

About the Space

The gallery is a compact yet dynamic venue, approximately 2.4m by 3.7m, with windows on three sides that provide ample natural light. Due to its original use as a coffee kiosk, some of the glass windows are obscured with opaque screening. The gallery is equipped with two screening walls, which can be used to partition the space or display artwork. Additionally, the space includes a secure door and a secure kiosk window, ensuring safety for the exhibits. It is intended that visitors will view the space from the exterior.

Currently, the gallery features functional lighting but lacks power sockets. Looking ahead, we hope to provide electricity sockets and potentially a projector to support multimedia installations and expand the possibilities for artistic expression within the space.

A Rolling Programme of Art

We are seeking community projects, schools, and local artists to help us create a rolling programme of art for the space. By rotating exhibitions, we can ensure a constantly fresh and engaging experience for visitors while giving more artists the opportunity to display their work. This initiative is open to all, but all submissions must comply with guidelines set by Northern Trains.

Why This Matters

Art is a powerful tool for healing, expression, and connection. Providing a space for artists to share their work promotes mental health and well-being within the community. Many LGBT+ artists, in particular, may not have access to traditional gallery spaces. This community gallery offers them a chance to gain exposure, develop their skills, and connect with audiences.

In addition to our gallery, Community Rail Lancashire has created a suite of artwork for the station in the foyer entrance, further enhancing its visual appeal and cultural richness. Together, these initiatives will transform Wakefield Kirkgate Railway Station into a vibrant hub of creativity and community pride.

Get Involved

We welcome anyone interested in contributing to this exciting project. Whether you want to create, display, or support the gallery, we'd love to hear from you! Contact us at kirkgate@longboatwakefield.org to discuss your ideas and get involved.

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