

 **Outhouse**

**VENUE HIRE**





# A VENUE FOR ALL

Are you seeking a unique and vibrant space to host your next event or meeting?

Look no further than Outhouse LGBTQ+ Centre.

Our historic and beautiful Georgian building, one of the first to be built in Dublin in the 1770s, boasts a variety of unique spaces that can accommodate your needs, including a relaxed Library, an exquisite period drawing room called the Red Room, and an exciting multi-purpose audiovisual space in the Theatre.

Whether you're hosting a meeting, workshop, or private event, our dedicated team will work with you to ensure your event runs smoothly.

Conveniently located in the city centre on Capel Street, a favourite hotspot of the queer community, close to a variety of shops and restaurants,

Outhouse offers an exciting and alternative space to host your public or private event.

# WHY CHOOSE OUTHOUSE FOR YOUR EVENT?

## A VENUE WITH A CAUSE

When you choose to host your event at Outhouse, you are helping to provide life-saving services and life-changing campaigns for the queer community in Dublin.

Outhouse LGBTQ+ Centre is a vibrant and safe space for LGBTQ+ people, communities, and organisations that is inclusive of the diversity within our communities.

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for LGBTQ+ people by providing a safe space to find:

- **Connection:** Discovering themselves, their people, place, and passions.
- **Community Support:** Accessing information, programmes, and services.
- **Culture:** Experiencing creativity, heritage, discovery, and fun.
- **Campaigns:** Being part of a strong, credible, and trusted voice for LGBTQ+ communities.

Since our doors opened in 1997, we have provided a welcoming drop-in space, a community café, social and cultural events, resources and support services, a queer library, a theatre, meeting spaces, and much more.

# ABOUT OUTHOUSE



Outhouse was founded from the ashes of the Hirschfeld Centre, an iconic and pioneering LGBTQ+ space which was destroyed in an arson attack in 1987.

Outhouse was officially opened by President Mary McAleese in 1998, with the re-opening of an LGBTQ+ centre marking a significant milestone in Ireland's LGBTQ+ history.

Much like the Hirschfeld Centre, Outhouse has been at the forefront of agitating for social change and supporting, nurturing, and encouraging people, groups, and movements changing the face of Capel Street, Dublin City, and Ireland.

## **Outhouse's incredible achievements over its history include:**

- Supporting tens of thousands of LGBTQ+ people with information, support, signposting, and peer support groups, ensuring that no one was left alone.
- Supporting the founding and early-stage development of two critical national organisations, BeLong To LGBTQ+ Youth Ireland and the Transgender Equality Network Ireland (TENI). Both organisations successfully left the nest and won vital victories for the LGBTQ+ community.
- The Marriage Equality and Repeal of the 8th referenda were successfully fought and won from within the walls of Outhouse.
- Creating space for activists to come together, organise, and campaign was one of the founding goals of Outhouse.
- 105 Capel Street, our home and one of the first Georgian buildings built in Dublin, has been lovingly and painstakingly restored.
- Preserving part of our city's heritage for generations to come and inspiring the revitalisation of Capel Street and its environs.

Located in the basement of the building, Outhouse houses Dublin's premier dedicated queer theatre space.

This remarkable space, the largest within the building, is fully equipped with state-of-the-art audio/visual equipment and boasts a portable and adaptable stage. As a result, it offers unparalleled versatility, making it the ideal setting for a wide range of events.

From captivating film screenings and dynamic rehearsals to productive meetings and engaging seminars, from interactive workshops and imaginative performances to thought-provoking panel discussions and vibrant cabaret shows – our theatre has everything you need to bring your vision to life.

The Outhouse Theatre has hosted many performances by artists, writers, comedians, DJs like Sean Millar, SACK, and Ailbhe Reddy, and iconic theatre festivals in Ireland, like Dublin Gay Theatre Festival, Dublin Fringe Festival, Mother Tongue Festival, among others. The theatre has a resident performance group, Acting Out, which is drawn from the LGBTQ+ community in Dublin. With its unique design, this theatre provides the perfect backdrop for gatherings.

# THEATRE



## Capacity & Seating Layouts



STANDING  
70



THEATRE  
50



CIRCLE  
50



U-SHAPE  
30



BOARDROOM  
30

## Theatre Facilities

- Audiovisual, sound, and lighting rig
- Microphones, stands and speakers
- HD-ready projector

For full technical specs, see Appendix on page 15.



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**Ruth McCarthy – Artistic Director / CEO, Outburst Queer Arts Festival**



The impressive and aptly named Red Room is situated on the first floor of the building. This authentic Georgian drawing room still preserves many traditional characteristics, such as a 12-foot plasterwork ceiling and an original wooden floor. Its full-height sash windows offer fantastic views of Capel Street while allowing abundant natural light to flood the room.

# RED ROOM



The Red Room is a versatile space suitable for a variety of events, including meetings, corporate workshops, conferences, seminars, creative workshops, music rehearsals, smaller performances, launches, celebrations, exhibitions, and much more.

The room held many exciting events and exhibitions over the years, including government consultations, Culture Night exhibits, livestreamed concerts, and filming for national television.

The Red Room is connected to the Library by an adjoining door, and both rooms work well together, particularly as an entertaining and exhibition space.

## Capacity & Seating Layouts



STANDING  
50



THEATRE  
30



CIRCLE  
30



U-SHAPE  
30



BOARDROOM  
25

## Red Room Facilities

- Video conferencing facilities
- Wireless Laptop connection or via USB



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Discover the ideal venue for your next meeting or event in the intimate and welcoming atmosphere of the Outhouse Library. You'll be surrounded by our extensive collection of nearly 4,000 books which encompasses a wide array of topics centred around sexual orientation and gender identity.

Nestled on the first floor of the esteemed Outhouse building, the library exudes an atmosphere of warmth and academia, creating a truly inviting environment for all attendees.

The Outhouse Library boasts a versatile capacity, accommodating up to 20 seated individuals or 30 standing guests. It has proven to be a favoured choice for various events, including engaging book readings and book launches, informative workshops, vibrant community gatherings, board game nights, interactive writing groups, stimulating book clubs, and beyond.

The library's extensive book collection enhances the ambience and contributes to exceptional acoustics, making it an ideal setting for intimate musical gatherings and recording sessions.

# LIBRARY



## Capacity & Seating Layouts



STANDING  
30



THEATRE  
15



CIRCLE  
15



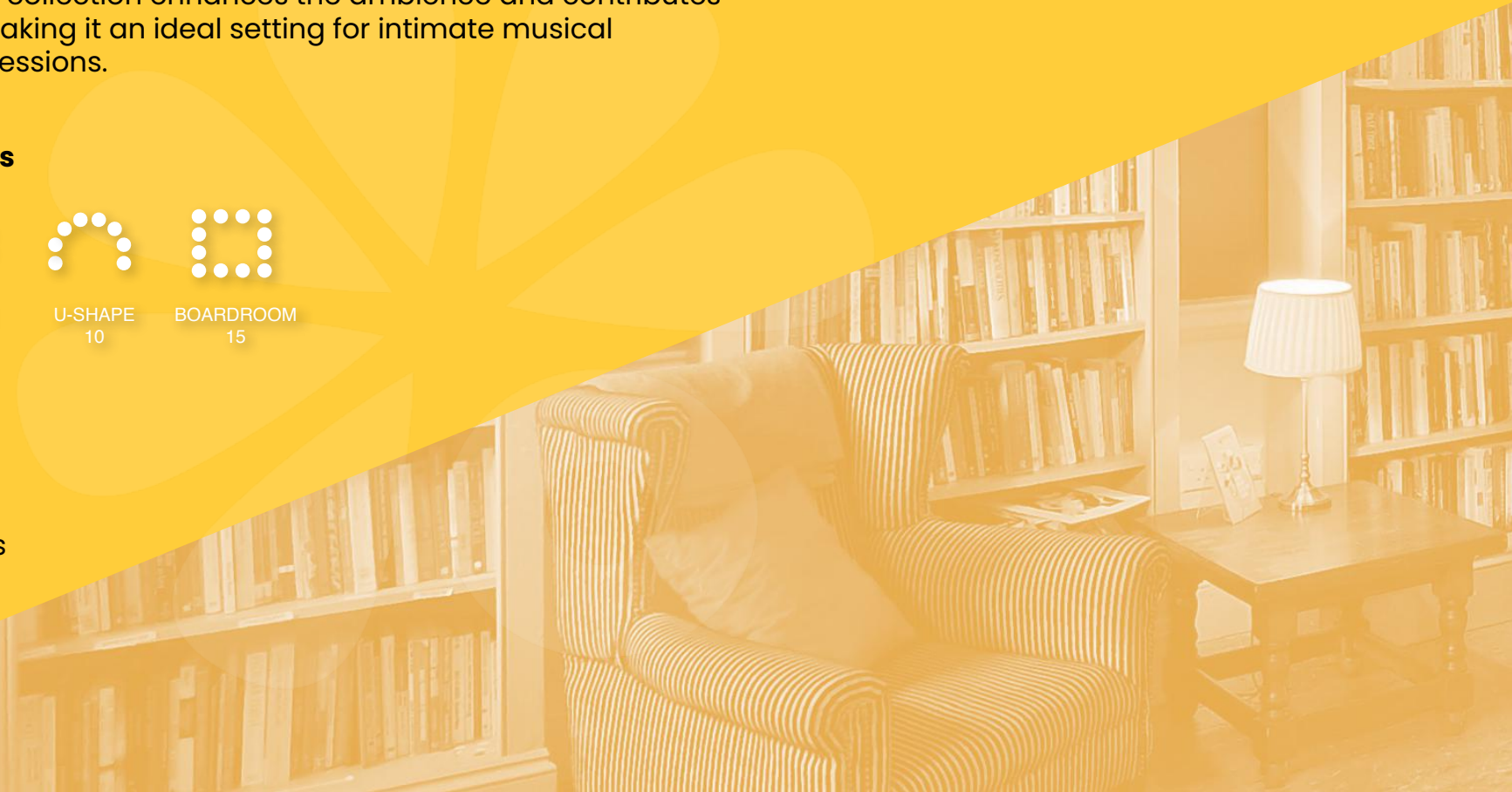
U-SHAPE  
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BOARDROOM  
15

## Facilities

- 4 x comfortable armchairs
- Small TV screen with HDMI





The background image is a photograph of a library room, overlaid with a semi-transparent yellow filter. The room features tall wooden bookshelves filled with books, a striped armchair with a white cushion, and a doorway leading to another room. A framed picture hangs on the wall above the doorway. The text is centered in a yellow box.

*"We have booked the Library Room on multiple occasions and have always found it to be a comfortable space to have meetings outside the office. The staff who have helped both in booking the room and organising tea/coffee from the café downstairs are always lovely to deal with and welcome us into the space. Happy to book again in the future!"*

**Rachel O'Loughlin, Focus Ireland**

## Accessibility

Our premises at 105 Capel Street were built in the 1770s, making it one of the oldest Georgian buildings in Dublin City.

Unfortunately, due to the building's age, importance, and protected status, minimal interventions have been allowed by Dublin City Council to enable universal access.

We are especially sensitive to the needs of individuals who may need extra assistance; please see our website for full details on accessibility and access.

## Catering

Our café is a cosy, warm, and inviting space that welcomes everyone. It is a safe space for the LGBTQ+ community and a place where you can spend some quality time with friends, have a delicious coffee or lunch, and unwind from the hustle and bustle of daily life.

Our dedicated and knowledgeable staff are readily available to address any inquiries regarding our menu and catering for your event. Our café can offer a wide array of delicious treats tailored to your needs.

## Sample Catering Menu

- Classic & Vegetarian / Vegan Sandwich Platters
- Homemade Soup & Sandwich or Slice of Soda Bread
- Vegan Wraps / Pitta
- Finger Food Platter
- Flask of Tea (serves 15 approx)
- Flask of Coffee (serves 15 approx)

# CAFÉ





*"The cafe space in outhouse is a home away from home. Comfortable and charming, the staff complete the entire experience with their immeasurable kindness. It is a safe and inclusive space that has provided me with much joy".*

**Jen - Sapphic Social, Outhouse Meet-Up Group**

## Pricing

Contact us to discuss pricing for your event, we would be happy to prepare a quotation based on your enquiry. Non-profit and community organisations can benefit from competitive rates.

## Location

Outhouse LGBTQ+ Centre, 105 Capel Street, Dublin 1. D01 R290



## Opening Hours:

Mon - Fri: 10 am - 9 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm

Outside these times by arrangement.

## Ready to Book?

Take advantage of this opportunity to host your next event in a unique, inviting space promoting inclusivity and understanding. Outhouse provides a space for people to learn, socialise, and engage meaningfully with their community or attendees.

Thank you for considering Outhouse as your next venue.

Contact us today to enquire about venue hire at Outhouse or by filling out our Booking Enquiry Form on [www.outhouse.ie](http://www.outhouse.ie).

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# GALLERY





## The History of 105 Capel Street

Occupancy on the site has seen significant change over the centuries.

The original mansion, some of the remains of which are beneath our theatre, is thought to date from 1676. It was bought by William Conolly, Speaker of the Irish Parliament in 1707, and demolished in 1770.

The current building at 105 Capel Street, completed in 1771, is one of Dublin's first, finest, and rarest surviving examples of a formal Georgian urban townhouse.

It is a large three-bay, four-storey-over-raised-basement townhouse of national architectural significance, with surviving enriched hand-modelled Rococo stucco work, cornices and ceiling roses, original intact room layouts, original door sets, many original 18th Century windows, and an original open staircase with carved tread ends and internal joinery of fine architectural quality.

No. 105 Capel Street's notable tenures included Corbet's Hotel (1774 - 1810), where Robert Emmet planned his ill-fated uprising in 1803, providing lodgings for the upper-ranking generals of the French Army who came in support. From 1810 - 1910 it was primarily active in the spirits trade, with the Drake family Vintners (1810 - 1845) and Begg Brothers, in situ for almost a century (1808 - 1905).

The 20th Century saw it change hands ten times. Outhouse purchased the house as its home in 2001. Since then, it has played host to the two campaigns, Marriage Equality and the Repeal of the 8th, which successfully fought to change the Irish Constitution – continuing a solid legacy of activism on the site dating from Conolly and Emmet's time.





# APPENDIX

## House Etiquette

These principles apply to all patrons of Outhouse LGBTQ+ Centre.

### **Within these walls, we expect:**

- to be treated with consideration and kindness;
- our persons, our property, and our opinions to be respected;
- to be free from violence, and the threat of violence;
- our disagreements to be resolved with sensitivity and goodwill.

### **In return, we are expected:**

- to be considerate and kind;
- to respect the persons, property, and opinions of others;
- to behave nonviolently;
- to display sensitivity and goodwill in resolving disagreements.

**Within these walls, we hold ourselves to a higher standard of conduct and social interaction. We strive to make of this place a haven free of the ills and abuses we find outside it.**

## Other Facilities in Outhouse

We have a wide range of other facilities to ensure your event is successful. These include:

- **Four portable HEPA Air Filtration Units**
- **Flipchart pads, stands, and markers**
- **WiFi internet access throughout**
- **Toilets at the basement and second-floor levels**
- **Flexible seating arrangements**
- **Mobile Bluetooth speaker**

If you have any additional needs, please do not hesitate to let us know.

## Theatre Facilities & Technical Specifications

- Solid Temporary Stage 12ft x 12ft
- Raised seating area (50 person capacity, 70 Standing)
- Semi-sprung, solid wood floor (no screws or nails)
- Well heated and ventilated (including air conditioning)
- Can be accessed via the Centre or at basement level
- Free Wifi
- Optoma projector HD ready
- Equipped with audiovisual, sound and lighting rig.
- Q Showtec multi-profile (600w)
- 56 lighting circuits
- 20-300/500w Fresnel's c/w barn doors.
- 24 1k dimmer channels
- 2 Alto passive Speakers
- 1 Show master 48 lighting desk
- Fun Generation Speaker Stand Pair
- 2 x EV ELX200-12, 12" 2 way passive speaker
- 3 x DBX DJDI, 2-channel passive DI-Box
- 2 x dB Technologies Flexsys FM10, Active 2 Way Coax Monitor system
- 1 x Behringer PMP 6000 - 20-channel powered mixer (12x mono, 4x stereo)
- 1 x Pro Snake MC 1622 Multicore, 16 In, 2 Return XLR (NF)
- 6 x Shure SM58 LC, dynamic vocal microphone
- 6 x Roadworx Tripod microphone boom stand
- 6 x pro snake TPM 10 - professional microphone cable
- 2 x Eurolite Rubberlight 1-Channel - extremely flexible light tube
- 6 x the ssssnake SM10BK - Microphone cable 10m, XLR 3pin male - XLR 3pin female
- 2 x Stairville LED Flood Panel 150 40 ° RGB
- 1 x EV ELX200-12P, 12" 2 way active speaker, 1200 W Class D amp
- 2 x the ssssnake YRK 2030 Y cable - 3.5mm stereo TRS mini-jack to 2x RCA
- 1 x EV ELX200-12 Cover, padded cover
- 1 x Thon Mixercase for Behringer PMH/PMP 5000 and PMP 6000 Powermixer
- 2 x the ssssnake SLL21510 professional speaker cable
- 2 x 1.5mm, Length 10m, Speaker Twist-Speaker Twist, Neutrik connectors
- HEPA Air Filtration Unit
- Lectern



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