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Training venue

CCOP Education Centre

11 Fore Street, Ipswich,
Suffolk IP4 1JW
(sat nav location IP4 1JG)

Parking for 50 vehicles available at the rear
of the building, off Waterworks Street

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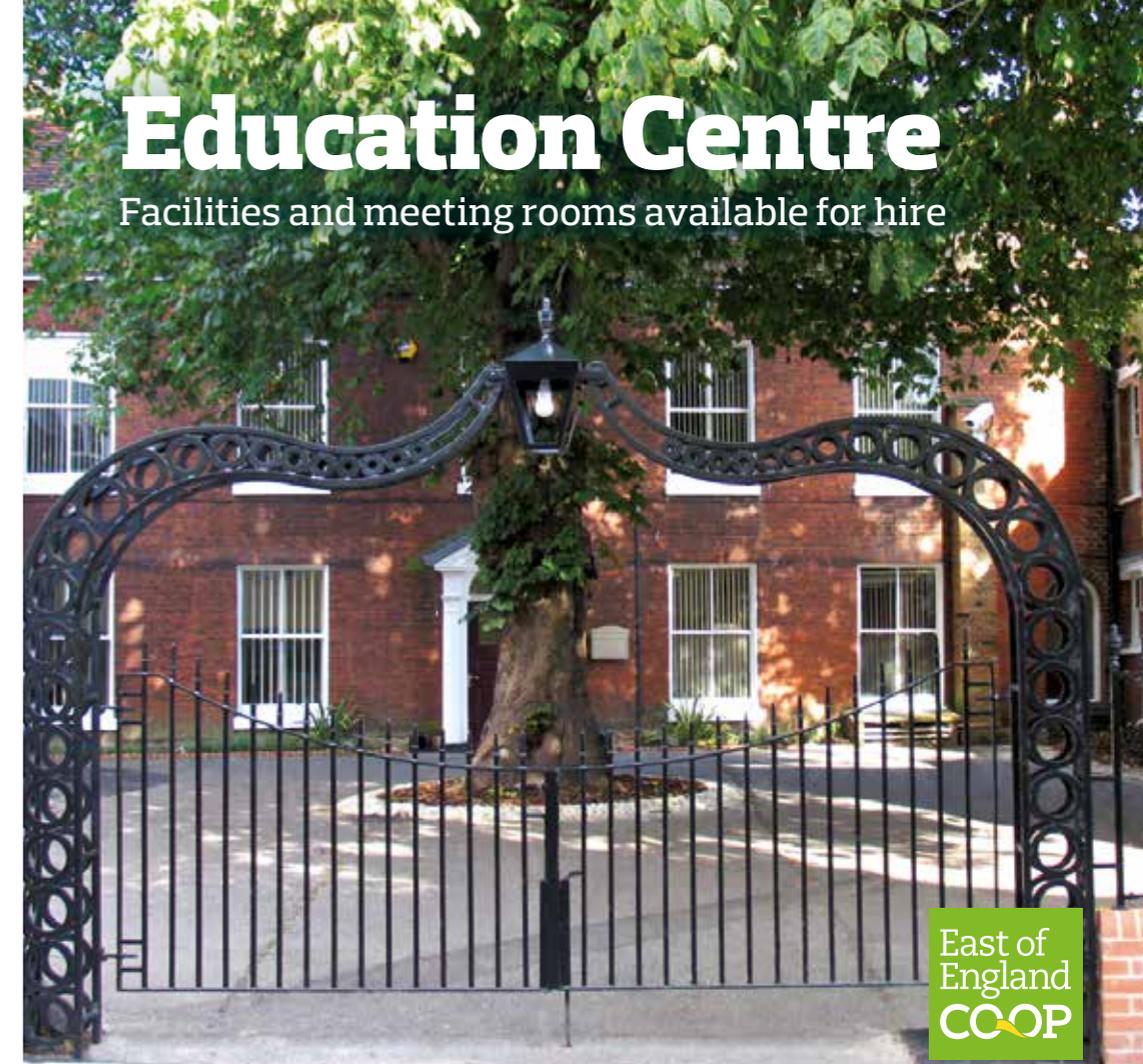
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Education Centre

Facilities and meeting rooms available for hire



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A brief history

The building known as the Co-op Education Centre has a long and interesting history.

Situated in Fore Street, one of the oldest roads in Ipswich, the red brick elevation with its iron railings and grand frontage strikes an imposing figure in today's modern landscape.

Early records show the building was called "Chestnut House" and had an exterior that dates from the 18th century with an interior core from the 17th century. Today evidence of this core can be seen in the many original features including the exposed beams, fireplace and priest hole in the George Hines room situated on the first floor.

In its early life the building played a pivotal role in the medical care of the poor in Ipswich. Former residents include Mr Webster Adams and later his son who both served the parish as Poor Law surgeons. In 1900 the medical connection continued when William Francis Fryer succeeded Adams as both the occupier of the property and Medical Officer. He continued to use the building as a home and surgery right up until his death in 1942.

The Ipswich Industrial Co-operative journey with the building started in 1919 when they acquired the builder's yard at the back of Waterworks Street. However it wasn't until 1933 that the purchase of Chestnut House

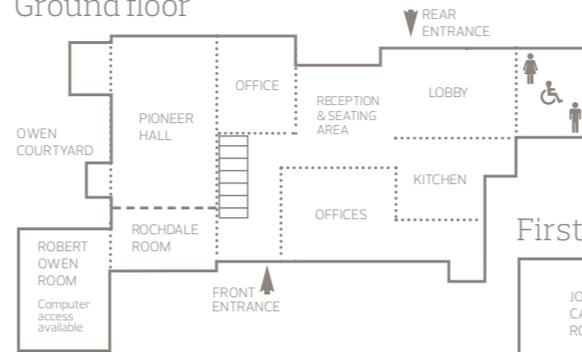
was secured. It took a further 50 years for the current day Education Centre to emerge.

In 1942 the demands of war saw the building used by American servicemen and later in 1947 leased to the local authority as a Child Guidance Clinic. Finally, the East of England Co-op undertook an extensive refurbishment project in 2005-6 and it was at this point that the building was transformed into the multi-purpose centre we have today.

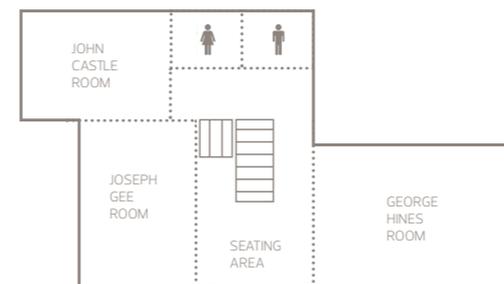
The back entrance on Waterworks Street



Ground floor

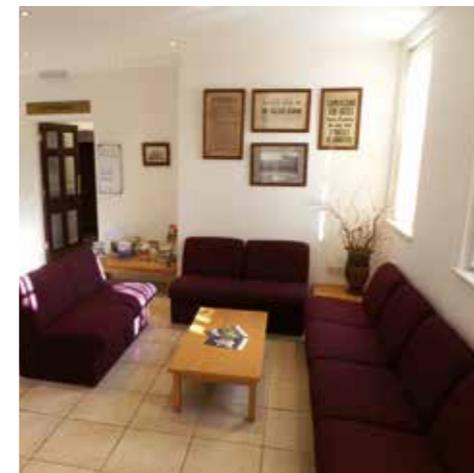


First floor



Facilities available

- Wireless internet access in all rooms
- Digital projectors and screens, TV, video and DVD player
- Flip chart stands and display boards
- The Robert Owen Room has three computers with internet access and a printer
- The Pioneer Hall can accommodate board style meetings for up to 24 people. Flexible staging is available (5.5m x 2m) and the room has a hearing loop
- Comfortable refreshment lounge
- The small meeting room is ideal for quiet work, one-to-ones and interviews
- Disabled access to the ground floor is available from the car park at the rear of the building. All ground floor rooms are accessible for wheelchairs
- Easy access to main toilets on the ground floor, additional toilets are located on the first floor
- Self service or prepared Fairtrade refreshments
- Car parking for 50 vehicles



Above: the lobby area; below: Pioneer Hall



Room hire charges

per session

Pioneer Hall Seating capacity 80	£50 + VAT
Robert Owen Room Seating capacity 15	£35 + VAT
Joseph Gee Room Seating capacity 15	£35 + VAT
George Hines Room Seating capacity 15	£35 + VAT
John Castle Room Seating capacity 15 (maximum 18)	£40 + VAT
Small Meeting Room Seating capacity 3-4	£25 + VAT

All Education Centre rooms are available to hire from Monday to Friday

Monday to Thursday

Morning session: 9am – 1pm
Afternoon session: 1.30pm – 5.30pm
Evening session: 6pm – 9.30pm

Friday

Morning session: 9am – 1pm
Afternoon session: 1.30pm – 4pm

Alternative timings are available on request