



MY VISIT TO THE GOLDEN THREAD GALLERY

My name is _____

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The Golden Thread Gallery is an art gallery in Belfast. That means it is a place where I can see different kinds of art, like paintings and photographs. I can make some art of my own there too, if I want to.

I might travel there on the train or bus, and then walk from my stop to the gallery. Or I might go in the car, and we will park in a car park near the gallery. Sometimes car parks are busy, so we might need to drive around to find a space. That's ok, even if it takes a little while.



This is the front door of the gallery. When the door opens, I will hear a ding-dong sound. This is just a doorbell to let staff know that visitors have arrived. I might feel some nice warm air blowing down from the air conditioner above the door.

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When I walk into the gallery, I will be in the lobby. I will see bookshelves with books on them. If I look down, I can see that the floor looks like stone. If I look up, I can see lights attached to the ceiling. I know that they are safe and can't fall down.

Sometimes there might be other people in the lobby, because lots of people like to visit art galleries. But I don't need to talk to them or look at them if I don't want to.



I will see the Junior Gallery painted on the wall beside me. It has pictures made by other children. There is a sofa, table and small chairs, and toys I can play with here. There are crayons, pencils and paper for everyone to use. I can stay in this area if I want to.

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Straight ahead I will see a yellow wall with a sign on it, and a counter. This is the Gallery Reception. There is a computer screen on the counter which I can look at, but I know I don't need to touch it.



When I get to the counter, there will be a friendly member of staff who will say 'hello'. This is a picture of Liz, but someone else might be there on the day that I visit. The staff are here to help me if I have questions or if I need anything.

The staff can tell me about the art that I can see in the gallery. They will let me know if there is anything that is noisy or bright or dark. If there is anywhere too noisy, I can borrow a set of ear defenders from reception to wear.



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There are more bookshelves with books on them in front of the gallery reception. I can look at any of these books if I want to, and then put them back when I am finished.



There are three gallery rooms in the Golden Thread Gallery. The first one I will see is called the Project Space. There are lots of big windows on one side and a green door at one end of the room. This door is locked and it does not open.

The art on show in the gallery is changed every few months. On my visit I might see paintings on the walls, or photographs, or objects on the floor. I can walk around and look at them as much as I like, but I know that nobody is allowed to touch them.



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The next gallery is after reception. It's called Gallery One. It's a big room with white walls. There will be a handout with information about the art I will see in a plastic box on the wall. I can take a handout to look at and keep if I like.



Artists have lots of ideas and make different kinds of art, using all kinds of materials. On my visit I might see colourful paintings on the walls like these.

Or I might see objects that an artist has made, like this sculpture.



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There might be other people looking at the art in Gallery One too. I can walk around and look at the art for as long as I like. If I have any questions, I can ask one of the staff.



When I get to the end of Gallery One, I can turn the corner to the Back space. I might see more art on display here. Sometimes the art makes noises or plays music too, and I know that's ok.

In the Back space I will see the fire exit and fire extinguishers. I know that the staff are in charge of them, and I don't need to worry about them or touch them.

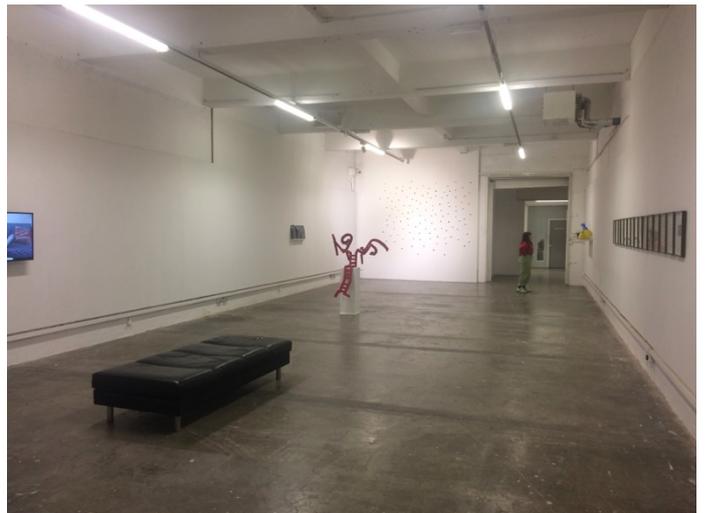


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When I walk through the Back space, I will see the doorway into Gallery Two. It usually looks just like Gallery One, with white walls and different art on display.

I might see more paintings or photographs, or more sculpture in Gallery Two. Maybe something I see will give me ideas for art that I can make myself!



Sometimes Gallery Two might be dark, with black curtains covering the walls and doorways, and a screen on the wall showing a video. I know that it's only dark so that it's easier to see the video. And I know that I don't have to go into this gallery or watch the video if I don't want to.

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When I walk through Gallery Two, I am in the lobby again. I can see the yellow wall behind reception, and some doors that have 'Staff Only' written on them. I know that visitors do not go into those rooms.

The gallery toilets are beside reception. There is a male toilet, two female toilets and a big accessible toilet. The area in front of the toilets is a little bit dark, but I know that I don't need to worry, and there is a light in every toilet.



There are no noisy hand driers in the toilets, just a dispenser with paper towels that I can use to dry my hands, and then put in the bin.

**My visit to the Golden Thread Gallery will be interesting and fun!
On this page I can draw a picture of my favourite piece of art.**

ADDITIONAL ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Wheelchair users – The gallery space is fully accessible for wheelchair users, with a ramp entrance and level landing. Blue Badge parking is available outside our venue, with a drop kerb. There is a wheelchair accessible toilet in our venue.

Public parking – is available within 30 metres to the gallery. Should you need assistance in planning your gallery visit please do contact us.

The Golden Thread Gallery is accessible by public transport see the journey planner on <http://www.translink.co.uk>

Braille – version of our press release is available, please request in advance.

Exhibition guide – the gallery is happy to accommodate groups and offers guided gallery tours free of charge. Please contact the gallery at least one week in advance if you wish to make a booking. During gallery opening hours staff are here to answer your questions.

Audio description – We do offer audio descriptive tours of our exhibitions, please book at least one week in advance by contacting info@gtgallery.co.uk

Large print version – exhibition panels and press releases are available, just ask a member of staff.

T-Loop – An audio T-Loop is available at reception.

Baby Changing Unit – baby changing facilities are available in-house.

Family Friendly Venue – We welcome visitors of all ages: some exhibitions may require parental discretion.

For any additional queries please contact us on (+44) 02890 330 920 or info@gtgallery.co.uk

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