Exhibition and Display Policy

Exhibition Programme Objectives

- To create a welcoming, flexible Exhibitions Gallery and significant visitor destination.
- To provide wider access to the University Library collections.
- To raise the profile of the University through the creation of national standard exhibitions.
- To enhance the collections and achievements of the University through display.
- To highlight and facilitate access to previously unknown material.
- To enable and cultivate partnerships through inter-departmental working within the organisation and with external organisations and individuals.

Details of the Exhibition Gallery

- The Gallery is located on the mezzanine level of the Western Bank Library at the University of Sheffield. Originally built in 1959, the space and building was refurbished and re-opened in 2010.
- The exhibition gallery has a floor space of 200m², is 3m high and has a cubic volume of 600m³. A floor plan and case specifications are available to provide further details.
- The Western Bank Library makes the exhibition gallery, wall display areas and 10 cases available for exhibition to individuals, University departments, and other organisations. The use of the gallery for exhibition is free of charge although costs are applicable for exhibition production and associated materials.
- The Western Bank Library programme schedules three temporary exhibitions per year at approximately three months duration. The programme will consist of an internal library exhibition, an external exhibition and a collaborative exhibition with the University.
- Acceptable material may include, but will not be restricted to: photographs, ephemera, paintings, drawings, documentary and archive material, books, objects, sculpture and visual media (film). Sound may be an issue.

The Library’s Mission, Aims and Objectives fall under the wider remit of The University of Sheffield’s Mission, Vision and Identity. Details of which can be accessed via The University of Sheffield website: www.shef.ac.uk/strategicplan/mvi.

Audience

- Students
- University staff
- Alumni
- The wider public – regional, national and overseas visitors