



Z-ARTS

VISUAL GUIDE



A visual guide to Z-arts as a building and as an organisation.

Information



Z-arts is open from 9am to 9pm on weekdays and from 9am to 5pm on Saturdays. This might change depending on what shows or activities are taking place in the building. We are sometimes open on Sundays.



Z-arts Box Office number is 0161 226 1912 and is available to call during opening hours. When it is busy, sometimes you will be given the option to leave a voicemail.



You can email Z-arts on info@z-arts.org

We will try to respond to your email during opening hours.



Z-arts address is:
335 Stretford Road,
Manchester, M15 5ZA

What our building looks like



Inside Z-arts - Entrance and Box Office



Entrance

When you enter Z-arts, you will see a sign, some plants, some fish and some steps. On your left, there is a ramp.

If you go up the ramp or up the steps, you will get to our Box Office desk.



Box Office

This is what you will see as you climb the steps towards Box Office.

A member of staff will be behind the Box Office desk to greet you.

Here you can:

Book and collect tickets

Book onto classes

Let Z-arts staff know you have arrived for a show or a class



Sometimes there are no other customers at Box Office, but sometimes it can get busy and noisy.

When it is busy at Box Office, you may have to queue up to speak to our Box Office team.

Inside Z-arts - Entrance and Box Office



Our Box Office staff are here to help. If you have any questions about Z-arts or what's taking place at Z-arts then please ask one of our Box Office staff.

In the photo on the left, you can see Box Office Supervisor Paul. Paul works at Box Office a lot during the week.

Anyone wearing a blue top and lanyard like Paul's is a member of staff at Z-arts. They are happy to help you.



If you look to your left when you're standing facing the Box Office desk, there is a corridor with lots of posters.

This takes you through to Z-café.

Inside Z-arts - Z-café



Z-café has lots of chairs and tables.

In one corner there are books to read. In another corner, there are toys to play with.

You can buy food and drink from the counter at Z-café.

In the picture, Z-café is empty, but it can sometimes be busy and noisy, particularly on a Saturday.



When it is busy, you may have to queue up if you want to buy food or drink.

You can ask the Z-arts staff member behind the counter anything about Z-café and what it has to offer.

There is a visual menu available at Z-café. Accessible cutlery is also available. See page 13 for more details.



This is the play area in Z-café, next to the entrance to the theatre.

Here you can colour in, play, or just sit and relax.

In this photo, the play area is empty but it can be busy and noisy, with lots of other children playing.

Inside Z-arts - the theatre



In Z-café, next to the play area, there is a black door with two windows. When the bell for the theatre rings, you will be taken through this door to get to the theatre.

The bell is very loud, and is a hand-held metal bell that a staff member will ring.

A Z-arts staff member will let you know when you can go through this door.



When you go through the black door with two windows, you will go into a corridor.

The lighting in this corridor is dull.

When you get to the end of the corridor, there will be a door on your left.

This will take you through to the theatre.



The theatre is where shows happen.

When you get into the theatre, it may be a little darker than in other rooms, but there will be lights and lots of seats.

Z-arts staff will let you know where to sit.

There will be staff members who you can talk to or ask for any guidance.

Inside Z-arts - activity spaces



Gallery Workspace is where arts and crafts activities happen.

In here, you will be greeted by a member of staff who is leading the arts and crafts session.

There will be paint, colourful paper, and glue for you to use in this room.



Dance Space is where some of our dance classes happen

One wall is covered in a large mirror so you can see yourself while you dance.

There may be speakers in here too so that music can be played. Sometimes the music is loud.



Music Space is where most of our music classes happen.

The piano is always in the room, but the chairs may not be there or may be in a different layout.

Inside Z-arts



Screening Room is where we show films for Cinema Club. It is dark in this room because this is where films are screened and watched.

Inside Z-arts



STUN is a studio space upstairs which can be clear of chairs or can have tiered seats (in the image on the left, the seats are stacked away except for a few that were used in a workshop).

Sometimes shows are performed in here and sometimes activities take place in here.



The Brayshaw Room is upstairs, on the first floor. It is a large room, sometimes with tables and chairs set up, and sometimes set up like in the picture on the left. Sometimes we hold drama sessions or dance sessions in this room.

There are lots of doors into and out of this room. You might enter through one which makes the room look different to this picture.

Inside Z-arts - toilets



Toilets

There are boys and girls toilets and an accessible toilet in Z-café. They are on the left when you are facing the counter.

Please ask a member of staff to give you directions to the nearest toilets.



There is a sign above the entrance way to the toilets. You can see the Girls toilet from here. When you go through and turn to your right, you will be in a small corridor.

There are other doors in this corridor.

The next door along takes you to the Boys toilets.



The doors to the toilets have signs on to show you which toilets are for boys and girls.

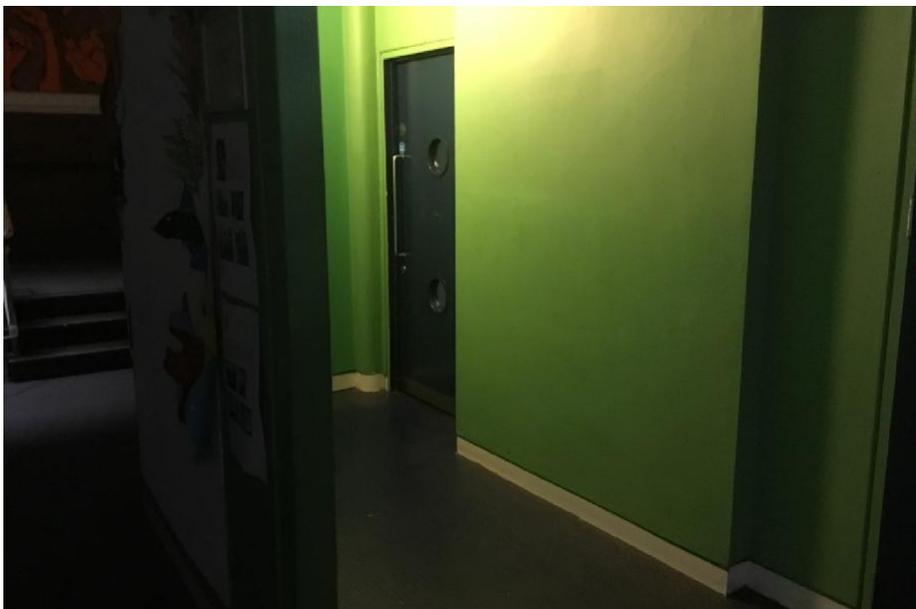
Inside Z-arts - toilets



The accessible toilet is a little further along the corridor than the boys toilet. It is on the left. There is another door which doesn't have a sign on it, that door is locked because it's not a toilet.



The accessible toilet has a sign on it to show you that it is the accessible toilet.



On the lower ground there are more toilets. If you take the stairs or lift from Box Office to the lower ground, you will see a green wall. Behind the green wall is another green wall with a blue door.

These lead you to boys and girls toilets and another accessible toilet, as well as some showers.

Inside Z-arts - toilets



When you walk through the blue door, you will be in a corridor. At the far end, behind another blue door, is the accessible toilet.

On the left are the girls and then the boys toilets. On the right there are some shower rooms.



Our dance space also has an accessible toilet. If you are facing the wall with the mirrors on then turn left, you will see a blue door. This is where the accessible toilet is.



The accessible toilet also has a shower in it..

There are a few more accessible toilets in the building, including one near the STUN studio. For more details or directions, please ask a member of staff.

Facilities and resources



Ear defenders

There are ear defenders available for all ages and in all sizes.

Please speak to our Box Office for more details or to request a set.

Z-café Access Pack

We have access friendly dishes, cups and cutlery available at Z-café as well as plastic bendy straws.

Z-café visual menu

There is a printed menu with pictures and large print available at Z-café. You can take this to your table if you would like to use it. Ask a member of the Z-café staff for more information.

Accessible cutlery

Ask our Z-café staff for accessible cutlery. The cutlery has large easy grip, latex-free rubber handles. The spoon and fork have bendable shafts that bend for left or right-handed use.

We're here to help

If you need any assistance finding the toilets or any of our other rooms or facilities, please ask a member of staff and they will help you.

Getting to Z-arts



By car:

You can get directions from Google Maps or your Sat Nav by using our postcode M15 5ZA. Z-arts is opposite Hulme Park. There is on-street parking available but please check the parking signs to make sure you are allowed to park and to see if you need to pay for parking. There is disabled parking directly outside our main entrance.



Walking:

Z-arts is within walking distance of Manchester City Centre and is a 15 minute walk away from Oxford Road Station.



By bus:

There are regular Stagecoach buses that run from Manchester Piccadilly Gardens and take approximately 10 minutes to get to the Hulme Library which is two buildings away from Z-arts. The buses that go from Manchester Piccadilly Gardens to Hulme are: 250, 256, 263



By train:

The main train stations into Manchester are Piccadilly, Oxford Road and Victoria. From Piccadilly you can catch a bus (see above). From Oxford Road you can catch the 250 or 263 bus, or walk (see above).



By tram:

The nearest Metrolink stop to Z-arts is Deansgate-Castlefield. This is approximately a 15 minute walk away from Z-arts.