



Emerson College

A Beautiful, Nature-Based, Venue

For Conferences, Courses, Talks,
Performances, Workshops & Retreats

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‘An ideal example of sustainable land-use, with an estate rich in bio-diversity and humming with life. The richness of the natural environment is therapeutic to all.’

Emerson College is an Adult Education Centre and Nature-Based Venue and Event space.

Set in an ‘area of outstanding natural beauty’ Emerson is located in the vibrant village of Forest Row, Sussex.

Our campus is a 23 acre Biodynamic Botanic Garden.

Our venue spaces are simple, natural, with a lot of light that help to create a relaxed environment, encourage creativity and inspire deeper connection with nature.

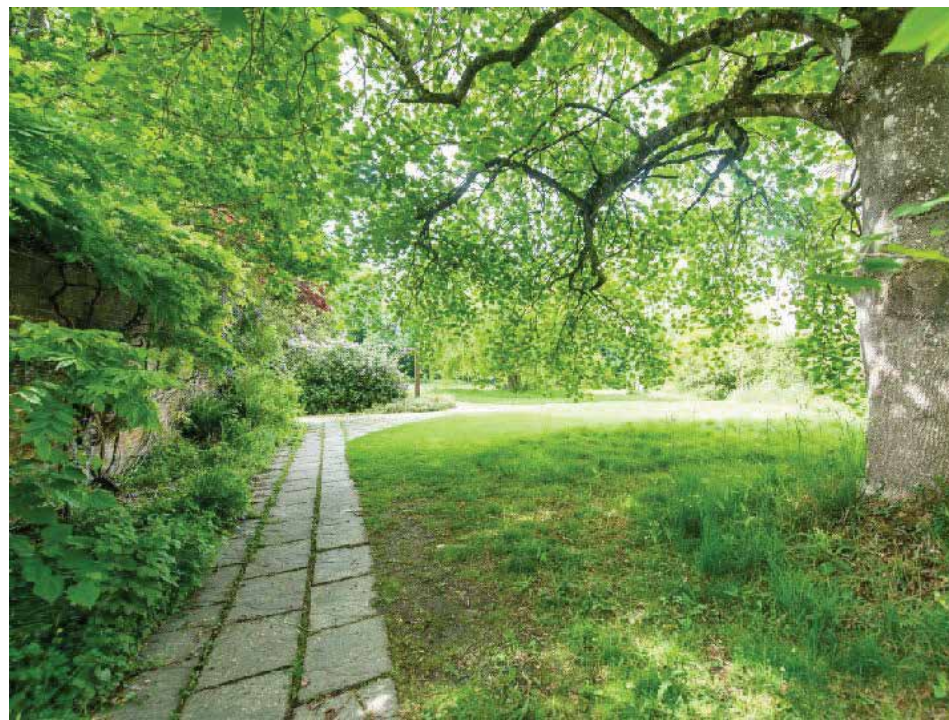


Emerson College provides a beautiful setting for conferences, courses, workshops and retreats, and is ideally suited to social-development, self-development, arts, movement, spirituality, nature, and land-based themes.





‘Emerson College is set in beautiful, peaceful grounds that lend themselves well to the kind of heart learning that goes on there. Just being in that environment does wonders for the soul!’





At the heart of the college sits Pixton House, a grade ii listed building with pre-Georgian and Victorian architecture that was chosen as the new site of Emerson College by our founder Francis Edmonds in 1967.

Pixton House is home to our library, dining rooms and tea room which also function as smaller venue rooms, meeting and breakout spaces.





Opposite Pixton House is our Ruskin building, which houses our main reception and three of our beautiful venue spaces (the Education room, the Foundation room and Ruskin Hall) as well as one of our smaller venue spaces/meeting rooms (once a puppetry workshop).



Our other three main venue spaces, The Storytelling Hut, Red Studio and Eurythmy Hall, can be found within the wilder parts of our Estate Gardens along the path from Pixton.





In our Biodynamic Botanic Garden you can discover many rare trees and over 100 medicinal plants as well as beautiful ponds, lawns and flower beds, a vegetable garden, an apple orchard and a wood full of bluebells in Spring.



Many sculptures by resident artists and students can be found in the grounds.





'The venue was beautiful and fully aligned with the values of the Spring Prize. The staff and volunteers were very well organised and relaxed which made things more relaxed for us at Ethical Consumer and LUSH. The food was fantastic!'



Our facilities are simple, natural, with a lot of light; many sculptures by our students can be found in the grounds. We have a campsite for up to 30 people and 43 single rooms and 7 twin rooms all with shared toilets and showers. As an ecologically aware organisation, we use specific cleaning products and procedures to minimise our impact on the environment and to reduce water use and waste.

'Linden' and 'Oaktree' provide participants and visitors quiet rooms for rest, relaxation and study. Each house has its own style and character. Other houses on the campus are home to Emerson's diverse learning community.

The beautiful gardens and Pixton House dining rooms provide opportunities to meet and socialise with other residents and guests.

Camping and campervan parking is available for a small fee. We have a campsite is located next to our orchard and vegetable garden close to Ruskin Hall. Campers need to bring their own equipment including tent and bedding. Our camping and camper van bookings include the use showers and toilets in one of our student houses.





Delicious, Home Cooked, Soil to Table Food



The majority of our food is made from seasonal, organic produce with over 40% of ingredients sourced from our gardens or from local suppliers, like Tablehurst Farm.





*‘Meals are absolutely delicious and original.
Fantastic food prepared from fresh ingredients – cooked with such love that I
can taste it. I loved all the touches: personal names on room, beautiful flowers
everywhere – so much care is taken. Thank you!’*



Our kitchen is well known for its creative, vegetarian, vegan and seasonal meals. Fresh, delicious home grown and cooked food is prepared daily with love and care by our experienced kitchen team.

We have set meal times as we believe that food brings people together. The ringing of the gong announces that lunch or supper is ready to be served, calling people from classrooms, offices and houses.

Ethical, sustainable living is central to everything we do at Emerson. Much is grown in our own biodynamic garden and green houses. All our meals are vegetarian to reduce our carbon footprint. We actively compost to support the soil health of our garden.





Breakfast from 8-9am

Breakfast is served continental style and includes yoghurt, muesli, cornflakes, fruit bread, butter, jams, boiled eggs or cheese. We always serve fresh coffee and a large selection of herbal and black teas, dairy free alternatives as well as gluten free bread is available.

Lunch at 12.45

Lunch is the main meal of the day, made with delicious seasonal vegetables, often from the Emerson Kitchen Garden or from other local Biodynamic/Organic growers. Our lunches are usually accompanied by a large bowl of fresh salad and followed with a tasty desert.

Supper at 6.15pm

Supper is a light meal to close the day, generally featuring hearty soups, salads and fresh bread from the local bakery.

Tea and coffee

We prepare coffee and tea in the morning for you from 10-11am and lots of different herb teas in the afternoon from 3-4pm. Snacks are available for purchase. Our tea corner is always open if you feel like a drink at any time during your stay.



We welcome speakers, teachers, facilitators, students and visitors from all over the world.

Our campus is host to a wealth of initiatives including our Biodynamic Botanical Garden, Emerson Vegetable Garden, Spring Rise Community Gardens, Robin's Nest Kindergarten, Acorn Art Studios, The Singing Forest Choir and our Living and Learning Community.

At any time, you will find artists in residence working in our studios, regular storytelling performances and many other events and activities to enjoy.





Throughout the year there are events and community activities that you can choose to take part in.

Our Venues

Ruskin Hall:

A spacious performance hall with beautiful natural light, a high, sloping ceiling, and wooden floor. Ruskin Hall can accommodate many different types of events from recitals to theatre productions to lectures and classes.

Ideal For:

Large Groups, Performances, Recitals, Lectures, Conferences, Yoga, Eurythmy, Dance.

Facilities:

- Large Stage
- Piano
- Wheelchair Access
- High Speed Wifi
- Toilets
- Access to water

Dimensions:

L 13m x W 10.25m x H 5m

Maximum Capacity:

200



Foundation Room:

A spacious first-floor venue space with beautiful natural light, a high, sloping ceiling, and wooden floor. The natural wood and architecture of the room create a feeling of light and warmth.

Ideal For:

Art, Meditation, Classroom Based Teaching, Talks, Yoga, Singing and Conference Workshops.

Facilities:

- Piano
- Wheelchair Access
- High Speed Wifi
- Blackboard
- Fireplace
- Access to water

Dimensions:

L 10.3m x W 8.35m x H 4.5m

Maximum Capacity:

60

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Education Room:

A welcoming, airy ground floor teaching and event space with beautiful natural light, wooden floor and direct access to the gardens.

Ideal For:

Lectures, Talks, Meditation, Yoga, Art, Classroom Based Teaching, Conference Workshops.

Facilities:

- Piano
- Wheelchair Access
- High Speed Wifi
- Blackboard
- Sink

Dimensions:

L 10m x W 8m x H 2.95m

Maximum Capacity:

60

Eurythmy Hall:

Set within the Emerson College Gardens. The Eurythmy Hall is ideally suited for teaching Eurythmy, dance and different forms of movement, gesture and performance.

Ideal For:

Movement, Yoga, Eurythmy, Dance Classes, Music, Singing, Meditation, clowning.

Facilities:

- Piano
- Wheelchair access
- Onsite toilet
- Fantastic acoustics
- A shoe-free space

Dimensions:

L 11.5m x W 9m x H 4.5m

Maximum Capacity:

60



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Red Studio:

A spacious studio space set deep within the Emerson College gardens with beautiful natural light, a high, sloping ceiling, and wooden floor.

Ideal For:

Art Exhibitions, Painting, Drawing, Crafting, Clay Modelling, Printing, Drama.

Facilities:

- Direct access to the estate gardens
- Great Light
- Wheelchair Access
- Toilet
- Blackboard
- Sink

Maximum Capacity:

60

Storytelling Hut:

A large welcoming performance and teaching space set within a walled garden. Ideal for group work, storytelling and performance.

Ideal For:

Storytelling, Movement, Dance, Performance, Music, Singing, Yoga and Meditation.

Facilities:

- Direct access to the estate gardens
- Wheelchair Access
- Performance Area
- Atmospheric

Dimensions:

L 11.5m x W 9m x H 4.5m

Maximum Capacity:

60



Our Venues

Venue Price List 2023:

Venue	Full Day Rate	Half Day Rate
Ruskin Hall	£390.00	£160.00 (Mon through Thursday)
Eurythmy House	£275.00	£182.00 (Mon through Thursday)
Foundation Room	£275.00	£182.00 (Mon through Thursday)
Education Room	£275.00	£182.00 (Mon through Thursday)
Red Studio	£275.00	£182.00 (Mon through Thursday)
Storytelling Hut	£275.00	£182.00 (Mon through Thursday)
Pixton South Library	£137.50	£91.00
Pixton Garden Room	£137.50	£91.00
Pixton Long Dining Room	£137.50	£91.00
Pixton North Dining Room	£137.50	£91.00
Pixton East Dining Room	£137.50	£91.00
Ruskin Meeting Room	£100.00	£66.00

For Ts&Cs and all other prices please visit: <https://emerson.org.uk/our-venue/hire-a-venue/>



Accommodation Price list 2023:

Accommodation Short Stay Full Board	Charge Rate	Occupants
Single Room*	£102.00	Per Day Per Person
Twin Room* (single occupancy)	£117.00	Per Day Per Person
Twin Room* (double occupancy)	£77.00	Per Day Per Person
*Accommodation has shared use of toilets, showers, kitchen and laundry (Breakfast, Lunch, Supper & 2 Refreshment Breaks)		
Camping & Campervan**	£52.00	Per Person Per Day
**Accommodation has shared use of toilets, showers and laundry (Breakfast, Lunch, Supper & 2 Refreshment Breaks)		

Accommodation Short Stay Half Board	Charge Rate	Occupants
Single Room*	£65.00	Per Person Per Day
Twin Room* (single occupancy)	£80.00	Per Day Per Person
Twin Room* (double occupancy)	£40.00	Per Day Per Person
*Accommodation has shared use of toilets, showers, kitchen and laundry		
Camping & Campervan**	£15.00	Per Person Per Day
**Accommodation has shared use of toilets, showers and laundry		



Meal Price list 2023:

Meals & Refreshments for Day Courses	Charge Rate	Occupants
Lunch with Morning & Afternoon Refreshment	£21.50	Per Person Per Day
Lunch with Afternoon Refreshment	£19.00	Per Person Per Day
Lunch, Supper with Afternoon Refreshment	£30.00	Per Person Per Day
Morning Break & Afternoon Break	£5.50	Per Person Per Day
Morning Break or Afternoon Break	£3.00	Per Person Per Day

Meals & Refreshments	Charge Rate	Occupants
Breakfast	£10.00	Per Person Per Day
Lunch	£16.00	Per Person Per Day
Supper	£11.00	Per Person Per Day
Morning Break & Afternoon Refreshments	£5.50	Per Person Per Day
Morning Break or Afternoon Break	£3.00	Per Person Per Day

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Come and experience Emerson College

If you are interested in hiring one of our venues for your course, event or conference and would like to experience what Emerson College has to offer.

We warmly invite you to come for a visit and tour the campus with one of our hospitality team.

To book a visit, please contact our Events Manager Catherine Cains.

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