

The Pass It On People visit Hyde Park Picture House

We visited Hyde Park Picture House. This is a cinema in the Hyde Park area of Leeds.

Most of us had never been there before.



We caught the 56 bus from Leeds city centre.



The bus stops very close to the cinema.



And the bus stop to get back to town is also very close.

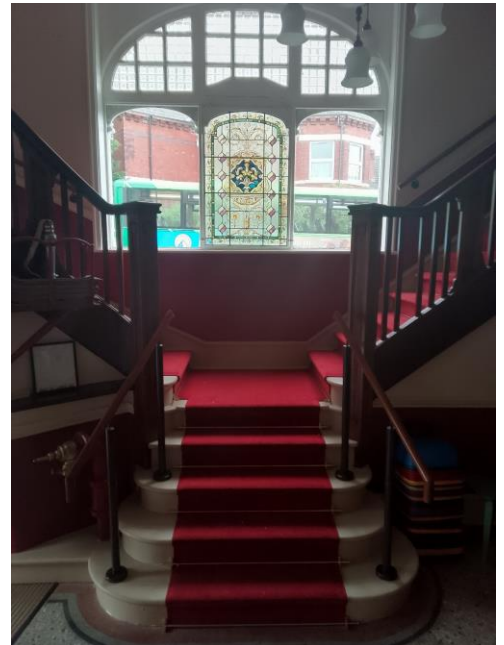


The cinema first opened in 1914.

Lots of the cinema building is the same as when it first opened over 100 years ago.

It felt like going back in time.

Even the new bathrooms felt like fancy old ones!



There is an upper balcony like in an old theatre.





The cinema was closed for 3 years to have changes made to the building. We visited in August 2023 as they were opening again. They were still decorating!



There is a new part of the building that has been added.

And they are building a second cinema room in the basement.

In the new part of the building you can still see bits of the old outside wall.

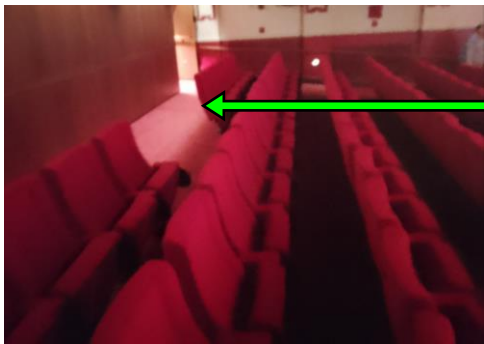




Before the changes to the building it was not suitable for people who use wheelchairs.

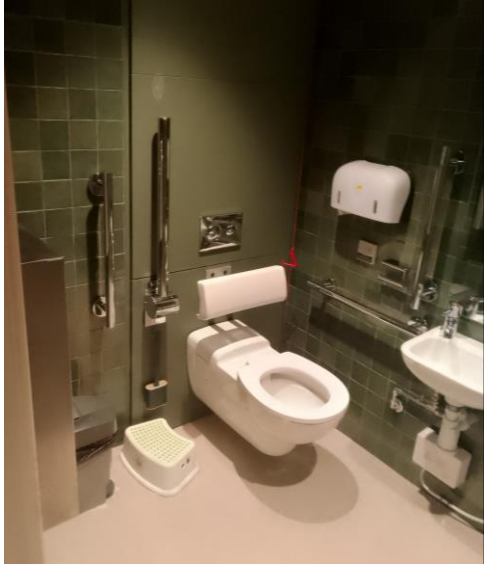
But now there is a ramp to the main doors.

There are spaces for 6 wheelchairs in the main cinema.



Some are at the back of the cinema and some are at the front.

And they can take out more seats to make room for extra wheelchairs.

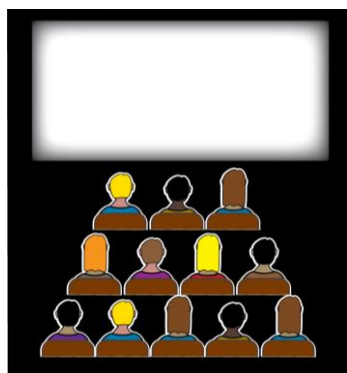


There is an accessible toilet on the ground floor.

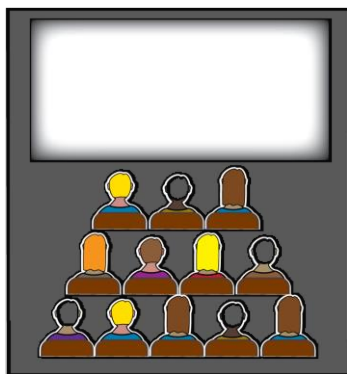


There is a lift that is big enough for most wheelchairs.

This means people can use the new second cinema room in the basement.



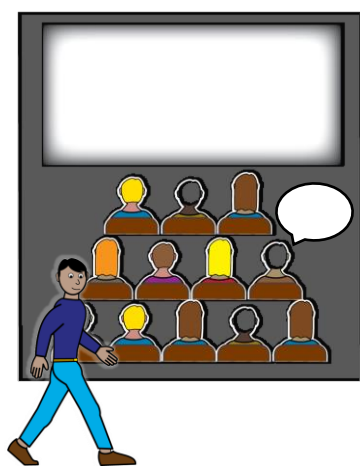
The cinema shows a mix of well-known films and films that are hard to find at other cinemas.



They have some accessible showings of films.

These include relaxed screenings.

This is where they show films with the cinema less dark and the sound less loud.



People at the relaxed screenings are free to move around if they need to.

And it is okay if people make a bit of noise.

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