



Leeds Beckett University in conjunction with their development Partner Downing Developments has unveiled designs for a new £75 million Creative Arts Building designed by Hawkins\Brown. Plans submitted for the 14,500 sqm scheme will provide an iconic home for academic, creative and cultural activities in the civic heart of Leeds, becoming an outstanding landmark site for the Northern Film School, Music, Performing Arts and Fashion students. The project aims to attract new audiences and facilitate dialogue between the University, its partners and the wider city.

The proposed building forms a major part of the University's £200m campus development plan, which will be delivered over the next five years.

\The Creative Arts Building will reflect the creativity, inspiration and dynamism of the subject areas for which it will be an exciting new home

Andrew Fryer Dean of School of Film, Music & Performing Arts



Right
View from Calverley Street looking towards the Southern entrance of the new Creative Arts Building.

The Creative Arts Building will be home to 1,850 students and staff, who are currently spread across various separate locations in the city. Assembling the different courses under one roof will create an inspiring artistic and cultural hub, allowing the University to enhance the transferable skills and employability of their students through bespoke specialist facilities and collaborative social learning spaces.

\The building will become a landmark physical site for Film, Music, Performing Arts and Fashion; in addition it will become a space for new audiences and city dialogue. It will have the ability to inspire learners, engage new audiences and positively impact the lives of students, staff and visitors who share the building. In doing so, it will inspire a new collaborative practice of the arts

Professor Paul Smith Deputy Vice Chancellor



Right
View of the Building from Portland Way looking towards the new University entrance

Each part of the building is designed to reflect the course within, while the materiality and approach to the façades ensures the coherency of the whole building. The façade palette of stone and bronze colour anodized metal cladding chosen by HawkinsBrown is appropriately civic and acts as a backdrop for the activity and creativity within the building whilst responding to the listed structures in the site's context.

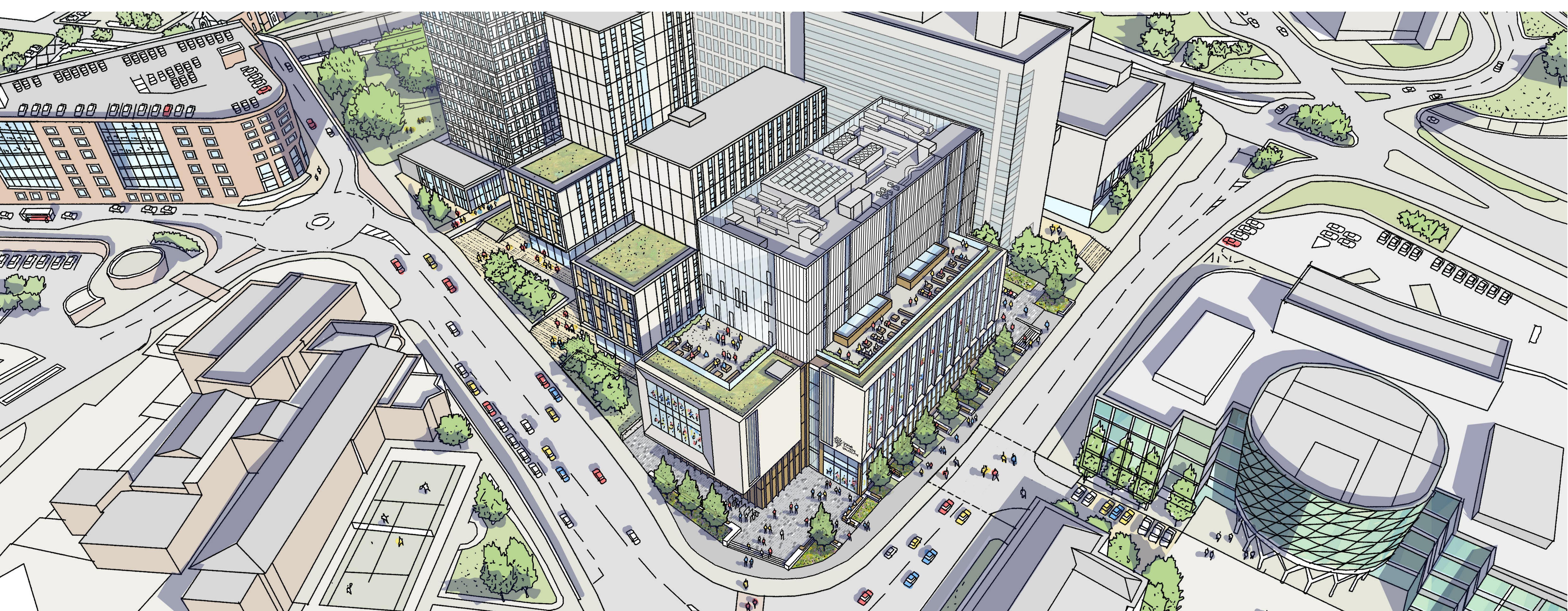
\We are excited to be working with Leeds Beckett again, building on the success of the partnership that delivered the award winning Broadcasting Place development

George Downing Chairman, Downing Developments



Right
External View taken between the Rosebowl and the Civic Hall looking West.

The new Creative Arts building, located at the edge of the Civic Quarter of Leeds, occupies a prominent site 10 minutes' walk from the main cultural and retail amenities of the city centre. It is the final phase of delivery of a Downing masterplan, adding to the 500,000 sf of student accommodation within Downing's Central Campus Development. With Leeds General Infirmary to the West, the site is clearly visible from Millennium Square and is directly opposite the listed Civic Hall to the East. Careful integration of the proposals into this historic setting has been the subject of extensive consultation and liaison with the Planning Department.



(Leeds Beckett University contributes to the city and our region, both academically and economically as a respected employer and vital economic driver for the City)

Professor Peter Slee Vice Chancellor, Leeds Beckett University



Top Right
Artist's Impression Birds Eye View

Bottom Right
Artist's Impression Sectional Elevation

The scheme will offer extensive state-of-the-art facilities including a 186 seat theatre, an 84 seat studio theatre, a 216 seat cinema, recording studios, TV studio and film studios, as well as numerous other diverse teaching and breakout spaces.

The entrance foyer is designed as a welcoming, open space, accommodating a 4.5m level change across the site with a feature staircase that connects the publicly accessible areas of the building. An atrium that rises up to the fifth floor is animated by projecting social learning spaces, writing sheds and conversation dens. The lower floors of the building house the theatre, triple height TV studio and a cinema.



\The new Creative Arts Building provides a welcoming creative hub that will encourage new collaborations between courses and enable the university to engage with the wider society to form an innovative cultural dialogue. The aim to create spaces for students, staff and visitors to interact and learn from each other was key to Hawkins\Brown's design approach on this project

Roger Hawkins Founder Partner, Hawkins\Brown



Top Right
Long Section through Building and Context

Bottom Right
Short Section through Building and Context