

VENUE FOCUS:

# ISLINGTON METAL WORKS

It's not just where you hire that matters, but how you use the space...

While country manor houses, historic castles and luxury hotels have their plus points; venues with such distinct personalities don't suit every couple. If you're intending to have a wedding with a strong theme or want décor and design to play a key part in your day, be aware that the details can get lost amidst the vastness of a venue that already has its own characteristics. What you need is a blank canvas which you can dress as you wish, somewhere like Islington Metal Works.

Nestled behind Angel tube station in North London, Islington Metal Works was built in the late 19th century and was originally a stable to keep the horses that pulled the trams for London Transport. Today it consists of three floors with two rooms, a courtyard and restaurant that doubles up as a dance floor. The space is regularly used for exhibitions, concerts, fashion shows and weddings – it's a dynamic space that can be transformed to suit your requirements.

Fully licensed, the venue has three bars and a kitchen that can be furnished for 120 covers. There's also an on-



THE TABLE IS SET: Introduce props and quirky details to create a strong theme for your wedding celebrations

### INSPIRING WAYS TO USE A BLANK CANVAS VENUE

- Shower your guests with goodies by transforming the space into a fairytale Alice In Wonderland and serve them afternoon tea
- Add a fun twist to your food by theming your dinner tables to resemble a street party - it's a great way to get guests talking
- Bring a laid back atmosphere to the evening party by providing seating areas with cushions and stools for those who want to relax
- Opt for full-on disco fever with lights, mirror balls and live dhol drums to get everyone in the party spirit
- Don't stop at the décor, set a dress code in your invitation – a room filled with characters will enhance your theme



sight barbecue area, perfect for summer celebrations, while the glass-roofed courtyard is great for serving delicious canapés and welcome drinks.

Hiring the space doesn't mean you'll be left on your own – in fact it's quite the reverse. The Metalworks have an in-house wedding planner who will work with the venue's art department to help deliver a celebration that exceeds expectations; your imagination is just the beginning. The team here are experts when it comes to weddings with the wow-factor, so

if you're short on ideas for what to do, they are brimming with suggestions. In fact there's very little for you to worry about – the team will arrange for staff and provide a full sound system so you don't need to hire one in and if you chose to have in-house drinks and catering, then there is no venue hire fee.

A break from the conventional, Islington Metal Works is a unique and original venue that is unlike any other space you and your guests will have experienced before – ensuring yours will be the most memorable wedding of the year, and beyond.

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