

SITE GALLERY

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Site Gallery embarks on ambitious expansion project

Sheffield's leading contemporary art gallery announces that it will begin its expansion in April 2017.

With a formidable track record of presenting and supporting important UK and international artists, Site Gallery will treble the scale of its public offer through an expansion programme worth over £2.7m. Work is planned to commence in spring 2017.

Extending into a neighbouring building, a new 262m² gallery will be created, alongside a flexible event space for education, creative activity and commercial hires. The addition of a 40-seat café, a shop and business units to let will support the charity to expand its trading operations.

The gallery is currently fundraising to secure the final £75,000 needed to complete the scheme.

From Saturday 18 February, designs and plans will be on display at the gallery on Brown Street, including an architectural model and artistic impressions of the expanded building. Visitors will have the opportunity to share their thoughts about the project, by leaving feedback on a designated noticeboard in the exhibition space.

The gallery will close to the public on Friday 10th March. An exciting, offsite programme of events will be announced in the coming weeks.

Tom Fleming, Site Gallery Chair said: 'this is a truly exciting time for Site Gallery, for Sheffield and its creative communities. A new landmark building and space for contemporary art that will offer new connections, new ideas and business.'

This scheme will connect to the multi-million pound investment in Sheffield City Council's Knowledge Gateway Project – an urban regeneration project within the Cultural Industries Quarter that includes millions of pounds of investment in public realm and capital projects in the area.

Councillor Mary Lea, cabinet member for culture, sport and leisure at Sheffield City Council, said: 'It's great to see Site Gallery going from strength to strength, and I hope that people will take the opportunity to have their say about the scheme while these exciting plans are on show. I look forward to seeing the new-look Site Gallery when it reopens to the public, and I am sure that the revamped gallery will create even more opportunities for people to get involved with arts and culture here in Sheffield.'

Site Gallery's Artistic Director, Laura Sillars said: 'this expansion will bring new artistic possibilities to Sheffield and we look forward to extending our partnerships with local, UK and international artists and organisations. Although it requires the building to close to the public for over a year, we are still here, and will be delivering a programme of off-site activity and pop-up projects, so please stay tuned!'

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About Site Gallery:

Led by Co-Directors Laura Sillars and Judith Harry, Site Gallery is an Arts Council National Portfolio Organisation with revenue funding from Sheffield City Council.

Over the last few years it has presented solo-projects by artists including established artists such as Mike Kelley (USA), Jeremy Deller (UK), Sophie Calle (Fr) and UK firsts with Eva and Franco Mattes (It) and Pilvi Takala (FN). The Paul Hamlyn Foundation funded Society of Explorers runs throughout the year supporting young people in the city to make unique connections with artists and gain new skills and learning. In 2015, Site Gallery presented its new commissioned work in over 40 cities in 20 countries including Sydney, Beijing, Thessaloniki and Basel.

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