The Geological Society Venue Hire Guide

A prestigious versatile space
in the heart of Mayfair, London, UK

The Geological Society

Welcome to the Geological Society

Founded in 1807, the Geological Society is the oldest national geological society in the world.

The Society has resided in Burlington House in central London since 1874.

This beautiful, Grade II* listed venue provides a unique and welcoming environment for conferences, meeting and events, receptions and intimate dinners. Bespoke tours of our world famous collection can be arranged.

2026 IN-PERSON EVENTS COMMERCIAL RATES

ROOM	CAPACITY				HIRE RATES (VAT exempt)		
	THEATRE	BOARDROOM	RECEPTION	DINNER	FULL DAY 09.30 - 17.00	HALF DAY 09:30 - 13:00 / 13.00 - 17.00	EVENING 17.00 – 21.00
Lecture Theatre	172	-	-	-	£4,780	£2,510	£4,780
Lower Library	-	-	150	36			
Upper Library	-	-	80	42	£6,600	-	£6,600
Council Room	32	22	60	30	£1,670	£1,230	£1,670
Arthur Holmes	-	14	-	-	£1,230	£800	£1,230
William Buckland	-	14	-	-	£870	£660	-
Gertrude Elles	24	18	60	20	£1,230	£800	£1,230
Lyell Room	-	6	15	6	£1,120	£730	£1,120

Early Access (before 9:30am) is available on request and charged at £150.00 per hour.
Late Extension (after 9pm) is available on request and charged at £250 per hour.

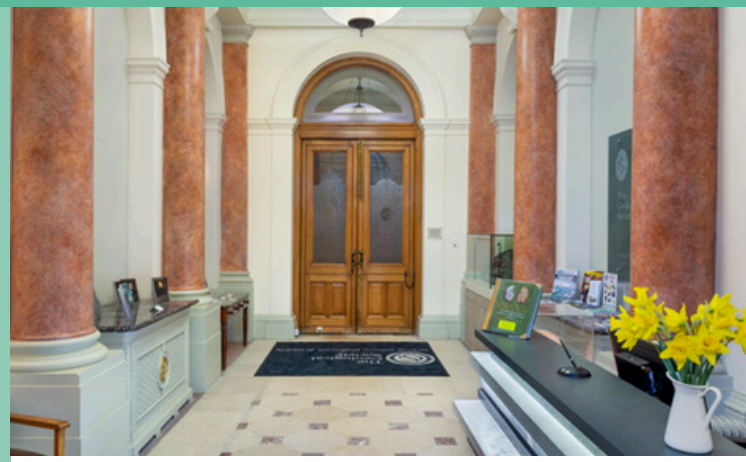
Filming & Photography

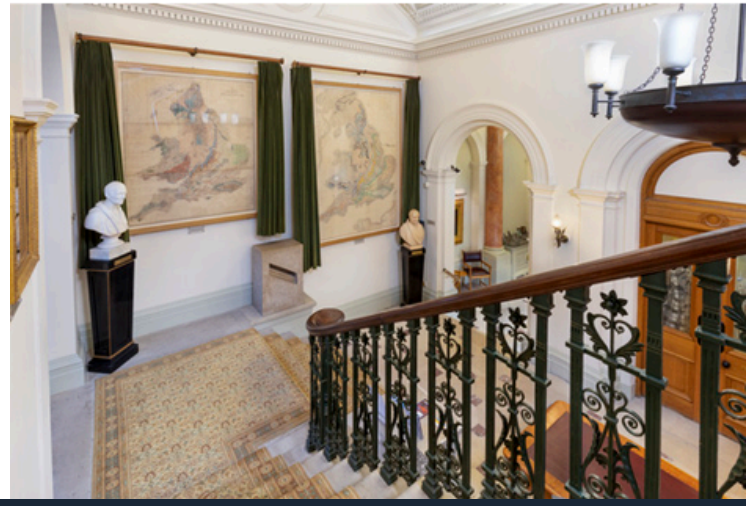
The Geological Society, Burlington House Founded in 1807 the Geological Society is the oldest national geological society in the world. The Society has resided in Burlington House in central London since 1874. This beautiful Grade II* listed venue provides a unique environment for Commercial Film and Photography.

All income from filming will help support the Geological Society as a not-for-profit organisation and our ongoing commitment to the Earth sciences.

Access for filming is subject to venue availability on Monday – Friday (we can take enquiries for weekends on a bespoke basis).

A Premium fee will be charged for late bookings.





(All prices below are the starting cost excluding VAT at the prevailing rate)

Cast & Crew	Minimum Rate*	Additional time (per hour)
1-5	£700 (1hr)	£650
6-10	£1,000 (2hrs)	£750
10-20	£1,250 (2hrs)	£800

*Please allow time for set up and breakdown within your minimum allocation above.

Notes:

- Please note this document is a guideline and fees may vary subject to your requirements for filming and photography.
- Complementary parking can be arranged (subject to availability, 1 space per booking).
- A dedicated Event Manager will be available for the duration of the booking.

For more information please contact the Venue Hire Team: **Email:** venuehire@geolsoc.org.uk
Tel: +44 (0)20 7432 0956

The Lecture Theatre

Located on the ground floor, the 172-seat Lecture Theatre provides an inviting setting for conferences and a full range of audio-visual facilities under the direction of an expert AV team. Hired in conjunction with the Lower Library.

The Lower Library

Spacious and airy break-out room for the Lecture Theatre, the Lower Library is ideal for refreshment breaks and networking. It can also be hired for private dinners, drink receptions, film and photo shoots.

The Upper Library

A stunning, multi-level Victorian library that is an ideal location for private dinners, film and photographic shoots. This space can accommodate up to 80 people reception style or 42 people for a seated lunch or dinner.

The Council Room

Located on the first floor, this elegant room has plenty of natural daylight and is fully air-conditioned. It can accommodate up to 22 people boardroom style, 32 theatre style, 60 reception style or 30 people for a seated lunch or dinner. Large screen and conference phone included.

Arthur Holmes Room

Located on the ground floor, this room is an ideal space for small meetings or dinners of up to 14 people boardroom style. Large screen and conference phone included.

William Buckland Room

Located on the lower-ground floor, this room offers an intimate space surrounded by glass cases of leather-bound books and can accommodate up to 14 people seated boardroom style. Screen and conference phone included.

Gertrude Elles Room

Located on the first floor, adjacent to the Upper Library, this room is ideal for small meetings of up to 18 people seated in boardroom style - or 15 with screen setup, 60 reception style or 20 people for a seated lunch or dinner, with a pleasant view of Burlington House courtyard.

Lyell Room

The Lyell Room was opened in 2007 to celebrate the Geological Society's bicentenary and is named after the renowned geologist Sir Charles Lyell (1797–1875). This elegant space, with sweeping views of Piccadilly, provides the perfect setting for intimate dinners of up to 6.

Food & Catering

Our catering service provides exceptional food and exemplary service. With a fresh, unique twist on traditional catering, we offer a diverse range of options to suit any event, delivering creative and affordable fare for all occasions. Serving London and the surrounding areas, we ensure that our quality reflects the prestige of our venue. Our contemporary catering encompasses various cuisine styles, including beverages, bowl foods, breakfast, lunch, and dinner options, as well as hot and cold buffets and an array of canapés. All ingredients are sourced from carefully selected artisan suppliers.

City Dining
www.city-dining.co.uk

City Dining has been proudly serving a wide range of clients for over 11 years, providing exceptional catering solutions tailored to meet diverse needs. From corporate events to private gatherings, City Dining is dedicated to delivering high-quality cuisine and outstanding service, ensuring every dining experience is memorable.

Togather
www.togather.com

Togather offers unique and creative catering options, perfect for supporting your shoot lunches. If you're looking for something a bit quirky, like bao buns or other innovative bites, Togather has got you covered with fresh and exciting menu ideas to keep your delegates energised and satisfied throughout the day.

AV Services

JacobsMassey provides managed virtual, hybrid and live event solutions for companies that wish to host professional digital events online and in-person. With virtual and hybrid events firmly part of the new landscape for companies and institutions, they enable their clients to deliver any event with ease. Working with an experienced network of live event professionals, JacobsMassey Production provides pre-event planning and technical delivery services for all combinations of live events, enabling organisations to reach their audiences swiftly and professionally.

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Testimonials

Thanks a lot for all of your help at the event last week. We thought it went really well and have received some great feedback from our attendees.

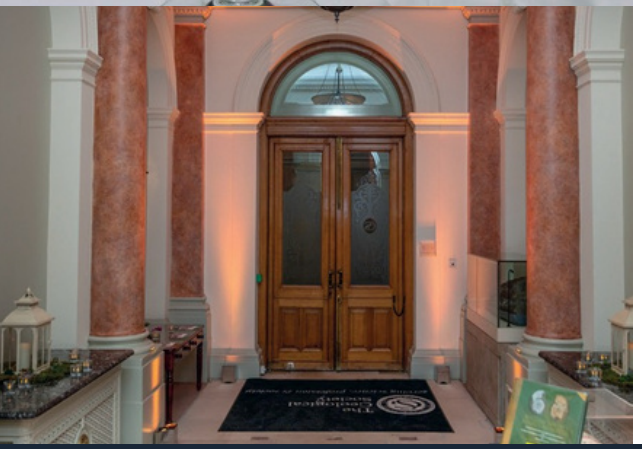
Economics Research Council

Thanks so much for all your help! The shoot went so well, and everyone kept commenting on how beautiful the library looked on camera!

Brokeandbones

Thank you for all the effort that went into making our event so smooth and enjoyable. Your support, patience and knowledge was invaluable.

Oxford University



Additional Services

We currently work with a small collection of trusted Suppliers who have first-hand knowledge of the London events industry and working in Heritage venues. While we offer the following recommended services, we are happy to discuss bespoke requests.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Twobytwo Event Photography
www.twobytwo.co

Jason Dodd Photography
www.jasondoddphotography.com

ENTERTAINMENT

Prelude Entertainment
www.preludeentertainment.co.uk

Guest Artists
www.guestartists.co.uk

FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

Bulbous Flowers
www.bulbousuk.com/flower-stall

LIGHTING AND PRODUCTION

Storm Ltd
www.stormltd.co.uk

Get in touch

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