Innovative spaces for medical excellence

Located within The Spine building, Spaces at The Spine is the award-winning event venue of the RCP in Liverpool. It offers a range of flexible event spaces over three floors, all designed to support learning, collaboration and wellbeing.

Read on to discover the potential of Floor Eleven

As the RCP continues to educate, improve and influence for better health and care, Floor Eleven strengthens our ability to support the medical profession. Whether it's for advancing clinical knowledge, shaping policy, or nurturing future leaders, Floor Eleven offers a space that reflects the core values and ambitions of the RCP — both now and for the evolving landscape of healthcare and commercial events in the years to come.

Spaces at The Spine

Since its opening in 2021, the venue has captured attention for being WELL Certified at the Platinum level, the only building in the city to hold this prestigious title. Its wellbeing-focused design and architectural elements make it an inspiring environment for conferences, meetings and educational events, actively enhancing the physical and mental wellness of its visitors.

Available to RCP members and fellows for a range of event types, Spaces at The Spine not only reflects the organisation's commitment to innovation and sustainability, but also serves as a hub for healthcare professionals from across the UK and beyond.

Among the venue's many distinctive features, Floor Eleven stands out as a dynamic and multifunctional space. Purpose-built to support the evolving needs of medical education, professional development and clinical excellence, the floor is home to the RCP's medical assessment centre. It offers state-of-the-art medical facilities alongside a wellbeing-centred design, providing healthcare professionals of the future with a bespoke environment to replicate real-life clinical scenarios and practise essential skills.

Elevating learning and fostering collaboration

The clinical and technical capabilities of Floor Eleven firmly establish it as one of the leading medical simulation suites in Liverpool and the wider north-west

region. Combining panoramic views across the city with interior design that balances form with function, the floor offers an inspiring area for a variety of medical, clinical and academic activities.

The floor plan includes two identical clinical assessment suites, each containing two circuits of 14 individual rooms in each half, created to simulate real-life medical environments. Designed with adaptability in mind, Floor Eleven can support a wide range of exams and educational programmes, from accredited multiprofessional skills training and workshops to the PACES, OSCE and MRCP(UK) examinations that are pivotal in professional medical development.

At the core of Floor Eleven is an intelligently designed audiovisual and IT system that significantly enhances both functionality and the user experience of examiners and trainees alike. Each space is equipped with technology that allows real-time monitoring from a remote location, with audiovisual systems seamlessly integrated into a control panel. Additionally, digital signage panels throughout the facility can be fully branded, serving as a dynamic platform for communication and wayfinding.

Wellbeing-focused workspaces

The wellbeing of visitors is at the forefront of Spaces at The Spine. Whether attendees are participating in an intense training session or attending a day-long conference, the Platinum WELL Standard architectural features integrated within the venue's design are proven to enhance concentration levels, reduce stress and contribute positively to boosting overall health and a sense of wellbeing.

Natural daylight floods Floor Eleven, creating a bright and energising atmosphere. Thoughtful and subtle design features, including natural colour palette and textures, create a calming connection to nature. Furthermore, the ambient temperature and lighting systems are carefully regulated throughout the day to maintain an optimal environment for all users and visitors

Floor Eleven is part of one of the UK's healthiest workspaces, providing access to wellness facilities, including quiet areas for reflection, as well as ergonomic furnishings that prioritise physical comfort.

A space that sparks creativity and innovation

Beyond its core educational and professional functions, Floor Eleven has an unexpected side; its capability to become a filming location for production companies. Featuring a flexible and contemporary layout that feels both adaptable and practical, it has already proven to be a popular choice for a wide array of projects – spanning from health education films to impactful promotional content.

The floor is also part of a wider full-service approach to event delivery. From exceptional in-house catering and audiovisual support to expert event coordination, the Spaces at The Spine team can work closely with members, fellows and external companies to plan and execute events with precision and care.

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Enquire with the team at Spaces at The Spine to find out more about Floor Eleven and how we can assist you.

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