



Introducing Bush House

As we announced in the summer of last year, King's College London has acquired the leases for all five of the Bush House buildings. We at King's Venues are particularly excited to expand our offering on the Strand Campus as it means we've got some fantastic new event space available for our clients.

Formerly home to the BBC World Service, the iconic Bush House is one of the most recognised facades of Aldwych architecture. From outside, the building has an imposing presence with its towering pillars and regal, portico sculptures and on the inside the impact on visitors is no less impressive. Vertigo-inducing high ceilings and marble as far as the eye can see help to create a spectacular welcome for guests, whatever their purpose in visiting.

Our event spaces

Across the five buildings we will eventually have access to dozens of rooms, lecture theatres, terraces and outside spaces. The project to repurpose and refurbish the entire plot is a mammoth one, but it's already begun in earnest and is due for completion by 2025. Fortunately, our first room - a Harvard-style lecture theatre - is already finished and available for bookings.

The state-of-the-art, tiered auditorium can seat up to 120 delegates and boasts all the cutting edge AV facilities and extras an organiser could wish for. This includes individual attendee mics, two syndicate rooms and a breakout space - perfect for catering.

If it's hospitality space you're looking for, we're currently working on the re-fit of two fabulous roof terraces on the top of Bush House. The north and south facing outdoor spaces offer guests unrivalled views across the river Thames and St Paul's respectively and are joined by a contemporary indoor suite, ideal for gala dinners, receptions and parties. This 8th floor event space can cater for 180 guests and will be ready for bookings at the end of the summer.

Also on the calendar for this year is the opening of another lecture theatre, this one on the lower ground floor of Bush House with a huge capacity of 400 delegates and the added feature of retractable seating.

Other facilities

As well as making sure our new event spaces are second-to-none, we're spending a lot of time and effort ensuring the 'extras' are just as impressive. Coffee shops, bars, cafes, bike racks, beautifully-designed walkways, a stunning communal courtyard – we're making sure that whatever space you book for your event, you and your guests can enjoy the Bush House experience throughout the venue.

A potted history

Bush House has a rich history. Construction began in 1919 and by 1929 it had been declared the 'most expensive building in the world', clocking up a build-cost of £2million. The entire complex was completed in 1935 and the BBC World Service moved in, in 1941. They stayed in residence until 2012.

Your event at Bush House

Whether you're planning an event that could be housed in our brand new Harvard-style lecture theatre, or you want to talk to us about one of our spaces currently under construction, we'd love to hear from you. You can reach our Events Team by calling +44 (0)20 7848 1700.