



SOCIAL GUIDE

What to expect on your visit
to the Galway Arts Centre

We can read this story as we get ready for our trip to the Galway Arts Centre. In this story we'll learn about how to enter the Arts Centre, some of the people who work at the Galway Arts Centre who can help us with our visit, and some of the things that we can see when we visit.



We are going to the Galway Arts Centre to see an exhibition. Inside, we will find many different types of art like paintings, sculptures, photographs and videos.

The Galway Arts Centre shows lots of different artists work and to give everyone a fair turn the art is always changing. Sometimes when you visit it could all be hanging from the roof and other times there is lots of paintings on the wall, the next time it could be sculptures on the floor!!

On our visit we are going to look at artworks and talk about them together.

We might make our own art when we get home if we want.



We are going to enter the Galway Arts Centre off the main street. We will go up the ramp and in the door. Once inside there are two more doors. Before we go through we can put on some hand sanitiser from the black dispenser on the left of the glass door.

We are going to use the glass door to enter the gallery. The glass door can push or pull so it won't matter which way we open this door.



When we go in the glass door we will see the reception desk in front of us. There is always someone working at the reception desk in the Galway Arts Centre.

If you have any questions about your visit like what kind of work will you see today or if you would like a chair to sit down and take a break, we can ask the person working at the desk our questions and they will help us find an answer.



When we go into the galleries, let's remember to follow these rules:

1. We will stay with our group, family, or friends when visiting the Arts Centre.
2. We will walk slowly. When we walk slowly through the gallery we can look at all of the artworks!
3. We will not touch the artwork. If we have a question about whether we can touch something, we can ask the person we came with before touching it.
4. We will speak quietly and use our inside voice.
5. We cannot eat or drink in the galleries.



When we turn left from the reception desk we will be able to see the whole room, we will walk under the arch into the second half of the gallery. To our left there is a door that leads out to the stairs, we will come back to that later.

Now we continue through the gallery to the room at the back. This room can be used for lots of different things, sometimes there is a big curtain up to make the room dark and sometimes its open and bright.

If there is a curtain up on our visit we can walk behind the curtain into the room.



This room might be very dark but you can still see around you. The big curtain is used to keep the light out so we can see the video really well. When there is a video in this room there is also a long bench in the middle of this room so we can sit down, take a break and watch the video.

If we want to sit down here we can, if we don't want to stay in this room that's ok to, but we must remember some people in our group, family, or friends will want to see the video even if we don't, so we can wait outside the room in the gallery and look at the art there or talk to the receptionist until everyone is ready to move upstairs together.



The next gallery we will visit is upstairs and its called Gallery 2. To get to Gallery 2 we will go out the door facing the stairs and go up one stairs turn the corner and go up the second stairs. When we get to the top of the second stairs we will go in the door on the left and then we will be standing in Gallery 2. This Gallery is very like the one downstairs but can have very different art work on display. When we turn right we are in the first part of Gallery 2 with the large windows. This is usually a very bright room.

Some people want to spend a long time looking at the artwork while other people want to stay only a short time. Both are good. The important thing is to enjoy our time at the Galway Arts Centre.

When we're ready to leave the Galway Arts Centre we can exit the same way we came in. We will go back down the stairs and past reception. We can say goodbye to the lovely person working at the desk and leave out through the glass door we came in through. This will bring us back out onto Dominic street



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