

Heritage Rochdale: Fire Station



Project Overview

Rochdale Fire Station is an art deco gem from the 1930s, and one of the town's historic landmarks. The RDA has been instrumental in securing £3.7m of funding for a scheme that is currently transforming the much-loved building for vibrant new use, mixing a new museum space for the Greater Manchester Fire Service with a co-working office for digital and creative start-ups.

Location

Rochdale Town Centre



The old engine hall

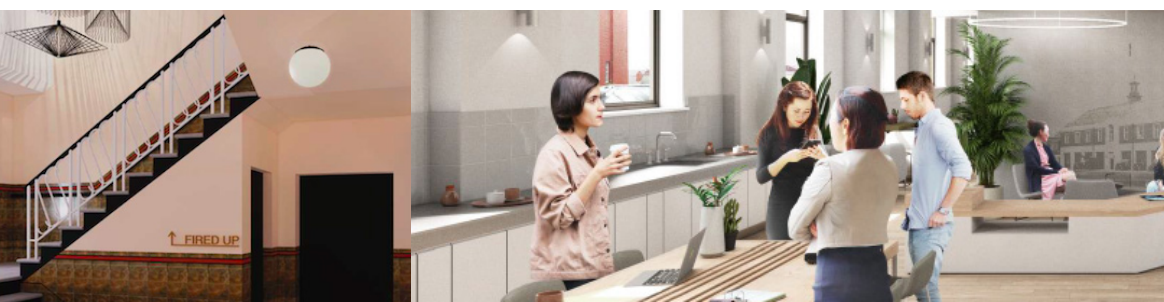
The ground floor was once home to the town's fire engines and will now house a new improved and expanded museum celebrating the work and sacrifice of the Greater Manchester Fire Service. Fireground will be five times bigger than the current museum, allowing previously unseen collections to go on public display for the first time.

The project will see the restoration of original features like the tower and the huge engine bay doors, and the creation of a brand new cafe. It's supported by a £1.9m grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The old ballroom

Upstairs, the old ballroom is being transformed into Firedup!, a vibrant new co-working space for start-up businesses. Historic features in the space, including the stained glass on the ceiling, are being carefully restored as part of the revamp.

The old drill hall in the rear yard of the Fire Station - currently home to the museum - is also being restored and additional office space is being created in Richard Street, just next to the site. The RDA has helped secure a £1m grant from the government's Town's Fund acceleration fund along with a £699,000 investment from the European Regional Development Fund.



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The bigger picture

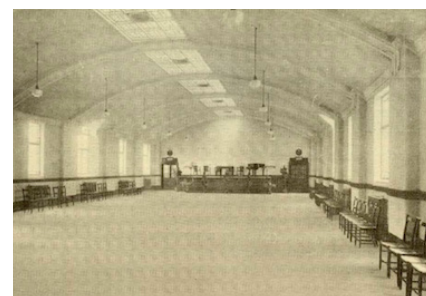
The project is at the heart of the Station Gateway area, part of the council and RDA's new rail strategy, which aims to revitalise land around the borough's five railway stations: Rochdale, Castleton, Littleborough, Smithy Bridge and Mills Hill.

Long term, the strategy aims to create 7,000 new homes along the Rochdale rail corridor alongside new business space, enhanced public realm and other community facilities.

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