

Legal & General lets Newcastle office space to Arden University

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Legal & General have agreed a deal to lease the remaining space at [The Spark](#), its office building in Newcastle city centre, to Arden University as part of the business' office expansion.

The online university has taken 27,095 square feet across the ground to third floors of the building, which is in the centre of Helix, a 24-acre mixed-use innovation district from a partnership between Newcastle City Council, Legal & General and Newcastle University.

The Helix is a mixed-use cluster with office, residential and science space built for research, education and business. Savills and Avison Young were mandated as joint agents on behalf of the landlord. Arden University was advised by James Andrew International.

Greg Davison, director of mixed-use development and office leasing for Newcastle at Savills, joint letting agents for Legal & General said: "Completing the final letting at The Spark is a fantastic result and demonstrates the depth of occupier demand for high-quality workspace at Newcastle Helix. Securing Arden University as the final occupier is a fitting conclusion to the successful leasing of this flagship building."

Carl Lygo, chief executive and vice-chancellor at Arden University, said: “This opening reflects an exciting next step in the expansion plans of our fast-growing university, providing a modern, welcoming space for those looking to develop the skills they need to advance their careers in the city.

“Newcastle is a real hotbed for talent, and we look forward to welcoming students from across the city and wider region into our new campus.”

The specialist learning provider agreed to lease 24,000 square feet of space across three floors of [156 Great Charles Street](#) in Birmingham's Crossway House office building in June 2023. Crossway House is owned by Longmead Capital which bought it in September 2018. This followed a deal a deal to lease 19,738 square feet at [Lock 14](#) on Summer Row, moments from Crossway House.

Arden also took 18,100 square feet on 10-year lease at [7 Park Square](#) in the centre of Leeds in October 2022, as part of its broader expansion across key UK cities such as Manchester.

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