

# Museum-University Partnerships

## Match Event Venue Brief



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Having the right space is really important. The venue needs natural light; a space big enough to accommodate at least 60 delegates cabaret style, which is then set up with tables for 40, and space to mingle; a refreshment area preferably in a neighbouring space; lots of wall space to share ideas etc. The extra space is really important!

## Things that are essential

- Cabaret style set up – the main aim of the event is to get people talking
- Space for informal and formal discussions
- Accessible, easy to find, well signposted

## Things that are recommended

- Natural light – it really helps people feel energised and relaxed
- Plenty of space for discussions – it can get quite noisy when lots of groups are discussing their ideas, so it helps to have space
- Wall space where you can display dialogue cards; themes etc. – this can be done using magic whiteboard if the walls can't be used for sticking things on
- Spare space for mingling; and for the pitching exercise – nice to do this in a circle where possible
- Separate refreshment space



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