

**Towner is a new art gallery based in Eastbourne, East Sussex. Opening in early 2009, it will be a leading centre for the visual arts. Towner will present a unique programme of major exhibitions of contemporary and historical visual art alongside displays from the important Towner art collection. Towner will offer a range of award winning development and activity programmes for people of all ages, backgrounds and interests so that everyone can take part in this exciting new organisation.**

# Our history



**Douglas Gordon**  
Croque Mort  
Exhibition, 2002



**Wolfgang Tillmans**  
End of Land I, 2002  
Towner Collection

**Towner builds on the Towner Art Gallery's (1923-2005) exemplary track record in presenting contemporary art exhibitions alongside its permanent collection. Tracey Emin, Douglas Gordon, Ivon Hitchens, Bridget Riley, and Yinka Shonibare are just a few of the artists previously shown at the Towner.**

The Towner Collection includes Modern British Artists such as David Bomberg, Elizabeth Frink, Victor Pasmore, Eric Ravilious and Christopher Wood. Through the Contemporary Art Society Special Collection Scheme it now owns work by Tacita Dean, Olafur Eliasson, Anya Gallaccio, Julian Opie, and Wolfgang Tillmans. In 2007 Towner was awarded £1M for the purchase of international contemporary art through Art Fund International, one of only five successful applications across England and Scotland.

# Our building



**Front elevation**  
Photo: Morley Von Sternberg



**Art store**  
Situated on  
the first floor

**Towner is a new building designed by award winning Rick Mather Architects, renowned for the extension of the Dulwich Picture Gallery. More recent cultural projects include the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, USA.**

The building includes:

- Exhibition galleries of international standards.
- Accessible Towner Collection display, storage and research facilities.
- Rooms for practical workshops, events and meetings.
- Café bar with balcony and views of the Downs.
- Shop with wide range of art and design related merchandise.
- Large scale conference exhibition halls that will enable periodic use for art exhibitions.

# Exhibitions & collections



**Olafur Eliasson**  
The Forked  
Forest Path, 1998



**Eric Ravilious**  
Downs in Winter,  
1934  
Towner Collection

**Towner will present five major exhibitions per year. The programme will include exhibitions by national and international contemporary artists alongside emerging British artists and an annual historical art exhibition.**

Towner will also present changing displays of its permanent collection in dedicated gallery spaces. The Collection will be housed in a state of the art storage facility which will be accessible to visitors by appointment.

In addition, an Art Research Studio will enable researchers to view individual works and will also be used as a conservation, photographic or artist studio.

Towner will be the centre for research and display of the artist and designer Eric Ravilious (1907-1942), through these new building based facilities and our extensive holdings of work by this important British artist.

# Public programmes



**Public Programmes**  
Schools

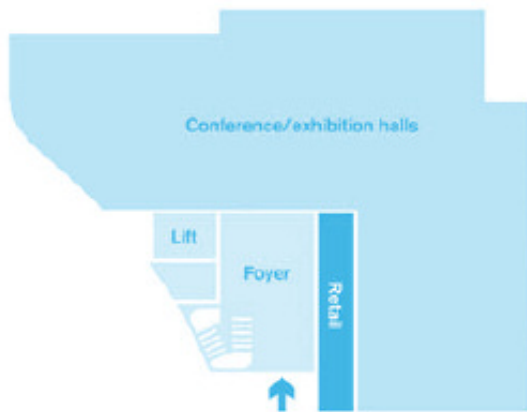


**Public Programmes**  
Community

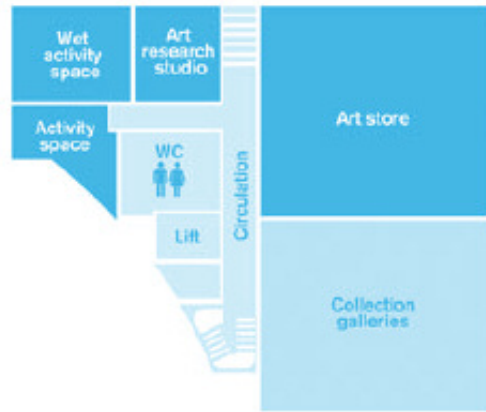
**Learning is at the heart of Towner, both in terms of programmes for groups and individuals, but also as a creative organisation we strive to develop and move forward continuously.**

Towner is a resource for pupils and students at every level of formal education to explore creative practice and raise levels of attainment and engagement. We will also provide opportunities for families, young people and adults to develop their own creative expression.

Through a sustained programme of outreach Towner recognises its important role in involving and bringing positive change to those less advantaged in society. Our outreach work is delivered through partnerships with agencies and individuals that work in areas of social, economic and health inequality. It was instrumental in Eastbourne Borough Council's achievement of Beacon Status for Hard to Reach Groups 2006-7.



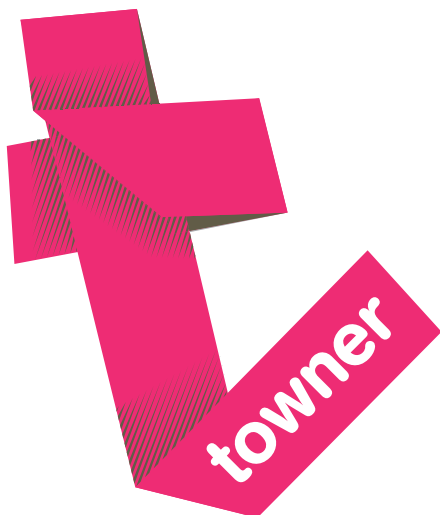
Ground floor



First floor



Second floor



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