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City of Making

Conference and Events Guide



A PERFECT EVENT LOCATION FOR ALL OCCASIONS!

Here at Pride Park Stadium, the home of Derby County, we understand that finding the right venue is one of the most important parts of your special event.



Our modern and contemporary conference and banqueting facilities are completely adaptable and designed to give you maximum choice and flexibility, from discrete interview rooms to large dedicated suites for corporate events and personal celebrations - we can cater for all occasions.



We are also in an incredibly accessible position for anyone travelling up and down the country, conveniently located a short distance from the M1, with ample complimentary car parking provided on site. If travelling by train, we are a short distance from Derby Station on foot.

With impressive panoramic views, the stadium offers the perfect backdrop and we can guarantee it will add the 'wow' factor from the moment your guests arrive!



Welcome to Derby, the UK's Capital for Innovation

With its rich industrial heritage of a city of making and innovation, Derby is a place to spark ideas and make things happen. The birthplace of the industrial revolution, the world's first factory was built on the banks of the River Derwent, now a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Today, Derby is a dynamic and attractive place to do business with major sector strengths in advanced manufacturing and engineering businesses. Derby is the home of Great British Railways and a range of international blue chip companies including Rolls Royce, Toyota and Alstom. The city boasts a thriving business community and Top 50 University.

Centrally located in the UK, with unrivalled transport links, Derby offers a diverse portfolio of unique and versatile venues to ensure a successful and seamless event, guaranteed to leave a lasting impression on delegates.

Derby's vibrant cultural scene offers ample opportunities for socialisation and team building. Or relax and enjoy the open spaces of Derby's award-winning parks, or the rural beauty and tranquillity of the surrounding Peak District National Park.



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10 Reasons to Meet in Derby

1 World-class event facilities from contemporary, purpose built conference centres to the unique and quirky atmosphere of The Museum of Making, a Grade II listed, impressive 18th century building with a stunning industrial backdrop. A state of the art, brand new 3,500 capacity venue is also coming soon.

2 First-class sporting facilities – with versatile events spaces and meeting rooms – such as Derby Arena and velodrome, Derby County Football Club and Derbyshire County Cricket Club.

3 Derby is easily accessible with unrivalled transport links by air, road and rail. Conveniently situated just off the M1 motorway with easy access to East Midlands and Birmingham Airports and regular train services to St Pancras in London in just 90 minutes.

4 Centrally located in the heart of the country.

5 Rich industrial heritage. Located on the River Derwent and part of the Derwent Valley Mills UNESCO World Heritage Site, explore world-class, unmissable tourist attractions.

6 Vibrant cultural scene – Derby's array of attractions, festivals and events provide endless opportunities for socialisation and team building activities.

7 Embrace the sustainable essence of Derby, and explore community gardens or one of the largest urban rewilding projects in the UK.

8 Connect with nature. Immerse yourself in the city's green spaces.

9 Relax and recharge – or get the adrenaline pumping with epic adventures of hiking or biking. Derby is a stone's throw from the tranquil rural beauty of the Peak District National Park and Derbyshire countryside.

10 Delegate accommodation – from budget options to luxurious stays, there's a range of rooms to suit every requirement and budget.



Why Derby?



Attractions

Explore Derby's proud industrial heritage at the Museum of Making at Derby Silk Mill, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit Derby Cathedral, which frequently hosts world-class art installations, then take a short stroll to Derby's Museum and Art Gallery, - home of the world's largest collection of work by the internationally renowned painter Joseph Wright

Scare yourself silly with ghost walks around the city, or work up a sweat at the new multi-million pound, Moorways Sports Village and Waterpark or city's parks.

Transport

Derby is conveniently situated just off the M1 motorway with easy access to East Midlands and Birmingham Airports and regular train services to St Pancras in London in just 90 minutes.

The compact city centre is easy to explore on foot, or via over 100km of cycle routes.

There are bus services to all areas of Derby and many destinations in the surrounding area.

Events

Derby hosts a range of remarkable annual events including Derby Festé, a celebration of outdoor dance, music, art and theatre; book and poetry festivals; Derby Beer Con; Derby Pride and the Download music festival.

Accessibility

Discover Derby's dedication to accessibility and inclusive travel experiences. The Accessibility page of the Visit Derby website offers essential information and resources ensuring a seamless and enjoyable visit to the city.

Sustainability

Explore the eco-conscious side of Derby such as eco-friendly accommodations that prioritise sustainable practices and farm-to-table dining experiences.

DUST is an exciting co-creation project from the University of Derby working with multiple agencies from across the city to produce visualisations of a more connected, accessible, sustainable and prosperous city.

Sector Strengths

Advanced Engineering Manufacturing in Automotive, Aerospace and Rail Sectors

Derby is a leading centre of excellence in advanced manufacturing and is home to the primary UK sites of blue chip companies such as:

Alstom

Alstom is a global leader in rail technology, delivering innovative products and services, including trains for HS2. The firm has its UK train-building site in Litchurch Lane, Derby and directly employs 2,000 people in the city.



Rolls-Royce

Rolls-Royce is Derby's largest private sector employer, with more than 10,000 people working across two sites. The Civil Aerospace site at Sinfyn designs, develops and manufactures jet engines for passenger aircraft. The Defence site in Raynesway produces nuclear reactor cores, used to power Royal Navy submarines.



Toyota

Toyota has been producing cars at its Burnaston factory for 30 years, where it continues to make several of the popular Corolla models. The firm employs more than 3,000 people across its Burnaston plant - and its engine-making factory in North Wales.



City of Making

Innovation and creativity have shaped Derby since the industrial revolution. That passion for progress is driving our regeneration of Derby as a city at the centre of a green revolution. It is also giving rise to a cultural revolution, celebrating the many rich and diverse cultures that create a vibrant and exciting city.

The city gave birth to visionaries such as Joseph Wright, whose artwork encapsulated the many technological advances of this profound period. From the exquisite craftsmanship of Royal Crown Derby to contemporary cultural influences, Derby is a place where craftsmanship and creativity flourish.

Contemporary Cultural Influences

Lara Croft, one of the most iconic gaming characters, started life in Derby. The main protagonist of popular video game franchise, Tomb Raider, she was created by a team at Core Design. Not only was Lara one of the first female characters in gaming but she remains one of the most instantly recognisable characters of all time. Today one of Derby's ring roads is named after the heroine.

Liam Sharp, acclaimed British comic book artist, writer and publisher was also born in Derby. Sharp has worked on a range of famous titles including X-Men, Hulk, Spider-Man, Superman and Batman.

Derby is set to be launched onto the global map for film production and stunt training. The city will soon host a new production house and Europe's first dedicated stunt training facility. The exciting project is headed by British stuntman, freerunner and ex-gymnast Damien Walters and production company MARV Studios.



Home of Great British Railways

Fighting off fierce competition, Derby has been selected to be the home of Great British Railways (GBR), a new public body responsible for running and transforming the railways to create simpler, better infrastructure.

Derby's success is testament to the city's geographic and strategic strengths, its unmatched rail heritage, excellent train connectivity and its commitment to fostering skills, learning and innovation. Derby enjoyed widespread regional and industry support in its application.

The appointment affirms Derby's prominence as centre of international railway excellence and means that the city will play a pivotal role in the future development and reform of the railways.

It's full steam ahead to a bright and exciting future!



Exhilarating Urban Regeneration

Derby is a city of innovation with progress and creativity at its core. Nowhere is this more evident than in the exciting plans for the regeneration of the city centre. Bold new ideas will shape Derby for years to come, making it an exciting and vibrant place to meet, live and work.

Becketwell Arena

A brand new, purpose-built 3,500 capacity entertainment and events venue providing fully flexible, scalable space for conferences and exhibitions.

A range of different event configurations will be available including a fully seated layout for up to 2,100.

The new performance venue will be owned by Derby City Council and run by ASM Global, the world's leading provider of entertainment, sports, and exhibition experiences around the world.



Derby Market Hall

Derby's Victorian Market Hall, a beautiful listed 19th century building, is being extensively repaired and refurbished into a vibrant destination in the heart of the city.

Building on the city's heritage of innovation and industry, the rejuvenated Market Hall will be a hub for creatives, makers and traders. The transformed market will be an accessible and flexible space, including traditional and themed markets, events, pop up uses and small performances with a greater emphasis on food and drink.



Derby Conference Centre



The Derby Conference Centre is a beautiful Grade II listed building, which houses 12 conference and meeting rooms, 50 en-suite hotel bedrooms and self-catering accommodation, as well as on site office space. Once home to the British Rail Training College, the elegant exterior, art deco features and distinctive sunken lounge are the perfect backdrop for a corporate event or place to stay for a weekend away. Being a multi-purpose venue, the Derby Conference Centre can hold weddings for up to 200 people, as well as hosting over 100 events a year, including ‘Derby Comedy Club’, Derby’s biggest Comedy Club.



VENUE FACILITIES

Bedrooms	50
Parking spaces	300
Meeting rooms	12
MAX CAPACITIES	
Theatre	300
Reception	220
Boardroom	40



Holiday Inn Derby Riverlights



Whether you're planning a small meeting, conference, training seminar, corporate launch, cocktail party or team-building event, Holiday Inn Derby - Riverlights' naturally-lit meeting rooms provide the perfect backdrop. We can cater for small meetings of five, up to conferences of 100. Make use of free WiFi and flexible layouts while you enjoy a sit-down or working lunch. Our bar also makes the perfect networking spot.

Holiday Inn Derby - Riverlights is located in the heart of the city centre, only metres from Derby bus station. With parking nearby, delegates have the option of staying overnight so they wake up refreshed and ready for your meeting or event.

VENUE FACILITIES

Bedrooms	105
Parking spaces	0
Meeting rooms	5

MAX CAPACITIES

Theatre	100
Reception	60
Boardroom	50



Derby Museums



On the site of what is widely considered to be the world's first factory, Derby's iconic Silk Mill offers a stunning industrial backdrop on the banks of the River Derwent. With a treasure trove of objects displayed, the museum invites your guests to explore and create their own journey through 300 years of making.

This venue offers two premier meeting rooms, The River Room and The Loom Room. Each accommodates up to 20 people in boardroom style, whilst boasting wonderful views of the river and Cathedral Green. The Italian Mill, located on the ground floor, offers a fantastic space for larger meetings or conferences accommodating up to 250 people in theatre style.

Our other sites, the Museum and Art Gallery and Pickford's House, are fantastic venues for events from small meetings to weddings!

VENUE FACILITIES

Parking spaces	0
Meeting rooms	6

MAX CAPACITIES

Theatre	250
Reception	160
Boardroom	40



Leonardo Hotel Derby



VENUE FACILITIES

Bedrooms	213
Parking spaces	0
Meeting rooms	4

MAX CAPACITIES

Theatre	70
Reception	0
Boardroom	18

Leonardo Hotel Derby is located just north of Derby City Centre, in the historic Cathedral Quarter, just a ten-minute walk from the main shopping area and a four minute taxi ride from Derby train station. Leonardo Hotel Derby has 213 bedrooms in total. Our bedrooms are more spacious than you'd expect, as our rooms can accommodate up to three adults or two adults with two children under twelve, or just one guest. The well lit, spacious feel is designed around our guests' comfort. If you want to work out during your stay, visit our Cardio gym to get active. Or if you're visiting Derby on business, our hotel has four fully-equipped meeting rooms, ready for your next conference, training day or event.



Derbyshire County Cricket Club



Situated in the heart of the UK, The Incora County Ground is perfectly situated for all major commuting networks, making our conference venue the perfect choice for your event. All our conference rooms boast fantastic views with many having panoramic views over the cricket ground. The Incora County Ground is offered up as one of the most versatile event venues in Derbyshire. With enough space for up to 300 guests and an abundance of free parking.

We have venues suited to meetings, conferences, and teambuilding events. Our outdoor space makes our venue truly unique to host your event. We can build bespoke packages to suit all needs and requirements.

VENUE FACILITIES

Parking spaces	300
Meeting rooms	8

MAX CAPACITIES

Theatre	300
Reception	300
Boardroom	50



The Chocolate Factory



The Chocolate Factory is Derby’s most exciting, independent multi-events venue with over 20,000 sq ft of multi-room space, housed in the industrial setting of an old chocolate factory - an adaptable, vibrant and inspiring blank canvas.

Hosting everything from large scale festivals, weddings, corporate functions, awards nights and more, The Chocolate Factory is a fully accessible venue located in the city centre, in close proximity to all the major public transport hubs and hotels.

Our venue is set across multiple rooms with various capacities for up to 1,100 people, making the space both functional and flexible for all events. Significant investment has been made into technology, with high quality, smart lighting and connectivity throughout the building.

An event hosted with us is sure to stand out. Email us for more information
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VENUE FACILITIES

Parking spaces	10
Meeting rooms	0

MAX CAPACITIES

Theatre	750
Reception	1100
Boardroom	0



Derby Arena



Are you looking for a space for your upcoming event, conference, meeting, or corporate party? Or a unique and exhilarating team-building activity for an away-day?

Derby Arena is an incredibly flexible space making an ideal venue for a wide range of activities and events. Events of all scales can be catered for, including celebrations, ceremonies, trade fairs, exhibitions, product launches, conferences, and meetings.

The Arena's inspirational main space can hold anything up to 5000 (seated and standing). There is also a suite of multi-purpose rooms that can be used as a breakout space or for smaller events, meetings, training, conferences, and hospitality.

The Arena's 250m indoor cycle track, sports infield, state-of-the-art gym, and exercise studios offer further opportunities to build bespoke corporate packages to meet your needs.

The infield area measures 2900sqm with no obstructions making it perfect for an exhibition or trade show. If you're looking to hold a conference or awards night, our on-site technical team can build staging to suit your event with tiered and flat floor seating available for up to 2200 guests hosted in this space. The space is also dividable with drapes making it possible to host a conference with exhibition space or have a separate catering area. Our on-site catering team can build bars and catering stations based on your event requirements.



VENUE FACILITIES

Parking spaces	1100
Meeting rooms	3

MAX CAPACITIES

Theatre	2200
Reception	1000
Boardroom	90



Visit Peak District

Find space to think, create and collaborate

The Peak District and Derbyshire is the birthplace of the modern factory system and is home to Britain's Original National Park, the Peak District, surrounded by breathtaking landscapes and spectacular countryside.

Wellness at work

Get back to nature and enjoy enriching health and wellbeing experiences in the heart of the Peak District National Park.

Inspire your team on a rural retreat, relax on a yoga workshop at Wildhive Callow Hall, recharge at the Buxton Crescent Hotel & Thermal Spa, or reset on a guided walking or climbing experience with local experts such as MyGuidedWalks and Acclimatize.

There has never been a better time to promote employee wellness and here you can enjoy everything from gentle countryside pursuits to adrenaline-fuelled activities.

Unmissable experiences

There's no end of hands-on activities for you to enjoy. The area is world-famous for its spectacular walking and cycling routes, but you can also have a go at horse riding, climbing, abseiling and watersports. As well as vineyards, breweries and distilleries to explore.

Find out more at visitpeakdistrict.com/meet





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ROOM NAME	MAXIMUM CAPACITY
THE MORLEY SUITE	200 delegates
PREMIER SUITE 1	120 delegates
ATTLEE	80 delegates
CHURCHILL	80 delegates
PREMIER SUITE 2	70 delegates
THE CHAMBERLAIN SUITE	50 delegates
EDEN	35 delegates
MACMILLAN	35 delegates
ROOM 109	6 delegates
ROOM 209	6 delegates



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LOOKING FOR A VENUE IN DERBY TO HOST YOUR CONFERENCING EVENT?

Our Conference Centre boasts nine high quality rooms, fully equipped for any business meeting or professional event for 2 - 200 people.

Whether it's a board meeting, large conference or staff training day, our expert team will help to co-ordinate a seamless event.

Delegate rate or room hire only rates are available.

- All our meeting rooms are air-conditioned.
- Equipped with the latest hybrid conferencing technology, including super speed Wi-Fi, built in AV screen and projectors.
- Fully accessible for wheelchair users
- Outside space also available for hire
- Rooms available to hire on a daily or half daily basis
- Breakfast and lunch catering options available as required.
- Free parking available
- Located close to all major road links



For further information, or to arrange a one-to-one appointment with our team, call 01332 249692 or visit www.dlev.co.uk

Accommodation

Hotel	Page	Number of Rooms
Delta Hotels Breadsall Priory Country Club		112
Derby Conference Centre	10	50
Derby Mickleover Hotel	18	99
Holiday Inn Derby Riverlights	11	105
Holiday Inn Express		103
Ibis Budget Derby		81
Kedleston Country House		5
Leonardo Hotel Derby	13	213
Makeney Hall Hotel	22	46
Morley Hayes		32
Penta Derby		112
Premier Inn Derby Cathedral Quarter		118
Premier Inn Derby Riverlights		117
Premier Inn Derby South		51
Premier Inn Derby West		86
Premier Inn Derby East		108
The Cathedral Quarter Hotel		38
The Farmhouse at Mackworth		10
Travelodge Derby Chaddesden		29
Travelodge Derby Cricket Ground		100
Travelodge Derby Pride Park		84
Serviced Apartments		
The Stay Company		70
Bay Tree Apartments		35
East Midlands Airport Hotels		
Leonardo East Midlands Airport		164
Holiday Inn Express East Midlands Airport		90
Premier Inn East Midlands Airport		80
Travelodge Nottingham East Midlands Airport		78
Raddison Blu East Midlands Airport		218

Venue capacities

A selection of our city venues

Residential

	Page	Venue facilities		Max capacities			
VENUE		Bedrooms	Parking spaces	Meeting rooms	Theatre	Reception	Boardroom
Delta Hotels Breadsall Priory Country Club		112	300	8	120	140	36
Derby Conference Centre	10	50	300	12	300	220	40
Derby Mickleover Hotel	18	99	140	8	170	150	45
Holiday Inn Derby Riverlights	11	105		5	100	60	50
Kedleston Country House		5	80	3	60	60	12
Leonardo Hotel Derby	13	213		4	70		18
Makeney Hall Hotel	22	46	90	5	180	200+	50
Penta Hotel Derby		112	112	3	30	16	16

Non-residential

	Page	Venue facilities		Max capacities			
VENUE		Parking spaces	Meeting rooms	Theatre	Reception	Boardroom	
Artcore			3	75	100	35	
The Chocolate Factory	15	10	0	750	1100		
Dèda Hire Facilities			6	124	80	20	
Derby Arena	16	1100	3	2200	1000	90	
Derby Leisure and Events Venue	19	100	9	200	TBC	20	
Derby Museums	12		6	250	250	40	
Derby Theatre	24		4	535	100	20	
Derbyshire County Cricket Club	14	300	8	300	300	50	
Pride Park Stadium	2	350+	40	450	500	75	
QUAD			6	234	100	30	
Reach Events		40	8	700	400	150	
The Bell Hotel			4	200	120	20	
University of Derby Enterprise Centre		35	4	120		28	
Becketwell Arena (opening 2025)				600	800		

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