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Building Insight

Modernisation Projects Education

Faculty Building, Imperial College

London

Designed by Foster and Partners the project won a Commendation from the Civic Trust. The development was a key part of the College's redevelopment masterplan and its creation allowed all Faculty services to be combined in a single location as well as enabling a number of existing spaces to be refurbished and redeveloped.

The building houses four levels of office accommodation, a combination of open-plan spaces around the central core and cellular offices at the buildings periphery. The two basement levels provide parking spaces for 30 cars and secure storage for 600 bicycles, satisfying the requirement for the entire campus. To reduce the solar gain to the building and to help the building meet the requirements of Part L, the blue facades were developed as a cost effective way of meeting the College's requirements.



The Lerch Bates facade access team successfully delivered the facade access strategy for cleaning and maintenance. We were proud to be a part of the team which received the Commendation from the Civic Trust.



The paternoster underwent a partial modernisation some 15 years ago and it is anticipated that the latest work will extend the life of this unique piece of engineering for several more decades.

The Arts Tower

University of Sheffield

The University of Sheffield's landmark Grade II listed building has been undergoing a refurbishment programme which will extend the life of the building by an additional 30 years. Built in the 1960's to accommodate 160 staff and 1000 students, the building has recently been host to far more. The refurbishment will see a major re-organisation of the building's interior, as well as a new facade. The University is committed to restoring and preserving the architectural heritage of the Arts Tower whilst at the same time ensuring that it meets the future needs of both staff and students.

Lerch Bates has been involved in the modernisation of the building since 2008. Having modernised two 22 floor passenger lifts we were also involved in the modernisation of the world famous paternoster, the largest in the UK. The paternoster lift consists of 38 cars moving on a continuous belt, and passengers must ascend and alight with just the right timing at their chosen floor.

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