

+ READING VOLUNTARY ACTION

RVA Community Buildings Forum

30 April 2024

Below are additional details shared by attendees and presenters at the forum on spaces available and additional resources. (Please also see the presentation slides).

Landaid Pro Bono programme – for free professional advice e.g. surveyors and property lawyers

Landaid help charities to find free, high quality professional skills, services, advice generously provided by their corporate pro bono partners, such as architectural advice, surveying advice, legal advice from property lawyers and more.

Find our more and apply here: <https://www.landaid.org/apply-for-funding-support/apply-pro-bono-programme/>

Commercial space (building use E – shops/offices)

Friar Street (previously the Timetrapp Escape Rooms)

Own entrance, three floors, 1800 sq. ft. cellular. Stairs, no lift.

£10k per annum on a 2-year lease.

Shared by Fiona Brownfoot from Hicks Baker commercial agents. If you are interested, contact Fiona at f.brownfoot@hicksbaker.co.uk

Reading Community Learning Centre (RCLC)

94 London Street, RG1 4SJ

Various classrooms available for conferences, meetings and training up to 15 people. See attached leaflet for more information.

Contact: rclcinfo@yahoo.co.uk

Reading Rep

Kings Road, RG1 4LY

Offering space to hire on ad hoc or regular basis during the day. They have a kitchen, hall for 40 and theatre for 160 standing. The theatre layout can be changed. They also have a bar, car park and small storage area or access to items you may need to run your events. Charges would be reasonable, just to cover staffing cost to open the theatre on that day/time. They are open to

discussions and would like the theatre to be available for use to local community groups and charities.

Contact: Ellie Gavin, General Manager Email: ellie@readingrep.com

Dee Space (Dee Park Community Centre)

Large hall available that accommodates between 60-80 people, kitchen, and smaller meeting rooms. They wish to increase activities that would be available in the area for local residents and are open to discussions. They may be able to offer the space for free for start-up activities and help with DBS checks.

Contact: Rebecca Thompson, Manager, Dee Space email: Rebecca.thompson@peabody.org.uk

Quaker Meeting House

2 Church Street, Reading, RG1 2SB

Various rooms for hire on either an ad hoc or regular basis. Includes access to a garden space. No parking but local car parks nearby and on bus routes/ short walk to the town centre. See attached information on space available.

Contact: Daniel at hirings@readingquakers.org.uk

This information is up to date as at 30 April 2024. If you would like to find out more, please contact the individuals linked above, or contact advice@rva.org.uk if you would like additional support for your charity or community group.