

# MakeSpace at English Bridge, Shrewsbury

## General information

### Introduction

The English Bridge Workshop is an arts centre in the former Old Abbey School, which was used as a primary school until the 1960's and latterly as an Arts Annex to the Wakeman Technical College until the 1980's. Run for many years by a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee of the same name, it is now managed by MakeSpace Arts & Well-Being CIC, aka Raven Studios, whose aims are to provide studio space for local creatives, promote the appreciation and practice of the arts, and support community participation in the arts.

### Community Space

The building has two large halls available for hire by the half day, day or evening. Tables, chairs, easels and painting supports are available. The lower hall can be set up as a gallery if required. The spaces are available on the following basis:

- Non-Profit bookings:- available for Not For Profit organisations with a written constitution or for small groups run by volunteers.
- Sole Trader/private bookings:- available for Sole Traders running arts or well-being classes, grass roots events or private hires.
- Commercial Bookings:- available for any organisation with more than one paid employee, or public ticketed events.

Bookings must include setting out and tidy up time within the booked hours.

Organisations wanting repeat booking can set up an account on the online hall booking system.

### Studio space

There are a number of studios available for resident creatives, as well as a hot desk space for hire by the day. These spaces have water, a sink and background heating but the occupant is responsible for all equipment necessary for the activity undertaken in the studio. These spaces are let at a commercial rent benchmarked against similar facilities in the area.

Resident creatives are invited to studio meetings, expected to assist in the running of the studios from time to time, and preference is given to those who offer community arts engagement activities in the halls.

Potential users of the building should be aware that at present there is no lift to the toilets, which are on the first floor, and minimal kitchen facilities.