Every year hundred of terns travel thousands of miles arriving at WOW in spring to breed and raise their young.

Venture outside

Year round there’s plenty to see at Belfast WOW with wading birds and ducks in autumn and winter and a busy tern colony in spring and summer. Our wild Konik ponies can be seen grazing to create the perfect conditions for ground nesting birds.

Get up close to wildlife from the comfort of the visitor centre. Don’t worry if you’re not an ID expert - trained staff and volunteers are on hand in the observation room to answer questions, help you use the binoculars and telescopes and identify what you see.

Just a short stroll from the visitor centre are two hides offering great views of nature and the cityscape. Constructed from shipping containers the hides blend in with their harbour-side surroundings.

Helping to give nature a home

How to find us

From Belfast

By bus: The number 26/26A bus service from City Hall to Holywood Exchange runs past the reserve on weekdays, but there is no service at weekends.

By train: The Titanic Quarter and Holywood railway stations are located two miles from the reserve.

By car: The reserve is located within Belfast Harbour Estate at 100 Airport Road West. Two main entrances lead into the estate and are signposted along the A2 (Belfast to Holywood dual carriageway). From the Dee Street entrance, the reserve car park is two miles on the left. From the Holywood Exchange entrance (closed Sundays), it is one mile on the right.

RSPB Northern Ireland is part of the RSPB, the country’s largest nature conservation charity, inspiring everyone to give nature a home.

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The Lagoon Room at Belfast’s Window on Wildlife

For more information, arrange a visit or book this room please call 028 9046 1458 or email belfast.lough@rspb.org.uk

A unique location

Imagine hosting your meeting in Belfast with a backdrop like no other at this peaceful nature haven.

Belfast’s Window on Wildlife (WOW) is just 10 minutes from the city centre, with panoramic views across Belfast Lough and a lagoon which is home to a variety of wildlife from around the world, including wild Konik ponies.

From the window you’ll be able to see some of the hundreds of species of birds that call WOW home set against the industry of Belfast’s Harbour Estate and majestic Cave Hill.

The Lagoon Room is ideal for meetings, interviews, training courses, launches and events such as film screenings, talks, classes or clubs.

The flexible space can accommodate a variety of seating styles with complimentary tea and coffee included with bookings and we can put you in touch with recommended catering suppliers.

We can provide a data projector, flipchart, free wifi and conference phone connectivity plus there’s free parking for 20 vehicles with overflow parking available.

Book The Lagoon Room as a one off or on a regular basis, any day of the week from as little as £45 for a half day and £75 for a full day.