

CHEAD Conference 2020

Birmingham: Places to visit

Birmingham Art Map

<https://birminghamartmap.org/>

Winter edition:

https://birminghamartmap.org/wpcontent/uploads/2019/11/art_map_winter_2019.pdf

Museums & Galleries:

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

Chamberlain Square, Birmingham B3 3DH

Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery is a museum and art gallery in Birmingham, England. It has a collection of international importance covering fine art, ceramics, metalwork, jewellery, natural history, archaeology, ethnography, local history and industrial history.

birminghammuseums.org.uk

IKON Gallery

1 Oozells Square, Brindleyplace, Birmingham B1 2HS

Ikon is an internationally acclaimed contemporary art venue situated in central Birmingham. Housed in a magnificent neo-gothic school building, it is an educational charity and works to encourage public engagement with contemporary art through exhibiting new work in a context of debate and participation.

<https://www.ikon-gallery.org/>

Eastside Projects

86 Heath Mill Lane, Deritend, Birmingham B9 4AR

Eastside Projects is an artist-run space in Digbeth. It is a free public space that is imagined and organised by artists, and includes galleries and studios. It commissions and presents experimental contemporary art exhibitions and proposes ways in which art may be useful to society.

<https://eastsideprojects.org/>

STEAMhouse

108 Digbeth, Birmingham B5 6DT

A centre for creative and collaborative innovation, STEAMhouse supports people from different backgrounds to make, prototype and bring amazing new ideas to life.

<https://steamhouse.org.uk/>

BOM (Birmingham Open Media)

1 Dudley St, Birmingham B5 4EG

BOM is a centre for art, technology and science dedicated to creative innovation with purpose. BOM presents cutting edge digital artworks and exhibitions that spark debate about technology and scientific progress.

<https://www.bom.org.uk/>

Grand Union

Minerva Works, 158 Fazeley Street, Birmingham B5 5RS

Grand Union is a gallery and artists' studios complex in Digbeth. It is a welcoming organisation, bringing the public closer to art and artists. It hosts a free programme of public exhibitions and events.

<https://grand-union.org.uk/>

Vivid Projects

16, Minerva Works, 158 Fazeley St, Birmingham B5 5RT

Vivid Projects was founded in 2012 and supports media arts practice and encourages innovation, risk and experimentation. Vivid Projects works with artists and producers across creative disciplines. It is committed to interdisciplinary practice, made public through an ambitious programme of events and exhibitions on and off-site.

<http://www.vividprojects.org.uk/>

Centrala

Unit 4 Minerva Works, 158 Fazeley St, Birmingham B5 5RT

Centrala was launched in 2012 and has gone on to establish itself as a nationally and internationally recognised centre for Central and Eastern European art and artists. Centrala is the only publicly-funded gallery of its kind and the only advocate for Central and European art and artists outside London.

<http://centrala-space.org.uk/>

Other points of interest:

Winterbourne House and Garden

58 Edgbaston Park Rd, Birmingham B15 2RT

A unique Edwardian era site, Winterbourne House and Garden is situated in Edgbaston near to the University of Birmingham campus. The main building was built in the Arts and Crafts style for John and Margaret Nettlefold in 1903 and has a selection of 19th-century printing presses.

<https://www.winterbourne.org.uk/>

Library of Birmingham

Centenary Square, Broad St, Birmingham B1 2ND

Europe's largest public library, the Library of Birmingham can be found in the centre of the city, in the impressive Centenary Square. As well as a huge collection of books, the library also houses the British Film Institute National Archive, an international Photography Collection, and historical Archives and Collections.

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/libraries>

The Coffin Works

13-15 Fleet Street, Birmingham B3 1JP

The Coffin Works, a unique museum about coffin making home to the Newman Brothers Museum, is situated in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter. Visitors can enter this time capsule, preserved by the Birmingham Conservation Trust, and see how the factory was in its 1960s heyday.

<http://www.coffinworks.org/>

Museum of the Jewellery Quarter

75-80 Vyse Street, Birmingham B18 6HA

Another attraction based in the Jewellery Quarter, this museum displays collections of locally crafted jewellery and has a full programme of adult and family workshops all year round. The story of the historic Jewellery Quarter is told in a fully interactive exhibit, where visitors can learn how the area came to have its own assay office.

<https://www.birminghammuseums.org.uk/jewellery>

The Pen Museum

Unit 3, The Argent Centre, 60 Frederick St, Birmingham B1 3HS

Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter was once home to over 100 factories manufacturing the 'Birmingham pen' – now it's home to this museum that tells the tale. Housing over 5000 objects, visitors learn how Birmingham's steel pen trade supplied 75% of the world's pens during the 19th century. The museum also runs a range of calligraphy classes in the CalliCreative Room, designed for both beginners and more experienced calligraphers.

<https://www.penmuseum.org.uk/>

Barber Institute of Fine Arts

University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2TS

Sitting on the edge of the University of Birmingham campus in Edgbaston is the Barber Institute of Fine Arts. An ever changing range of exhibits alongside the museum's permanent collections always offers a fascinating afternoon out to visitors, including the museum's historic coin collection and regular free lunchtime tours and talks.

<http://www.barber.org.uk/>