

Thinking of visiting us?

Aberdeen
Archives,
Gallery &
Museums

Discover the stories in our collections of art and history at Aberdeen Archives Gallery & Museums. A visit to our venues offers an opportunity to find out about our city's culture in its many forms, inspiring creativity and supporting literacy.

This guide will help prepare you and your group for a visit to:



Aberdeen Art Gallery



Aberdeen Maritime Museum



Provost Skene's House



Aberdeen Treasure Hub

Self-guided visits

We welcome school and educational groups for self-guided visits throughout the year.

Please book in advance. Free for all schools.

- Self-guided visits to Aberdeen Art Gallery or Aberdeen Maritime Museum can include a short introduction from a member of our team and access to the learning spaces.
- Provost Skene's House can accommodate a maximum of 33 pupils with 3 adult leaders per visit. It does not have a learning space.
- Aberdeen Treasure Hub is available for visits supported by our staff. Please get in touch with us to find out more.

We have a variety of trails and learning resources to use during a visit. Check them out in advance [here](#) or collect them at the start of your visit.

Free for local authority schools

We offer activity workshops for primary, secondary and special school groups at Aberdeen Art Gallery and Aberdeen Maritime Museum.

Find out about these via our [School Bulletin](#) including details of how to book.



Planning and booking visits

Book a visit to our venues at AAGMLearning@aberdeencity.gov.uk and please let us know the following:

- Contact name for group
- Name of school or institution
- Curriculum focus of your visit
- Number of people in your group
- Average age or learner stage for your group
- Date, arrival, and departure times
- If you need access to the Learning Space



Find out about our buildings and facilities in advance of your visit. [Plan your visit](#)



We have an [Access Guide and a Visual Guide](#) available for Aberdeen Art Gallery



Explore learning resources on our [website](#) and YouTube [channel](#)



Download our School Visit risk assessment [here](#)



It's easier to explore our spaces if classes are split into smaller groups. We recommend one adult leader for every 10 learners. Planning this prior to your arrival will help to maximise your visit time.



We work with ASN charity WeToo to provide sensory packs at Aberdeen Art Gallery to help enhance a visit. These are available to borrow on request from the Welcome Desk.



Costs

- Self-guided visits are free for all schools.
- Workshops and visits supported by our team are free for local authority schools.
- Charges apply to fee paying schools for visits and workshops supported by our team and for the use of our learning spaces.

During your visit

- Let a member of our team know you have arrived.
- If you have booked a learning space, a member of our team will direct you there and provide a brief introduction. You can collect learning resources, trails, clipboards and pencils from here.
- This room can be used to leave belongings, eat snacks, and can be visited throughout the duration of your visit if a quiet space is needed.
- There are toilet facilities available in all our venues. We have a changing places toilet on level 2.
- In the event of a fire, our front of house team will guide you to a safe exit.
- If visiting the shop, please do so in small groups, accompanied by an adult.
- During your visit you can ask our team for help. They are identifiable by black clothing, orange lanyard and name badge.

Making the most of your visit

We want everyone to feel welcome, safe and free to enjoy their visit. We all have a role in keeping our collections safe and protected.

Here are some simple rules to follow during a visit

- Use indoor voices and always consider other visitors during your visit
- Walk in a calm manner throughout the building and don't run
- Stay together in allocated groups with an adult leader. If anyone strays from the group, ask a member of staff with an orange lanyard to help
- Don't touch the exhibits, displays or artworks
- Don't stand or lean on plinths or artworks
- Maintain a safe distance between yourselves and the artworks. We don't gather in large numbers close to displays, which helps to avoid accidental touching or bumping
- The learning space can be used for eating and drinking. Food and drink are not permitted in the gallery spaces
- Have fun, ask questions and share your ideas!



If you have any questions before your visit, please email AAGMLearning@aberdeencity.gov.uk

For the latest learning resources, workshops and events for teachers, please check our [School Bulletin](#).



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