

Appendix A- Examples of City/Town Hall usages elsewhere in the UK

Birmingham Town Hall

Birmingham Town Hall has just reopened as a 21st century performance, community and corporate venue following a £35million refurbishment programme (funded by Birmingham City Council (£18.3m), Heritage Lottery Fund (£13.7m) and European Regional Development Fund (£3m) providing a venue for the following uses and audiences and allowing for all ages, budgets and cultures:

Performance Programme	Community Usage	Commercial Events
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International chamber orchestras and recitals • Local choirs and orchestras • Organ lunchtime concerts • World music • Folk • Jazz • Pop • Comedy • Urban/R'n'B/Hip Hop events • Opera 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family concerts • Workshops • Dance events • School concerts • Festivals • Charitable events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conferences • Exhibitions • Presentations • Product launches • Banqueting • Annual General Meetings • Graduations • Wedding receptions • Civic ceremonies

They highlight that family events, community and education work will be an important facet of the new building and the venue will also fill a niche for corporate hires such as launches, conferences and business meetings. The refurbishment has provided

- A 1,100 seat auditorium redesigned with comfort in mind
- The latest acoustic technology for a wide variety of uses
- A renovated organ
- Improved accessibility and the creation of new rooms
- State-of-the-art multimedia and performance facilities to meet the demands of business users.

All the spaces in the Town Hall are available for use by groups or individuals. The rooms can also be hired out for weddings and conference facilities.

London City Hall

London City Hall is open to the public from 8am to 8pm. The building has a number of areas of exhibition space which host a continuing programme of exhibitions on London-related topics. These are open to the public free of charge. The City Hall also has a cafeteria and a number of meeting rooms which can be booked for conferences etc.

Cardiff City Hall

Cardiff City Hall is very similar to Belfast in terms of building (i.e. square building with an internal courtyard).

Their City Hall has six major rooms (which vary in size). All rooms can be booked for a variety of purposes - from hosting wedding receptions to conferences, conventions and major events. Cardiff City Council have in-house catering and function teams to help with major events.

They also use their Council Chamber for press conferences, televised debates, meetings and wedding ceremonies.

The City Hall has exhibition space which is used for hosting pictures etc.

Manchester Town Hall

Manchester Town Hall provides a grand setting for any event. Rooms in the Town Hall can be hired out for all types of events - ranging from weddings to award ceremonies, conferences, family celebrations.

Manchester City Council have in-house catering and function teams to help people with events.

Newcastle City Hall

Newcastle City Hall is the town's main performance venue hosting a wide range events. The Mansion House which is the official residence of the Lord Mayor of Newcastle upon Tyne, is available for private hire for corporate events, weddings and private occasions.