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The Guildhall is more than simply a stunning building. It is a physical representation of the University of York’s vision for growth in community partnerships. It is where enterprise development, and individual and collective transformation begins.

It exists as a place where great minds co-locate and businesses unite organically. A place to facilitate knowledge exchange, where conversations start, people connect and skills collaborate. The University of York community has a shared purpose for public good. With a reputation for creativity, entrepreneurialism, innovation and influence, it is our intention to be central to the success of the City and region. The Guildhall restoration is an enormous stride toward giving back to a city and community which has so richly supported the University over many years.

The Guildhall offers a range of workspace solutions, with conferencing and event spaces including the impressive Main Hall. Our workspaces suit a variety of business needs; from coworking spaces to help foster collaboration, to office spaces to support business formation and growth. Visitors can also enjoy the Guildhall Café, our historic riverside dining space on the edge of the River Ouse. The Guildhall complex provides meeting space for community groups and social enterprise as well as being a venue for University events such as York Festival of Ideas and York Talks.

It is an exciting time for the University of York to be involved with the next era of the prestigious and historical building that is the Guildhall, right in the heart of the city of York.

The renovated Guildhall will offer fantastic opportunities for collaborative working to support business start ups, drive innovation and growth, and strengthen links between the University of York and partners in York and beyond.

I look forward to seeing how the facilities at the Guildhall will be used by students and new businesses to support and inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs, including opportunities to promote social enterprise and charitable work for the benefit of the local community. All this chimes directly with our commitment, as a University for Public Good, to work with like-minded partners to bring positive impact for our society.”

Professor Charlie Jeffery
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