

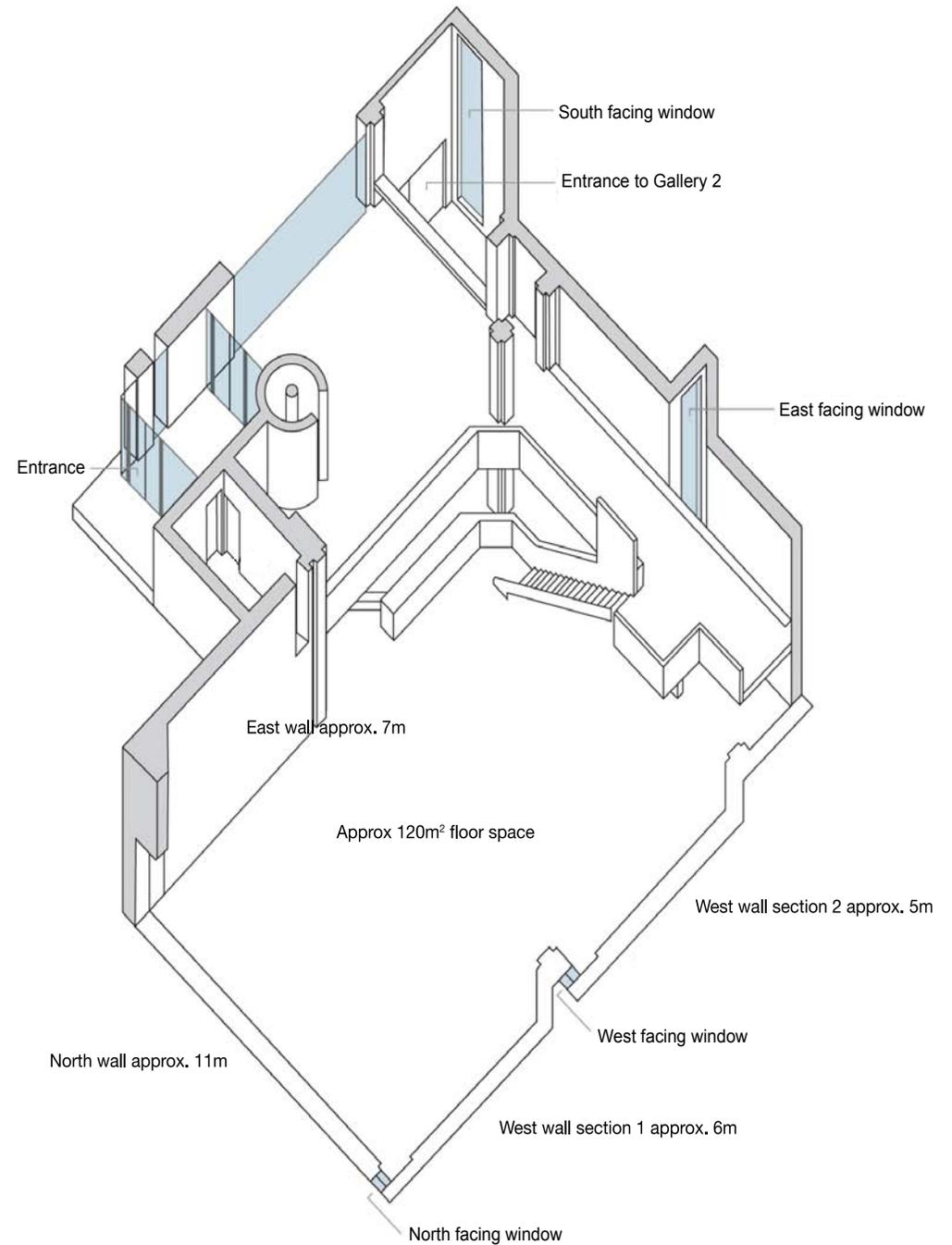
THE DOUGLAS HYDE GALLERY

Exhibition Spaces

The Douglas Hyde Gallery consists of two exhibition spaces that are used to show concurrent exhibitions, which often have a relating theme or tone. The Gallery is fully accessible to all and the open floor space can easily accommodate larger groups for talks, tours, film screenings and musical events.

Gallery 1 was designed by Paul Koralek of ABK architects. It is an interesting example of late 1970s brutalist architecture, juxtaposing heavy, angular concrete members with massive voids. The high walls and large, open floor area create a dramatic and challenging space for the display of artworks.

In contrast, **Gallery 2**, designed by McCullough Mulvin architects and opened in 2001, provides a more intimate and meditative environment.



Gallery 1

In Gallery 1, the north wall has a running length of 10.67m and a height of 5.28m and is the largest wall in the Gallery. The west wall has a total running length of 14.81m, it is broken by two angled wall sections, leaving two straight areas of 5.98 and 5.91m and a height of 5.28m. The two angled sections each have a running length of 1.45m. The east wall has a running length of 7.23m and a height of 5.28m. There are approximately 120 square metres of floor space.

There are several light sources. Natural light reaches most areas of Gallery 1 and can be totally eliminated if necessary. Artificial light consists of spotlights, which can be directed on individual artworks, and wall-washers that light the walls evenly.

The Gallery is first approached from a balcony overlooking the entire main exhibition area. From there, visitors descend a cantilever staircase to view the exhibition directly. The upstairs balcony area and behind the staircase are frequently used to hang smaller works. There is also a sunken area adjacent to the main exhibition space which is used to display works and to access Gallery 2.

Gallery 2

Gallery 2, which has won an architectural award, measures 2.7m high by 3.5m wide by 6.7m long. There are approximately 24 square metres of floor space.

Despite its modest scale, Gallery 2 has played a significant role in the Douglas Hyde Gallery's programme, housing exhibitions by major contemporary artists. It has a very flexible lighting system.

Gallery 2 features a doorway which is broken into a number of sections - these can be opened in a variety of combinations, from a half door which forces the viewer to stoop in order to enter the space, to its completely open configuration.

Please contact us to view a floorplan with more exact measurements and further details of our exhibition spaces.