

About Collective

Overlooking the heart of Edinburgh from our remarkable position on Calton Hill, Collective and The Lookout by Gardener’s Cottage offer an exceptional location and service to match.

Our friendly team can organise and host catered events including wedding receptions, parties, drinks receptions, intimate dinners, business meetings and away days.



Highlights

A World Heritage landmark steeped in history with unrivalled views across the city.

5 minutes from Waverley Railway Station.

30 minutes from Edinburgh Airport (EDI).

Dedicated event planning staff
Catering from The Lookout by Gardener’s Cottage.

Private dining for 2 to 50 guests.

All rooms with natural daylight and city views.

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Access
There is no parking at Collective except for blue badge holders. Taxi drop-off/pick-up is permitted.

For full access details visit
collective-edinburgh.art



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Private Hires and Dining Experiences

Discover the variety of spaces available in Edinburgh’s iconic City Observatory.



Observatory

Designed by William Henry Playfair in 1818, the City Observatory is a jewel in the crown of Edinburgh's World Heritage architecture. Built in homage to a Greek temple of the winds, the Observatory houses two original telescopes, a shop showcasing the work of contemporary artists and makers, and a library. Hire of the Observatory includes exclusive use of the upper gravelled terrace around the buildings.

Capacity: Reception - 60 Dinner - 30



The Library

The Library is a separate room within the City Observatory with a table seating 12 comfortably. Natural light and fantastic views from the large windows mean the Library is ideally suited to smaller events and meetings in search of a distinguished space.

Capacity: Boardroom – 12 Reception – 20



City Dome

Built in 1895 to house a large telescope, the copper-roofed City Dome is an unusual singleroomed space usually home to our changing programme of exhibitions and installations. Raw brick walls, stained glass windows and new underfloor heating make the City Dome a versatile and atmospheric space for events and functions.

Capacity: Theatre – 30
U-Shape – 30 Reception – 70



Testimonials

A Jazz experience by Soho House

It was such a memorable event for us, the team at Collective were beyond helpful and nothing was too much trouble. They were with us from end-to-end helping us with set-up and de-rig so that everything was seamless. This was one of our favourite events this year and it was down to the team at Collective being so supportive and solution driven. We will be back, thank you again.

Holly Britton, Soho House Event Producer UK/IRE/SA



Transit House

The Transit House is one of the earliest buildings at Collective and has been home to the Politician's Clock (used by sailors to set their ship's instruments) for over 200 years. The Transit House offers historic surroundings suitable for small meetings of up to 8 people.

Capacity: Boardroom – 6 Dinner – 4



Private Dining

Our private dining experiences are developed with The Lookout, who will create a seasonal menu to your taste. Sample menus can be provided as requested.

