

galleryoldham

April – October 2018

Free admission





Welcome to Gallery Oldham

Our extensive programme includes exhibitions, events, courses and talks, as well as popular family activities and school workshops.

If you are visiting us by tram the nearest Metrolink stop at Oldham Central is just two minutes walk from the gallery. Please see the map on the back page or visit: www.metrolink.co.uk for details.

In the Galleries

Gallery Oldham has three main exhibition spaces on the second floor. Oldham Stories is a permanent gallery space devoted to displaying our collections, while the Community Gallery features work by local artists and groups.

Around the building

Several major pieces from our collection are on permanent display. These include John Collier's monumental painting of The Death of Cleopatra, Peter Philips' important Pop Art work Gravy for the Navy and a vintage Bradbury motorbike.

The Oldham Panorama is a unique large-scale photograph of the town in 1876. Explore the drawers beneath the picture to uncover objects from our collections.

On the first floor landings you'll find objects from our Social History and Natural History collections. You can also see our Art of the Potter exhibition featuring items from our important collection of Studio Pottery.

Pick up a Gallery Trail leaflet from the foyer highlighting objects of interest.

See the bees

Gallery Oldham has been home to a hive of bees since 2015. We've recently welcomed a second hive and revamped the bee-themed family activities on our adjacent landing. Why not buzz down and see our most popular residents before picking up some of their delicious honey in our shop.



Cover image: Damilola by Titus Agbara. Purchased with assistance of The Art Fund.
Opposite: Hill Farm, Saddleworth by Diana Terry

Displays in our foyer

The Gallery Foyer has a permanent display of items from our collections, with smaller pop-up exhibitions throughout the year.

A View From Crime Lake

30 April – 2 June

This Heritage Lottery funded project celebrates the history of Hollinwood and the surrounding area with a focus on holidays, hobbies and pastimes.

Fighting for the Vote in Oldham

7 June – 21 July

Local pupils have been working with Gallery Oldham on Historic England's Heritage Schools programme to explore objects and stories around the Oldhamers who campaigned for votes for women.

Kashmiri Lives

23 July – 11 August

A project capturing the memories and experiences of the Kashmiri community in Greater Manchester. Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Making Our Mark

20 August – 1 September

Work created by young people in response to the Richard Long Artist Rooms exhibition.

Making an Exhibition of Ourselves

7 September – 6 October

Over the last fifty years Oldham Theatre Workshop has evolved into one of the country's leading youth and community organisations. Take a backstage look at how it has shaped the lives of Oldham's young people and used the art of theatre to reflect changes in British youth culture.



Looking to the future

These are exciting times for Gallery Oldham as work continues to gather pace on our new Heritage and Arts Centre.

Oldham's original Library, Museum and Art Gallery opened in 1883 and plans to transform this building have been made possible thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and local philanthropist Sir Norman Stoller. We'll be staying open throughout the redevelopment and you can keep up to date with how the project is progressing on our website.

The first phase of work is now complete. This has involved stripping away years of modern alterations to get back to the original features of the building. Several features such as parquet flooring have been taken offsite to be cleaned and made ready for return. Others have been uncovered for the first time in decades – including at least one ornate doorway that had been totally forgotten.

Later this year the hoardings will go around the site and the next phase of construction will begin.



Oldham Stories: Encounters with our Collections

A Permanent Gallery

Our permanent exhibition is packed full of fascinating stories and objects from our collections of Natural History, Art and Social History. In 2018 we are celebrating the centenary of women's suffrage by focusing on the contribution of significant women to Oldham's history.

The display looks at local figures such as suffragette Annie Kenney and social reformer Mary Higgs. We are showcasing some of the outstanding female artists in our collection including Turner Prize winner Lubaina Himid and Dorothea Sharp. Also on show are works by two active suffragettes who were professional artists, Ethel Wright and Patti Mayor.

Oldham Stories also features lots of family activities. Find out more about the Oldham owl, weigh parcels in our Edwardian chemist's shop and take inspiration from our posters and banners to make a badge as a souvenir of your visit.

Image: Girl with a Shrimp Net by Dorothea Sharp



Family Matters

Until 12 May

A family can be made of any number of individuals and consist of many different relationships. The common link is the shared experiences of people or animals who live together as a unit.

This exhibition looks at families in its widest sense using our extensive collections of social history, natural history, art and archives.

In science the word 'family' is a recognised term used to help classify animals and plants that have characteristics in common. The exhibition illustrates this by using fascinating examples from our pressed plant collection.

We also explore local family trees introducing and using the collections held at Oldham Local Studies and Archives. Needlework samplers feature strongly as these beautiful objects were often embroidered to celebrate family connections and events. Paintings on show include local family portraits alongside other pictures recording both happy and sad aspects of family life.

Image: The Tender Grace of a Day that is Dead by Walter Langley



Natural: History (a fable of progress)

Or 'oh no, we've killed the last unicorn'

Until 9 June

Artists Richard Dawson and Jacqui Symons present a series of works questioning humankind's impact on, and changing relationship with the natural world from the 1800s to the present day, known as the Era of the Anthropocene.

Each artist explores themes including climate change, loss of biodiversity and extinction from an individual perspective. Incorporating a wide range of media including print, sculpture and installation this thought-provoking and engaging show is the first of its kind for Gallery Oldham.

The exhibition will feature a selection of new works including a recreation of Percival Farrington's study, a 21st Century tree-drawing machine, the Dove Stone Seed Vault and a memorial to lost species. Visitors will be able to add their own plastic to the Unrecycling Device and take away their very own untruth from the Denial Machine.

Image: Instinct by Richard Dawson and Jacqui Symons



ARTIST ROOMS: Richard Long

26 May – 15 September

Richard Long (b.1945) is one of the most influential British artists of his generation. His art is directly connected with the landscape, and from his experience of making solitary walks in remote regions in Britain and all over the world.

This ARTIST ROOMS exhibition features key works made throughout his impressive 40-year career, from *A Line Made by Walking*, created in 1976 while a student, which established that art could be a journey, to *Cornish Slate Ellipse* 2009, a sculpture made from the land.

The ARTIST ROOMS touring programme is delivered by the National Galleries of Scotland and Tate in a partnership with Ferens Art Gallery until 2019, supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England, by Art Fund and by the National Lottery through Creative Scotland.

Image: *A Line Made by Walking* by Richard Long 1967.
ARTIST ROOMS National Galleries of Scotland and Tate.
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A LINE MADE BY WALKING

ENGLAND 1967

The British Wildlife Photography Awards Exhibition 2017

23 June – 8 September

This stunning exhibition explores the beauty and diversity of British wildlife. It showcases the winning entries to this annual competition celebrating the work of amateur and professional photographers across the UK.

Winning images have been chosen from thousands of entries and are in fifteen separate categories including Animal Portraits, Botanical Britain and Urban Wildlife. There are also two junior categories to encourage young people to connect with nature through photography.

Whether your interest is in either photography or wildlife there will be something to amaze or inspire you in this exciting exhibition.



Image: Wren on frost-encrusted fern by Ben Hall.
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Refuge – Jai Chuhan

15 September – 24 November

Jai Chuhan's paintings often involve an isolated figure in a room or a space which seems like a room. This creates a sense of isolation, which Chuhan sees as an arena for exploring existential themes such as refuge, love, conflict, birth and death. She describes her aesthetic influences as "transcultural", taking inspiration from her position as an Indian-born British artist.

For this exhibition Jai will premiere new paintings and create a sculpture. Refuge is part of Asia Triennial Manchester 18 with exhibitions and events taking place across the city on the theme of "Who Do You Think You Are?"

Visit www.asiatriennialmanchester.com for further information and details.



Image: Girl by Jai Chuhan



Peace and Plenty? Oldham and the First World War

29 September – 12 January 2018

Take a fascinating and moving trip back 100 years to the Oldham of 1918. As the 'Great War' drew to a close what had been the experiences on the home front for the people of Oldham? The exhibition revisits their everyday lives, losses and achievements using Gallery Oldham's extensive collections.

This exhibition has been co-curated by historians Alan Fowler and Terry Wyke. It explores how Oldham's mills, Oldham's shops and Oldham's people all adapted to meet the needs of the war. In 1918 as the fighting and the fundraising stopped the town was forced to deal with a deadly influenza epidemic and prepared for the first general election in which all men over the age of 21 and women over the age of 30 could vote.

Alan Fowler and Terry Wyke have also produced an accompanying booklet which will be available from the Gallery Shop.



Image: Victory Celebrations 1919 by John Armitage



Community Gallery

The Community Gallery features work by groups or individuals who live or work in Oldham, or whose subject matter relates to Oldham. If you have an exhibition proposal call: Joy Thorpe on 0161 770 4663 or email: joy.thorpe@oldham.gov.uk

Cottam Street Pocket Park

24 March – 12 May

A collaborative project between local artist Jack Doyle, Robin Durkan and St.Hilda's C.E Primary School in Oldham. The park is built on the former site of Pine Mill near Oldham Royal Hospital.

Colour Splash!

19 May – 7 July

Come along and immerse yourself in a riotously colourful exhibition created by pupils at Kingfisher Special School. Some of the pieces on display are for sale helping raise funds for their hydrotherapy pool.

Terry Rushworth: Tera Incognita

14 July – 8 September

This exhibition reflects the artist's childhood in Oldham and the effects of ill health, religion and education. His work draws on the myths and symbolism found in art and literature.

Open Shutters

15 September – 10 November

Mental illness presents massive challenges to those who experience it and the people around them. This series of portraits by Oldham photographer Lisa Marie Gee tells the stories of people who found strength and direction from their mental health journey.



Gallery talks

Our monthly talks are free, informal and last around 40 minutes with time for discussion afterwards. There is no need to book. All talks now start at 1pm.

If you are bringing a group of more than five please contact the gallery on 0161 770 4742 beforehand.

Wednesday 25 April, 1pm

Take a look at the Natural History exhibition.

Wednesday 9 May, 1pm

Explore the Natural History in our permanent Oldham Stories display.

Thursday 7 June, 1pm

Uncover stories of protest and democracy. Part of Manchester Histories Festival.

Wednesday 20 June, 1pm

Find out more about Oldham Suffragettes and Suffragists.

Wednesday 4 July, 1pm

Discover more of the Artist Rooms exhibition.

Wednesday 8 August, 1pm

Study some of the amazing images in the British Wildlife Photography Awards exhibition.

Thursday 6 September, 1pm

Take a guided tour of the Oldham Panorama. Part of Oldham Histories Festival and Heritage Open Days.

Wednesday 17 October, 1pm

Explore the artworks in the Refuge exhibition.



British Wildlife Photography Awards exhibition.

Identification Service

Our specialist curators provide a free identification and advice service but we are unable to give valuations. Please make an appointment in advance.

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Natural History

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Social and Local History

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Adult Arts and Crafts

Paper Constructions and Paper Collage

Saturday 28 April, 10am–1pm and 2–5pm

Find out more about rolling, coiling and layering to design your own 3D shadow scene. Then go all out with paper and cut, tear, rub, fold, pierce, bend, corrugate, stretch, and laminate to create a collage to be proud of!

Both sessions are free with materials and light refreshments provided.

Silk Painting

Saturday 19 May, 10am–4pm

Book yourself a place on this full day of fabric based fun! Suitable for beginners and the more experienced. Cost: £20 including all materials and light refreshments.

Collagraph Printing

Tuesdays 12, 19 and 26 June, 6–8.30pm

Inspired by our Artist Rooms exhibition come and learn the art of collagraph printing over the course of three evening sessions. Develop your skills to create an interesting range of surface prints using mixed media. Suitable for beginners and the more experienced. Cost: £40 for all three sessions including all materials and light refreshments.

Advance booking is essential for all courses at www.eventbrite.co.uk Call 0161 770 4742 or email galleryoldham.gov.uk for more details.



Groups

Gallery Oldham provides a range of hands-on activities here and off site at a venue convenient to you. Arts, crafts and heritage workshops are available based on our collections for a range of community and voluntary groups for all ages and abilities. For more details call 0161 770 4742 or email: glenys.walsh@oldham.gov.uk

Making Memories

Creative reminiscence for older people

Gallery Oldham is one of the first museum and galleries in the country to become Dementia Friendly. All of our staff are trained Dementia Friends and we welcome visits from older people and carers.

Making MEMORIES



Making Memories is all about introducing museum objects to people who may never visit a museum or gallery. We have a range of themed reminiscence boxes for hire and our curators offer informal talks with the chance to handle some of our wonderful collections.

To find out more about all our services for older people call Joy Thorpe on 0161 770 4663 or email joy.thorpe@oldham.gov.uk

Join our mailing list

Contact us at galleryoldham@oldham.gov.uk if you would like to join our emailing list.

We also have special email lists for Family Friendly, Ceramics and Adult Creative Courses.

Room Hire

Our versatile Education Suite and galleries are available to hire for meetings and functions.

Call 0161 770 2073 or for more details email galleryoldham@oldham.gov.uk

Oldham Cultural Forum

The forum is a meeting place for creative people to gain advice and network with other professionals working in the creative industries.

The next information sessions take place at the gallery on: **Monday 11 June and Monday 10 September, 6–8pm**

Oldham Council Arts Development also offers support to artists and community groups on an informal basis throughout the year.

To book a place or for more information call: Rachel Wood on 0161 770 3070 or email: rachel.wood@oldham.gov.uk

Early Years

There's always something for even our youngest visitors to enjoy at Gallery Oldham with our award-nominated early years programme.

GO Baby

Let your baby take the lead and explore the gallery through their eyes. Our popular GO Baby programme for 0-2's and their families uses sounds, textures and sensory play to bring our spaces to life.



Every Thursday (term-time only), 10.30am–12noon
Free – just drop in, no need to book.

GO Explorers

Have fun and explore the world through creative, messy and sensory play in our weekly sessions for children aged 2–4 and their families. Everyone is welcome, so come along and have-a-go!



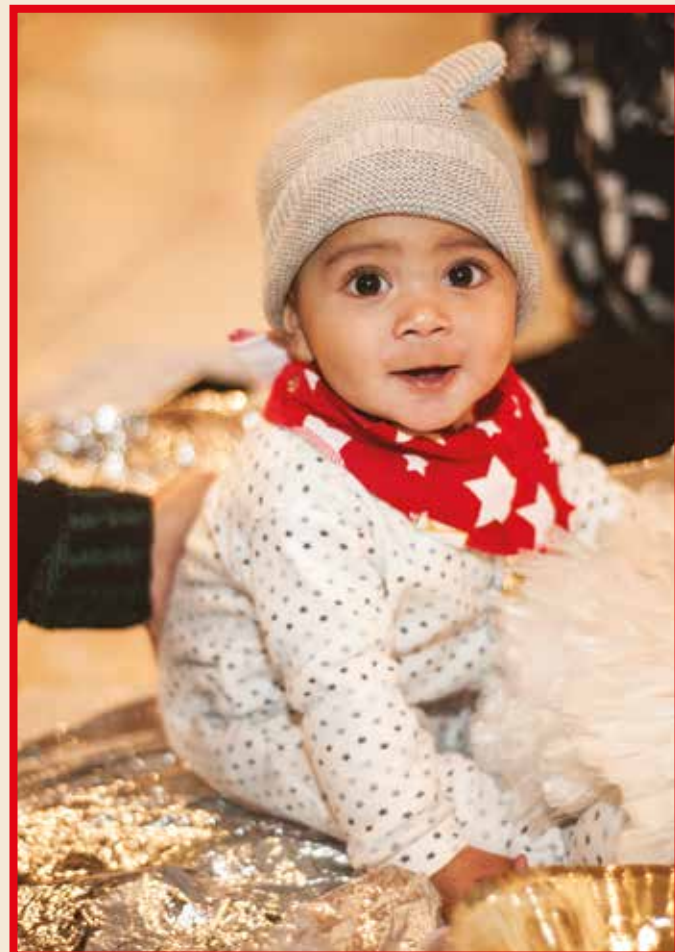
Every Friday (term-time only), 10.30–11.30am £3.50 per child per session.
Advanced booking essential through Eventbrite.

Baby Sign

Baby Sign is the perfect way to communicate with little ones. All signs taught are British Sign Language and compatible with MAKATON signing system. Both foundation and advanced sessions are available.

Saturday 23 June, 10.30am–2.30pm and Wednesday 4 July, 10am–2pm

Advance booking essential, email: carolyn@learn2sign.co.uk for bookings.



Children and Families



Gallery Oldham is full of fun events for families, with activities most suitable for children aged 4–10 years.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all family sessions. If you are bringing a group of 10 or more please book in advance on 0161 770 4742.

Holiday fun at Gallery Oldham

Free family activities take place in and around all school holidays. Sessions are linked to our exhibitions so please take a look around the galleries before you come along.

Easter: Tue 3, Wed 4 and Thu 5 April

Half-term: Tue 29, Wed 30 and Thu 31 May

Summer: Mon 23 and Tue 24 July, Mon 30 and Tue 31 July, Mon 6 and Tue 7 August, Mon 13 and Tue 14 August

Half-term: Mon 29, Tue 30 and Wed 31 October

Free – no need to book, just drop-in from 1–4pm.

Super Saturdays

Be inspired by our exhibitions. We've artist-led craft activities, painting, drawing and creative fun for all the family on the first Saturday of the month.

Sat 7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July, 4 August, 1 September and 6 October

Free – no need to book, just drop in from 1–3pm

GO Wild!

Saturdays 21 April and 18 August, 1–3pm

Explore the seasonal surprises that nature brings and have fun with a mix of science, nature and creativity.

Free – places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Book online at www.eventbrite.co.uk or call 0161 770 4742 for more details.



Special Events

Festival Oldham

Saturday 26 May, 11am–4pm

Roll-up, roll-up for a feast of art and entertainment at this year's Festival Oldham. This year we're marking 250 years of circus in the UK with acrobats, live performances, street theatre and family arts workshops.

Free – no need to book, just drop-in.

Call 0161 770 3070 for information.



Fun Palaces

Saturday 6 October, 11am–3pm

Come along and help us turn our building into a Fun Palace for the day. There will be lots for families to do across the Gallery and Library, including our annual drawing activities.

Free – no need to book, just drop-in.

The Small Cinema



Every month The Small Cinema hosts a classic film at Gallery Oldham. Film-related arts and crafts take place before each movie from 12noon–2pm in the foyer. Look out for more movies every month and throughout the year. Tickets cost £3 and include a goodie bag for kids. Advance booking is recommended. Visit www.themallcinema.com for listings and booking.

Sat 14 April, 2pm: Coco (PG)

This year's Oscar winner for Best Animated Feature.

Sat 26 May, 2pm: The Greatest Showman (PG)

The musical story of circus visionary P.T. Barnum.

Sat 16 June, 2pm: Early Man (PG)

A charming prehistoric claymation adventure.



Activities for Young People

Young Producers NEW for 2018



First Tuesday of every month, 5–7pm

If you're aged 15–20 and interested in exploring our collections, being creative, learning new skills and meeting new people this is for you. We're looking for creative young people with a passion for change to help create and deliver workshops and make Gallery Oldham a youth-friendly space. Free - no creative experience required.

Creative Spaces

Tuesdays 17 April, 8 May, 12 June, 17 July, 21 August and 4 September, 1–2.30pm

Join our creative monthly sessions specially designed for home educated young people or those in alternative education. These hands-on workshops are ideal for any young person interested in arts and craft. Develop your skills as a young artist and achieve a Discover Arts Award.

Fusion – Bronze Arts Award Sessions

Every Friday from 27 July to 31 August, 1–3pm

Ideal for the young entrepreneur join our hands-on sessions to help you achieve your Bronze Arts Award and create products to be sold in the gallery shop! For ages 11+. Cost: £25 per person for all sessions, including materials, moderation and certification.

Summer Arts sessions

Every Thursday from 2 to 30 August, 1–3pm

Try new skills at these artist-led, hands-on sessions designed to help you achieve your Discover Arts Award. Linked to our Artist Rooms exhibition. Free - no creative experience required. For ages 11+

Making our Mark– arts residential

Friday 17 to Monday 20 August

A four day creative residential inspired by our Artist Rooms exhibition for ages 14+. Learn new skills, meet new people, create your own artwork and learn how to creatively document the pieces you make while also completing a Bronze Arts Award. Free – with all overnight accommodation, food and transport provided.

Advance booking is essential.

For all courses go to: www.eventbrite.co.uk

For more details on all our activities for young people call: 0161 770 4741 or email: evad.ouldokojie@oldham.gov.uk



Schools Programme

Visits to Gallery Oldham

There's a fabulous range of art, craft, local and natural history collections available on your doorstep. Why not book one of our cross-curricular led sessions or bring your class on a free self-guided visit?

Led sessions

Led by experienced educators these sessions are suitable for Key Stages 1, 2 and 3. Workshops include time in the galleries and a practical session in our spacious Education Suite. All materials and pre and post visit resources are included. Lunch spaces can be reserved.

Sessions are £100 for a two-hour led session for classes up to 35 pupils. Booking is essential.



Free self-guided visits

We also welcome free self-guided visits to the Gallery and can arrange resources to support your visit. Booking essential.

Free trial sessions

Free trial sessions are available for enthusiastic and dedicated primary and secondary teachers who are willing to help shape our future Learning Programme. If you are interested in being involved contact our Education Development Officer on the number below.

Find out more

Visit our website at www.galleryoldham.org.uk/learning and fill out an enquiry form or contact our Education Development Officer, Kirsty Mairs on 0161 770 4643 or email kirsty.mairs@oldham.gov.uk

Oldham Local Studies and Archives

Discover the fascinating history of the Oldham area and its people. Our collections include items that complement Gallery Oldham's work including artists' letters and local photographs.

Local History

Oldham Historical Research Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month, 7pm for anyone interested in local history. Upcoming talks include:

Wed 18 April: Votes for Women: Campaigners around Oldham

Wed 16 May: Sarah Hallam: An Oldham Nurse on the Western Front During the First World War

Wed 20 June: Oldham Police and Fire Service from the 19th Century

Wed 25 July: The American Civil War: Lancashire and the Cotton Famine

Wed 19 September: The Oldham Pals in Italy, 1918



Family History

Expert family advice is available every Monday and Wednesday, 2–4pm.

Oldham Paleography Group

Meets every fourth Saturday, 10–11.30am for anyone interested in reading and deciphering original documents from the 16th to 19th centuries.

Displays and Special Events

Women in Oldham

From April
Discover how women became active in local government.

Health in Oldham before the NHS

From 5 July
Life before the creation of the NHS in 1948.

Women in World War One

From October
A fascinating display featuring the lives of women in wartime.

Oldham Histories Festival and Heritage Open Days

Thursday 6 to Sunday 30 September

Talks, tours and special events across the borough.

Oldham Local Studies and Archives

84 Union Street, Oldham, OL1 1DN

0161 770 4654 archives@oldham.gov.uk

Opening Hours

Monday and Thursday 10am–7pm

Tuesday 10am–2pm

Wednesday and Friday 10am–5pm

Saturday 10am–4pm

Naked Bean at Gallery Oldham



Our café is the perfect place to meet friends or colleagues for a drink or a bite to eat.

Naked Bean offers breakfast, snacks and main meals alongside tempting homemade muffins.

Enjoy a fresh coffee or try one of the new range of Tea Punks loose teas.



Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday: 8am–4pm

Please note that access from 8–10am is through the side entrance, off Southgate Street. Look out for great meal deals and take advantage of our loyalty card scheme. Stuart and the team look forward to welcoming you to Naked Bean at Gallery Oldham.

Gallery shop

Looking for a special gift or a treat for yourself?

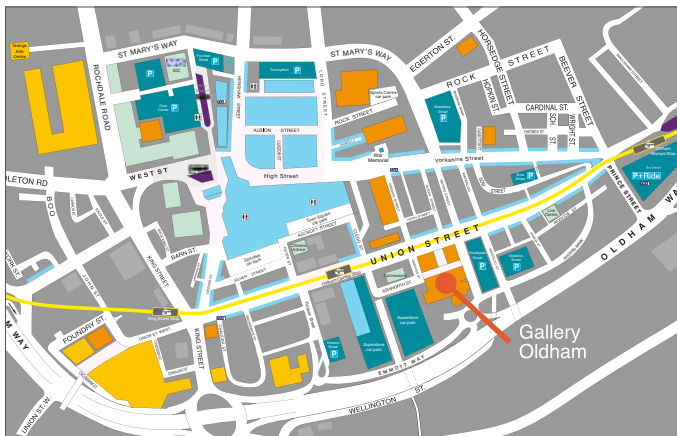
Visit our shop in the foyer for a range of crafts, cards, children's toys and Oldham souvenirs to suit all pockets.

We also stock a selection of textiles, ceramics and handcrafted jewellery created by local artists and craftspeople. The shop also sells current and past exhibition catalogues and books covering the gallery's collections. We welcome approaches from local artists and craftspeople interested in selling small items in our shop. Please call: 0161 770 2073 to discuss our terms and conditions.



Where are we?

Gallery Oldham, Cultural Quarter, Greaves Street, Oldham OL1 1AL. Gallery Oldham is part of the Library and Lifelong Learning building.



How do I get in touch?

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Instagram



Opening times

Monday to Saturday: 10am–5pm
(last admission 4.45pm)

Closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Transport

Gallery Oldham is situated on Greaves Street in Oldham town centre, next to Sainsbury's. Metrolink trams run from Manchester to Rochdale, through Oldham town centre. The nearest tram stop to the Gallery is Oldham Central on Union Street. Please check www.tfgm.com for travel updates or contact the gallery for advice.

The main bus station is a 10 minute walk away and there are regular buses from Greenfield Railway Station. The nearest car park is Southgate Street.

Gallery access



There are two disabled car parking spaces on Greaves Street, next to the gallery, and several spaces on the Southgate Street car park. Please contact the gallery for more details.

The building has large lifts, accessible toilets and baby changing facilities. There is a baby feeding room in the library.



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