arcola theatre on ashwin st / colourworks conversion

Two rehearsal spaces

Two rehearsal spaces for our own professional productions, visiting rehearsals and to host our Youth & Community programme.

Light and airy spaces, naturally lit for most of the time. One with a wooden floor, the other with a shaded glass roof.

Also for meetings, seminars and workshops.

FIRST FLOOR

Arcola Energy Incubator

A curated hub of technology development including our own projects and innovation start-ups, alongside advanced technology groups from global companies. All focused on developing creative solutions to environmental problems.

Ideas and products developed here will spread around the building, in to our shows and throughout the arts and events world.

Studio 2

100 seat theatre

A place for up-and-coming theatre companies, new writing and young directors alongside established work.

Our new Studio 2 will be a little larger than that at Arcola Street

Café / Bar / Foyer

Your first port of call, shared by everyone in and visiting the building, it is the place where ideas start and results are celebrated.

Simple, healthy food and drink in a welcoming environment for theatre goers, neighbours, artists, staff and passers-by.

In your idle moments you can also check up on real-time energy use throughout the building and learn a few things about how you might reduce yours.

Basement Bar

A snug bar in an Aladdin's cave of antiquated machinery. The boiler here once supplied the whole factory. Initially coal fired, it was converted to burn oil before being abandoned and forgotten.

A place for post-show plotting and creative excursions.

Studio 1

200 seat theatre double height

The main house where we will continue on our artistic journey through the classics, new writing, new adaptations and the finest theatre from around the world.

GROUND FLOOR

BASEMENT

After 10 years of squeezing under a 3m ceiling and around central pillars, we will be raising the roof. Not too far and there will still be 2 pillars along one side, but far enough to better accommodate touring shows and give our designers some more space to work.

We will also be increasing capacity from 150 to 200 – allowing more space for Dalston residents old and new, alongside those making use of Dalston's new train connections to South and West London.

