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Host a memorable event that invokes curiosity!

Located on Halifax, Nova Scotia’s waterfront, the new Discovery Centre brings STEAM subjects to life through fun and interactive learning experiences. Featuring a modern design with 200+ exhibits spread over 40,000 square feet, the Discovery Centre offers a range of innovative spaces to host your next event. With capacity to accommodate up to 1200 guests, the Centre provides unique features that will sure to inspire and entertain. Create an event experience with an array of options such as a private evening to discover the entire Centre or host a cocktail reception in one of four gallery settings. Guests can enjoy hands-on exhibits, an evening under the stars and one of a kind entertainment through live science demonstrations. Whatever your needs, our events team will ensure an unforgettable experience and smooth execution.

Features:

- Meeting facilities
- Interactive exhibits
- Licensed catering
- Technical Equipment & Wi-fi
- Harbourfront views
- Wheelchair accessible & Elevator
- Family friendly
- Gift shop
Level 3

Features & Amenities
- Accessible washrooms
- Kitchenette
- Servery
- Elevator
- Harbour view
- Boardroom
- Nassim & Rhonda Ghosn Multi-purpose room

Foyer
A brilliant space overlooking Halifax’s active seaport, the Foyer is the Centre’s most versatile space for a variety of functions. Day-to-day, this level hosts our visitor lounge and features a servery, perfect for a bar or food station. This level is also home to our children’s gallery, RBC Someday Street. This exhibit retracts to provide an ideal space for sit down dinners and lectures. With an industrial design and plenty of natural light, this area can be dressed up or down to fit your event theme.

Capacity: 275
Nassim and Rhonda Ghosn Multi-purpose Room

This room is an excellent space for meetings and breakout sessions. Ceiling to floor, south-facing windows provide incredible natural light and outstanding views of the seaport. It’s a perfect area for your team to showcase presentations and conduct brainstorming sessions with access to white boards and mobile technical equipment.

*Capacity: 30-60*

Boardroom

Tucked away within the administration area, the Boardroom is the prefect space for intimate meetings. With state of the art technology, you can connect with colleagues around the world.

*Capacity: 14*
Galleries

Take your reception to the next level with an incredible backdrop of educational interactive exhibits that provide entertainment for guests of all ages. Our Level 2 Galleries are themed around health, flight and energy. Guests can enjoy getting up close and personal with over 100 interactive exhibits. STEAM inspired experiences are a great fit in this setting with our Science on the Spot demonstrations.

Capacity: 150
Level 2
Continued

**Programming Rooms A & B**

These rooms are ideal for larger meetings and breakout sessions. You can reserve them separately, together or in combination with the gallery space! Fitted with screens, projectors, white boards and pin boards this is a great space to let your imagination run wild.

*Capacity: 25-100*
Level 1

Features & Amenities

- Main Entrance & Admissions
- Discovery Shop
- Accessible washrooms
- Family washroom
- First Aid
- Elevator
- Coat room
- Multi-purpose room
- Sink/water accessibility

Dome Theatre

Step inside the immersive Dome Theatre and take a guided tour to another galaxy, planet or nebula! Complete with a 65-amphitheatre style seating, surround sound and a Digistar-5 projection screen system; the Dome Theatre provides a one-of-a-kind experience with presenter-led star shows and select films. This space is also ideal for lecture style meetings with the ability to project your presentation slides or video in full 16:9 ratio to create a one of a kind experience.

Capacity: 65
Lindsay Construction Orientation Gallery

The Lindsay Construction Orientation Gallery provides incredible views of the entire Centre from top to bottom. This space is ideal for standing receptions, podium lectures and announcements. Located just outside the immersive Dome Theatre, pair these two spaces together for the ultimate networking and mingling reception, while guests enjoy a unique experience in the Dome Theatre.

Capacity: 100
Level 0

Features & Amenities

- Elevator
- Accessible washrooms (Level 1)

WILSONS Featured Exhibit Gallery & Atrium

This 6,000-square foot area is an ever-evolving space as it is home to our visiting exhibits from around the world, changing 3-4 times per year. This space is great for hosting themed events and receptions. Use the Atrium, located outside the gallery, for standing receptions and networking while your guests interact with some of the world’s best travelling exhibits.

Capacity: 275
STEAM inspired experiences
Add one-of-a-kind entertainment to your event through our STEAM Facilitator-led experiences.

Live Science Shows (20 minutes each)

**Colourful Chemistry**
Step right up for the most memorable science lesson you’ll ever have! Our enthusiastic STEAM Facilitators will reveal the world of chemical reactions; from the familiar to the unexpected. Colour changing magic, incredible toothpaste and an explosion are all present in this extraordinary demonstration.

**Liquid Nitrogen Cold Show**
Join our STEAM Facilitators as they experiment with liquid nitrogen and explore the properties of this super cool fluid through a series of visually astounding experiments from flash freezing to rapid boiling!

Science Busking

**Pocket Science**
From ‘magic’ tricks to musical straws these short, sharp experiences are designed to engage small groups of guests throughout your event.

**Brain Games**
Your guests will love our selection of critical thinking challenges. Our knowledgeable STEAM Facilitators will engage your guests with hands-on, minds-on puzzles that are sure to stay in their thoughts for weeks following your event.

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Are you looking for entertainment that fits into your themed event? Ask about our customized additional programming.
Corporate Recess

Breakout of your business meeting, encourage team-building and put your best and brightest to the test with a Corporate Recess challenge. Through our immersive programs, led by STEAM Facilitators, your team will be encouraged to work on creative problem-solving techniques and communication skills that will enhance team performance.

Visit us online for more details.

Capacity: 6-40
The Discovery Centre has a range of static and portable AV solutions to suit your needs. Please indicate your requirements upon venue rental inquiry and our events team will be happy to recommend unique AV solutions.

Available Technical Equipment:

- Mobile PA System (includes x2 speakers, woofer, microphone and mixer)
- PA for announcements and music throughout the entire Centre
- Digital Displays/LED Smart TVs
- Cisco Telepresence (Web X) & Digital Display
- HD Projector
- 3D Projector Package (includes glasses for 200)
- Boom Microphones x4
- 9m Screen
- Built-in projection screens, projectors and LED Smart TV digital displays in various rooms/areas.
- Podium
- Staging (1.2mx1.2m) x4
Catering

RCR Hospitality Group is the exclusive food and beverage provider for the Discovery Centre. RCR Hospitality is well known for their catering experience and passion for creating memorable events. Their chefs will work closely with you in designing your menu. You can be sure that the food, beverage, and service will fit your event to a “T”. Let your imagination soar with these sample menus.

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Frequently Asked Questions

May I view the venue prior to booking?
Prospects are able to view the Centre prior to booking. Please fill out the Venue Rental Inquiry Form to make a request.

You’re open to the public 7 days a week, when can my event start and finish?
Most of the Centre’s venue rentals will take place outside of normal operating hours; 10am-5pm, 7 days a week with extended opening on Wednesdays until 8pm. The Centre is closed on the following Holidays: Good Friday, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day.

Daytime events are limited to the Boardroom, Ghosn Multi-purpose Room and Programming Rooms A & B. Please inquire about Dome Theatre rentals during normal operating hours.

Morning events can begin at 7.00am and conclude at 10.00am (including set-up and breakdown time).

Evening events can begin at 5:30pm and conclude at 9:30pm. Set-up time can begin at 4:30pm. An additional fee is applicable for events extending past 9:30pm and all events may not extend past 12.30am. Please note Wednesday evening rentals are NOT possible, as the Centre has extended operating hours to the public.

What is not included in the rental fee?
- Food and drink
- Technical Equipment rental
- Security
- Additional experiences above what would normally be offered in the area
- Visiting other areas of the Centre. A discounted admission fee is possible.

Are there special rates for not-for-profit organizations?
Yes, the Centre offers a discounted rate of 20% for some room rentals to registered NPOs.

What is the cancellation policy?
Notice of cancellation must be submitted in writing. Deposits received upon booking are non-refundable.

Can I decorate the space?
Absolutely, you are free to decorate for your event! However, no decorations or lighting may be placed on displays and exhibits. Helium filled balloons, confetti cannons and smoke machines are not permitted on the premises. Certain décor items (i.e., live plants, open flames) may be prohibited in gallery spaces.

Can I have live or record music during my event?
Of course. The Discovery Centre is bound to collect and remit licensing fees on behalf of SOCAN and ReSound. Both of these organizations levy fees in Canada for all events in which recorded music or live entertainment is engaged. Fees for both, plus HST, will be automatically applied to your contract and invoice. Fees range from $29.81 to $253.45 depending on capacity. For more information, please visit www.socan.ca and www.resound.ca.
Location
1215 Lower Water Street
Halifax, NS B3J 3S8

Parking
The Discovery Centre does not have designated parking. Pay and display lots are located on Marginal Road and include the Halifax Seaport parking lots, operated by the Halifax Port Authority, and the Via Rail Halifax lot, operated by Indigo. Both the Cunard Lot on Lower Water Street, operated by Halifax Waterfront Development, and metered street parking, operated by Halifax Regional Municipality, on Morris St, Hollis St and Terminal Rd are also available at a per hour rate. Note: Some parking along the waterfront and adjoining streets is free on evenings (after 6pm) and weekends. Please check on specific operating times and rates.
Thank you for your interest in hosting an event at the Discovery Centre. All **Venue Rental Inquiry Forms** must be submitted at least two weeks in advance of preferred event date.

Visit [www.thediscoverycentre.ca](http://www.thediscoverycentre.ca)

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