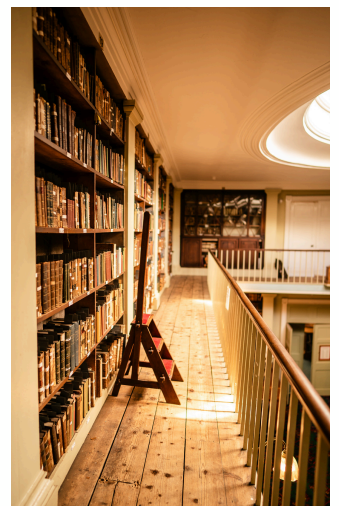
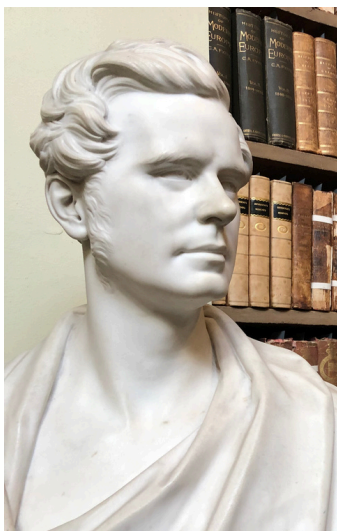
Historian David Olusoga filming at the Devon and Exeter Institution for BBC TV's *Empire* series, 2025



Above: Filming - Wandering Tiger Productions
Left: Photoshoot - Life's Little Adventures Photography

LIBRARY HIRE OPTIONS

	SIZE	CAPACITY	AVAILABILITY	COST
Outer Library minimum hire period 2 hours	96 sqm 12 x 8 m	Up to 40 people seated or 50 standing	Daytime filming hire (Tuesday - Friday) Evening hire and out of hours (Sunday and Monday) Hire of whole building	£150 per hour £200 per hour Please enquire for prices



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Please fill out a booking form on our website and one of our team members will get in touch soon.

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