

The Lowry Galleries Visual Story



Welcome to The Lowry -

This **Visual Story** will give you a step-by-step guide of how to get around the Lowry to help plan your visit.

It's free to visit the Galleries and there's always something to see and do.

Finding the Lowry



The Lowry is located on the Quays and can be found on Pier 8 right next to the river.

It is a large, metal and glass building made of lots of different shapes.

The entrance is located in a big square opposite the MediaCity shopping centre.

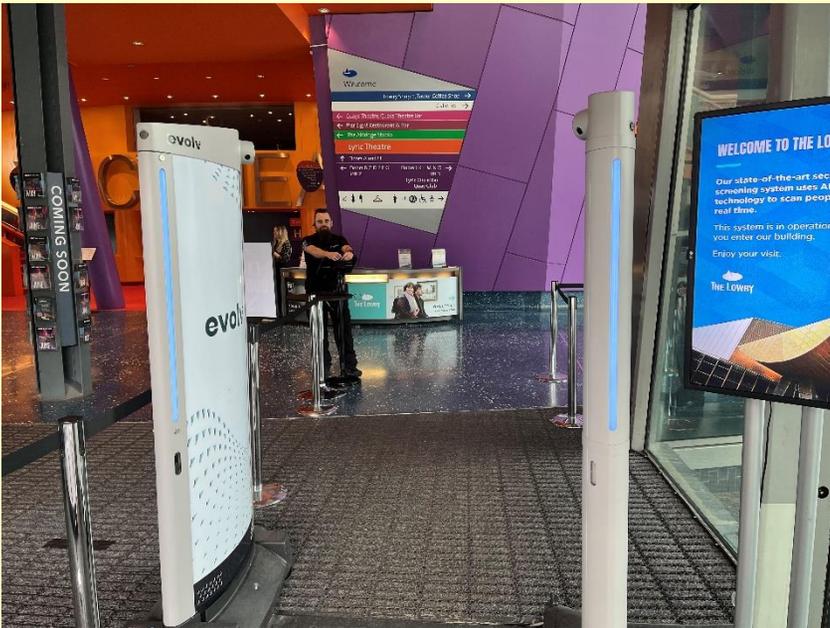
When You Arrive



The Lowry has one main entrance that is at street level with step-free access.

This floor is a largely level surface with tactile paving.

There is textured matt flooring in the entrance to The Lowry building and the doors are automatic when activated by a push-button.

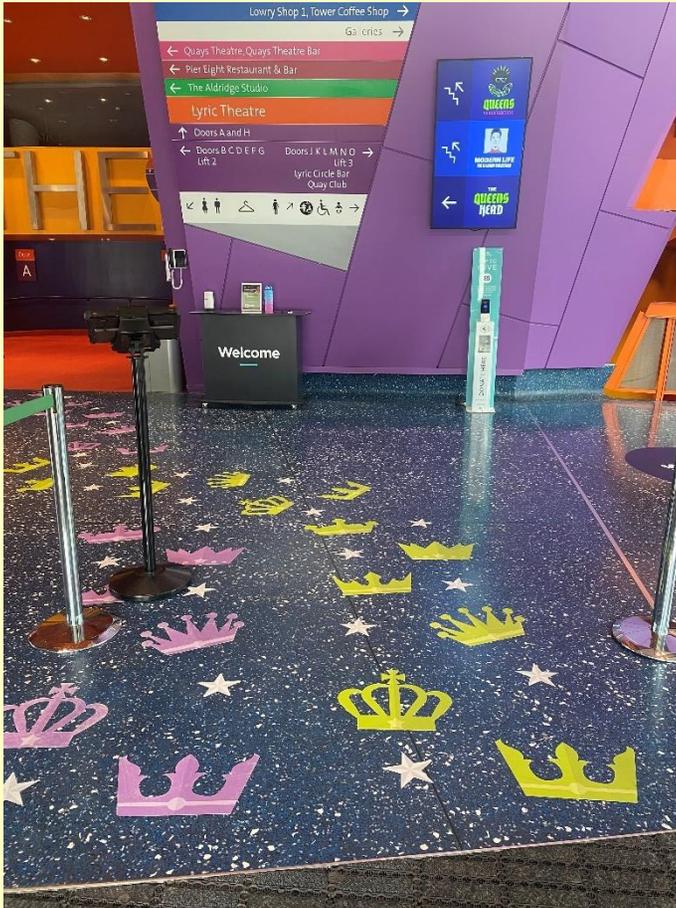


When you enter the building there will be friendly members of the **Security Team** to greet you.



You may be asked to open your bag so it can be checked, but don't worry, the team are doing this to help keep visitors safe.

The Main Welcome Desk



The Front of House team are at the Welcome Desk during opening hours to welcome you and offer assistance, they can help you find your way around the building.

During **Queens: The Exhibition** there will be crowns along the floor leading you to self-guided activities and The Queen's Head which serves food and drinks.

Inside the building it is very colourful with orange, yellow, red and purple surfaces. The floor is reflective, hard and slightly sloped.

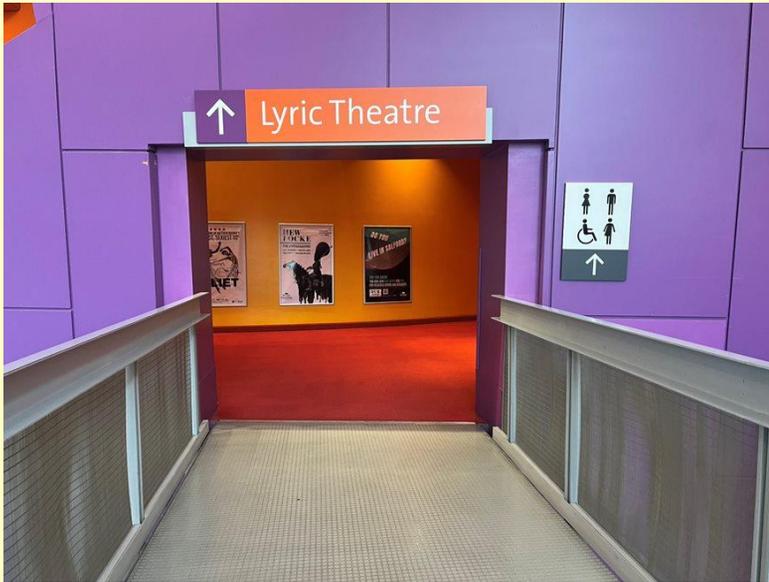
The Front of House Team



The welcoming and friendly Front of House team are here to help.

They will be wearing **red or purple** tops as seen in the image.

Accessible Toilets



There are accessible and gendered toilets on the Lower Ground Floor, and on the 1st Floor and 2nd Floor by the lifts.

These can be accessed on foot or by lift.



Changing Places Toilet



To access the Changing Places Toilet from the Galleries please go back to level 0 where the main entrance to the building is.

The Changing Places is on the **Lower Ground Level** down a sloped walkway.

Users can use their own **RADAR** key or they can collect one from the **Welcome Desk** in our entrance foyer.

Please don't hesitate to ask the Welcome Desk Staff for directions.



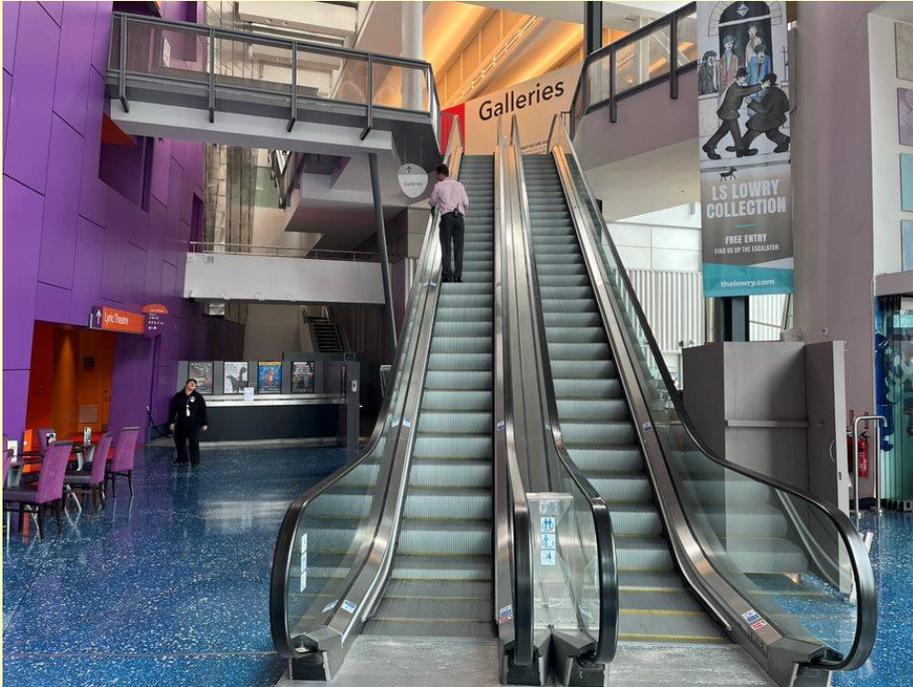
Heading to the Galleries



To get to the Galleries via the stairs, follow the signage throughout the building and head up to **Level 2.**

There are 2 stairwells to get to this level. These are carpeted and well lit.

Lift Access to the Galleries



During our Summer Exhibition the escalators are going down to aid our one-way system.

During Lyric Theatre Performances, there will be an escalator going up. However, if you require step-free access, please use one of the two lifts in the building.

Lift near The Queen's Head



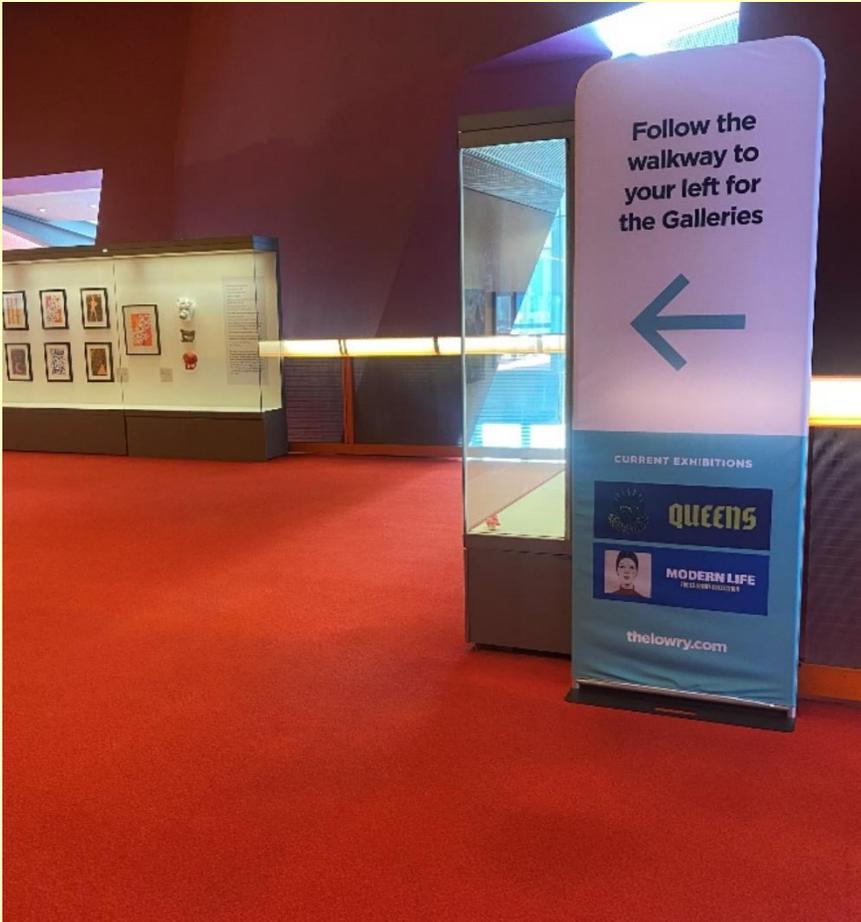
To access the lift, turn left when you enter The Lowry and follow the crown stickers towards the Queen's Head.

When you can see the Queen's Head, curve to the right and go through the large purple wall towards the sign that states 'Lift for the Galleries this way'.

When you see the lift press the up button and then **press button number 2** to get to the Galleries level.



Exit from Life near the Queen's Head



You will see this colourful interior with a carpeted floor when you exit the lift!

There is signage guiding you towards the Galleries.

Just follow these signs to get to the ticket desks and either get your free ticket or have your ticket scanned.

Lift near the Escalators



There is also a lift to the Galleries near the escalators.

Keep walking past the escalators on the ground floor and go through the large purple wall to get to this.

Just **press button number 2** to get to the Galleries Level!

When you exit from this lift you will see a colourful interior. There is signage directing you to where you can collect your free ticket or where to get your ticket scanned.

Entering the Galleries



A free ticket is needed to enter into the Galleries.

You can book these on our website or you can get walk-in tickets on the day.

Once you have a ticket, you just need to get it scanned by a friendly member of staff.

Please note, as you turn the corner to go to the Galleries after having your ticket scanned, it is bright as there are lots of windows and a vinyl floor.

Galleries Welcome Desk



The **Galleries Welcome Desk** is staffed by our friendly Galleries team.

The team are here help during your visit and can answer any questions about exhibitions and access requirements in the Galleries.

We also have **ear defenders on offer** at the Galleries Desk, please don't hesitate to ask for a pair if needed.

When you enter the Galleries there is a slight slope up to the glass doors.

Rules in the Gallery

There is no food or drink allowed in the Galleries. This is to keep the artwork safe. Please enjoy these before or after your visit.



Queens Exhibition



Queens: The Exhibition is inspired by the hit musical SIX and includes costumes and fan art from the show.

Disco Room



There is a fun disco room with lots of bright lights and music.

For the **Relaxed Hour**, this will be shut off to allow a calmer experience for those attending.

Queens Costumes



Photo credit: Nathan Chandler

Two of the amazing costumes from SIX the musical are on display.

You can get a closer look at them to see the shiny crystals and beautiful detail. These were worn by the performers in the show!

You can read about how each costume relates to one of Henry VIII's wives.

There is wire in front of these costumes to keep them safe.

Karaoke Booths



Photo credit: Nathan Chandler

In the karaoke room, the booths are soundproof so sound can't escape. This means you can go in and sing to your heart out!

There are 4 songs to choose from and instructions on how to use the booths. Just ask a friendly member of the team if you need help.

If you require wheelchair access, we can utilise a ramp to ensure you can access the booths, please just ask!

In this room there are information panels about which celebrity was used as inspiration for the characters of SIX and how they match with one of Henry VIII's wives.

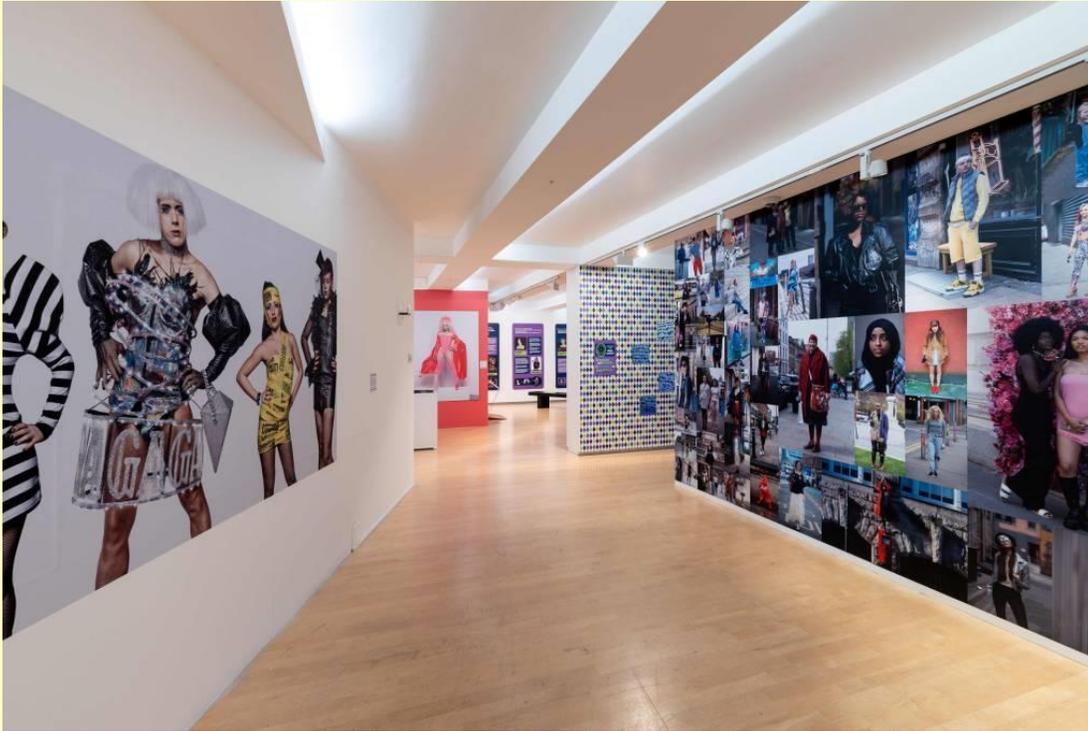
Selfie Room



Photo credit: Nathan Chandler

The Selfie Room allows you to take iconic photos of yourself with your phone, dress up in a crown and strike a pose.

Please note, this room is quite visually stimulating with bright lights and patterned wallpaper.



You will also find a corridor of art with new photography commissions celebrating Queens from real life.

Haus of Holbein

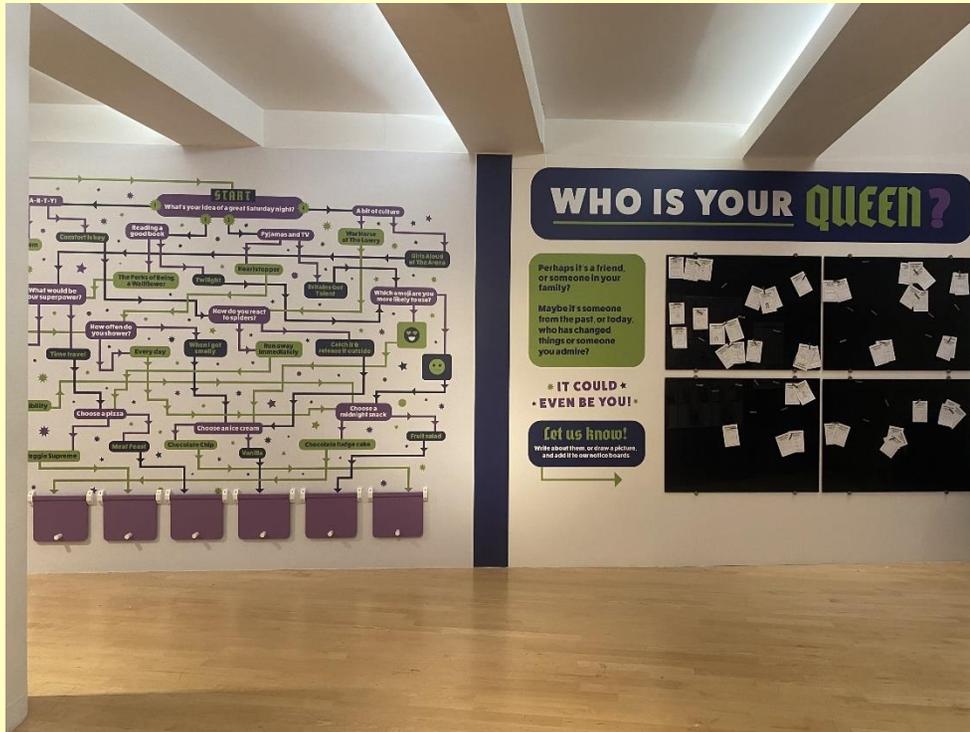


Haus of Holbein has a specially built Tudor style house which has been inspired by Hans Holbein the Younger, a famous portraitist from the 16th Century.

Inside the house there is UV lighting to make colours glow, so it is quite dark inside with glowing objects.

You can also have a seat on our royal throne and rule your court like the Queen you are.

Interactive Games



There are interactive activities for you to take part in.

You can find out what kind of Queen you are or nominate your own Queen for everyone to see!

Queens Shop



To get to **Modern Life: The LS Lowry Collection**, walk through the Queens shop.

Modern Life: The LS Lowry Collection



The **LS Lowry Exhibition** has comfortable seating and hard flooring.

There is text on the wall to read and lots of paintings and drawings to look at.

This space has changing light levels throughout.

You will see members of the Galleries Team invigilating the exhibition space, they are also here to help and answer any exhibition-related questions.

If a piece has some wire in front of it this is because the work is fragile, and we are keeping it safe.



City Lives



The 'City Lives' room explores the renowned industrial scenes of LS Lowry.

During the Relaxed Hour, there will also be a bespoke **Sensory Toolkit** created by the Manchester-based artist and designer Sarah Marsh. This is to encourage sensory exploration of the collection through touch, sight and feeling.

The **Sensory Toolkit** will be on a carpet. Feel free to pick it up and walk around or just to have some sensory play!



Things We Have Seen



'Things We Have Seen' explores Lowry's drawings and paintings highlighting how he observed real life but also created fantastical landscapes and figures.

A Life of Drawing



‘A Life of Drawing’ is a narrow corridor which explores Lowry’s range of drawings.

Coast to Coast



‘Coast to Coast’ is a dark blue room with lots of Lowry’s seascape paintings and a comfy sofa.

During our Relaxed Hour there will be a self guided activity where you can make your own seascape on a sea-themed mat with felt fish.

The Promenade



To exit the Galleries, head through the glass doors and down the sloped floor.

This will lead you along the promenade where you can find more text exploring Lowry's life as an artist.

Please note there is a metal grid throughout the length of this space (on the right along the window) that can be quite noisy when you walk along it.

There is lots of natural light along here and you can look out over the Quays.

The Quiet Room



This is a calm and relaxed space located on the Promenade. There will be a video playing about LS Lowry. This has captions and will be muted for the Relaxed Hour.

There is also a **Reflection Room** in The Lowry that can be used as a quiet space. If needed, **please ask a member of staff at the Galleries Desk** and they can give you access to this room which is on Level 3.

The Carole Nash Lookout Space



The Carole Nash Lookout is opposite the Galleries Welcome Desk.

This is a space for families to get creative and play.

There is colouring in, role play areas, a soft play space and a reading area for you to enjoy.



Bar and Restaurant



If you head back down from the Galleries to the main entrance and continue to follow the building around, you can visit the Pier Eight Restaurant.

Inside the Bar and Restaurant

There is laminate vinyl flooring throughout the restaurant space and there is usually music playing outside of the Relaxed Hour

