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# SECTOR EXPERIENCE

With over 30 years' experience, our team delivers refurbishment and minor works projects across a range of sectors including commercial, public sector, education, blue light, healthcare, and care settings.

Acting as Principal Contractor, we consistently deliver projects on time, within budget, and to high standards, underpinned by a strong focus on health, safety, quality, and environmental performance.

The following section outlines recent examples of our work across key sectors. For further details, please get in touch with the Projects team.



# HIGHER EDUCATION CAPABILITY

With a track record of delivering projects across Yorkshire universities since 2006, our Projects team has extensive experience operating within live university buildings and campuses. We specialise in refurbishment, minor works, and service upgrades, placing the highest priority on maintaining health and safety for building users, contractors, and the wider public.

We are familiar with university project procedures and expectations, with recent work delivered for institutions including the University of Leeds and the University of Bradford.

At the University of Bradford, we have delivered refurbishment and minor works since 2013, previously under SPIE. Over the past two years, we have completed five projects across the campus, developing a trusted relationship through successful tenders and negotiated works.

At the University of Leeds, our team has delivered seven refurbishment and minor works projects across six buildings in the last two years. With a relationship dating back to 2006 (previously as SPIE and Trios Group), we continue to work in partnership with the University to support teaching, student accommodation, and wider estate improvements.

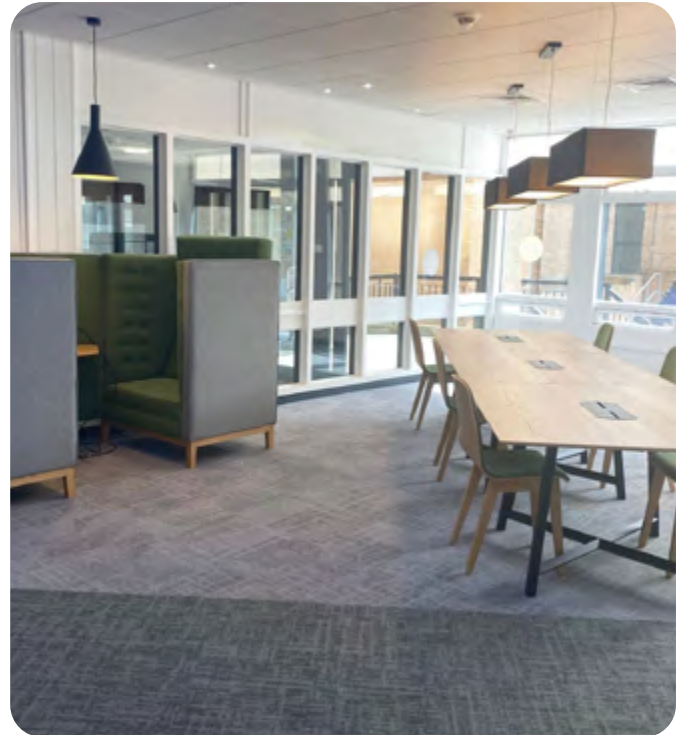




## SOCIAL LEARNING SPACES

**Value: £82,000**

To improve student learning environments, we delivered internal demolition and decoration works within a live university building. The project took place in the Engineering building and was completed within a five-week programme, adhering to university-specific site rules, procedures, and permit-to-work processes. Teaching activities continued throughout, with measures in place to ensure minimal disruption.



## UNIVERSITY FIRE DOORS

**Value: £107,000**

Working within an occupied university building, we replaced 18 fire doors and carried out associated electrical and fire alarm upgrades. Delivered over a six-week programme, the project was carefully phased to minimise disruption to teaching and prioritise the safety of students and staff. All works were completed with strict adherence to fire safety and university protocols.



# ELECTRONICS DEPARTMENT REFURBISHMENT

**Value: £312,000**

Delivered within a live university environment, this refurbishment project upgraded learning spaces, offices and storage within the Electronics Department. Located on Level 4 of an occupied building, the works enabled the continuation of student support and teaching while transforming the space into an open-plan area for modern learning and collaboration.

Scope of works included:

- Strip out of several current rooms, including mechanical and electrical services, fixtures and fittings, flooring, ceilings, and partitions
- Installation of M&E service upgrades
- New double door openings and glazed partitions
- New flooring, louvres, ceilings, acoustic baffles, and finishes
- Decoration throughout





## CLINICAL SKILLS LAB – DENTISTRY LABS (2022)

**Value: £114,000**

This project involved the refurbishment of a dental clinical skills lab, including the relocation of utilities and coordination with specialist equipment suppliers. Working above a live floor delivering NHS services and clinical teaching, the project was delivered to a strict timeline with minimal disruption to ongoing activity.



## CLINICAL SKILLS LAB – PROSTHETICS (2023)

**Value: £108,000**

Following the successful delivery of the 2022 lab project, we were appointed to carry out further works in the Prosthetics Lab. This included M&E installations, extractor fans and gas taps, along with the fit-out of new cabinetry. The project was delivered concurrently with a separate SCAPE building scheme and completed within a two-week programme, ready for the new academic year.



**“Arcus were an outstanding company to work with, all their employees and subcontractors operated in a very professional manner. From the award of the contract through to completion, they managed all aspects of the project competently.**

**There was an added complication with our build in that some of the work had to take place in the surgeries on the hospital floor. Arcus handled this exceptionally well, ensuring that all parties were involved in discussions and all timescales and accessed required was discussed. They worked around the clinics that were running and ensured that the area was fully cleaned, ready for use the next day without any interruptions to clinical sessions. I would have no hesitation working on another project with Arcus.”**

**– Claire Godfrey, Business Manager  
Leeds University School of Dentistry**

## SCAPE STUDENT SERVICES HUB

**Value: £117,000**

As part of ongoing campus development at the University of Leeds, we delivered mechanical and electrical upgrades and internal refurbishment to the live School of Chemical & Process Engineering. To minimise disruption, all works were delivered within a tight six-week programme, with contractor access strictly limited to Level 1. Infection control measures and careful scheduling ensured the university remained fully operational throughout the project.



## PHOENIX BUILDING DAMP REMEDIATION

**Value: £52,000**

Following the successful completion of the University's fire door upgrade programme, we were appointed to carry out damp remediation works at the Phoenix Building. Leveraging existing site knowledge, we delivered a 10-week programme that included fabric repairs and associated M&E works. The project was designed to prevent further deterioration and maintain long-term building performance.



# ENERGY RESEARCH BUILDING

**Value: £307,000**

As part of the University's 'Campus Development 2015–2025' Masterplan, Arcus Projects remodelled Levels 1 and 2 of the Energy Research Building to create refreshed, modern workspaces for university staff and researchers.

Delivered within live corridors, plant rooms, and switch rooms, the project involved the full strip-out and refurbishment of existing office areas to enhance layout and functionality. New partitions and glazed screens were installed to create more efficient and collaborative working environments.

Scope of works included:

- Complete strip-out of existing M&E, radiators, flooring, and internal partitions
- Installation of new glazed partitions, joinery, blinds, acoustic panels, and radiators
- M&E modifications and system recommissioning
- Decoration throughout and reinstallation of carpet tiles
- Coordination with the university's furniture contractor to complete the final fit-out

Delivered on time and to specification, the project demonstrates our ability to work within occupied university buildings while ensuring minimal disruption to building users.



## STUDENT ACCOMMODATION REFURBISHMENT 2023

**Value: £1.7m**

Upgrading the University's student accommodation provision, our team delivered the refurbishment of 75 student rooms and en-suites, and 10 kitchens within Blocks G, H, J and K and a listed external building known as the Coach House.

The accommodation was still in use, meaning our team thoroughly considered the impact of noise, dust, vibrations, and traffic to neighbouring blocks.



## STUDENT ACCOMMODATION REFURBISHMENT 2024

**Value: £1.2m**

Continuing from the successful delivery in 2023, our team were appointed to complete further refurbishment works to Blocks F, G, and H and Grosvenor Court Block C.

Providing full refurbishment to 33 bedrooms and 7 kitchens, we delivered to time and budget, ensuring student occupancy for the September 2024 intake.

