

# BUILDING PRIDE



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# Unveiling a cool new campus at UWS

## UWS Dumfries

akp has worked with the University of the West of Scotland (UWS) to deliver a new multi-million-pound campus for its students in Dumfries.

This is the third time we have worked with UWS having previously delivered the CAT C packages and Laboratories Fit Out at their Lanarkshire Campus.

The state-of-the-art development, co-located with Dumfries & Galloway College, has been designed with the specific intent of providing a suite of modern, flexible and collaborative learning environments with a view to further

addressing skills gaps within the region; with a particular focus on the health and social care sector.

The facilities at the site also include “ultra-realistic simulated healthcare wards” and an immersive learning suite which uses 360-degree video to simulate a range of complex indoor and outdoor scenarios.

The new campus almost trebles the number of specialist lab facilities, compared to the university’s previous home in the town.





# That's Entertainment!



In 2022 akp started work on the Yardworks Studio which was completed in 2023. This is the latest addition to the ever-expanding SWG3, offering a permanent, purpose built base for artists to create work and flourish.

The completed building comprises graffiti studios, workshop, reception area, box office, production, and security suite.

With a glazed wall at the front, the activities in the studio can be seen from the street, giving passers-by a glimpse at artworks being created.



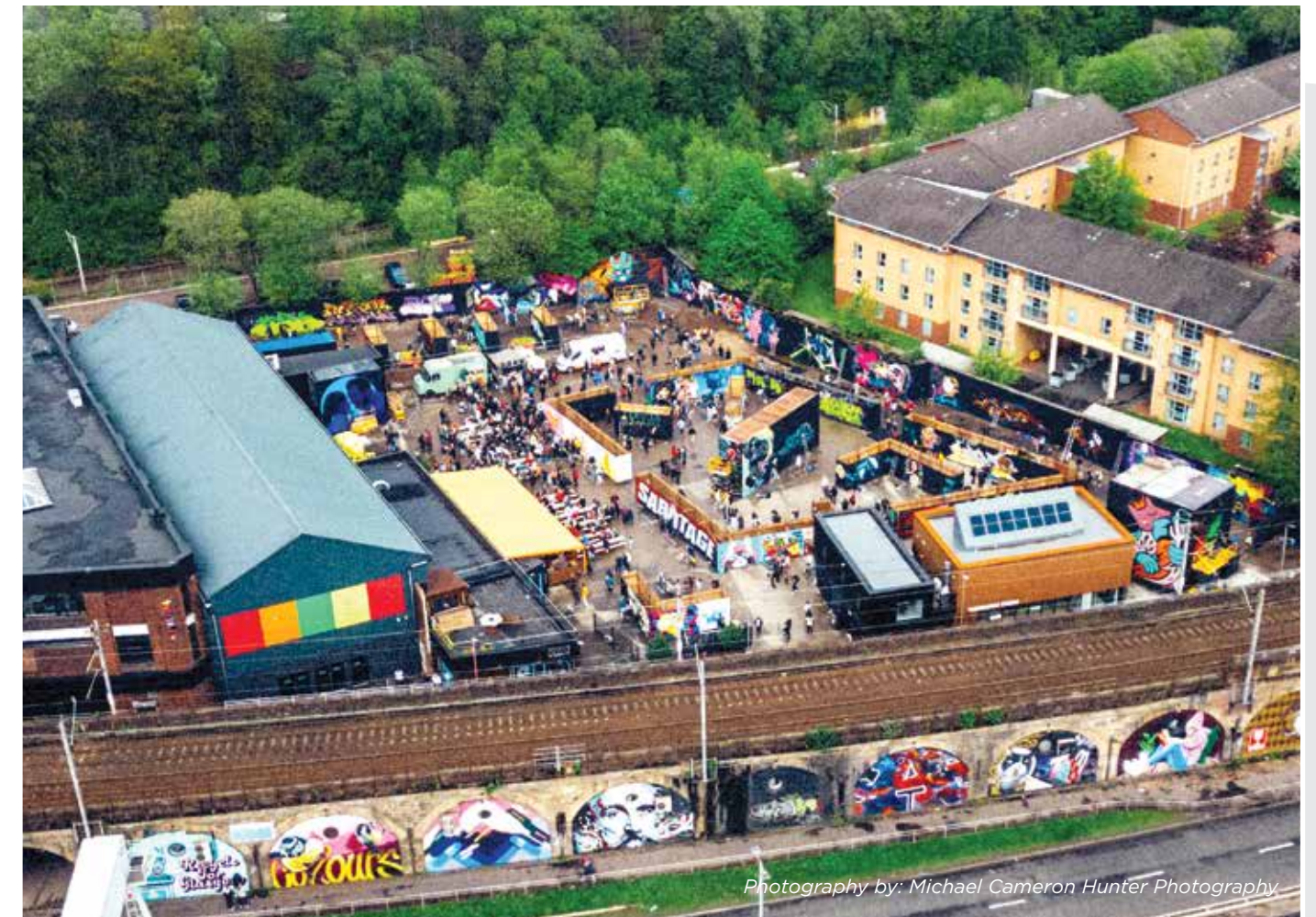
## akp adds the finishing touches to SWG3... Glasgow's exciting new arts and entertainment venue.

Formerly a galvanizers' yard and a clutch of warehouses SWG3 is one of Glasgow's most distinctive independent venues, hosting clubs, gigs, arts and more, and with multiple studios and spaces available to hire.

In 2022 akp were one of the delivery partners in BODYHEAT, the radical new thermal heating and cooling system which harnesses body heat from revellers, storing the heat in 200-meter-deep boreholes to heat or cool the venue later.

Members of the akp team took part in a special launch event where guests were invited to take part in a very special rendition of the famous Slosh.

From now on, whether guests are going to catch some of the world's biggest artists, club nights or attend arts festivals, BODYHEAT will be capturing and harnessing energy in what is an integral part of SWG3s' sustainability focused masterplan.



Photography by: Michael Cameron Hunter Photography



# We are Considerate Constructors

**Congratulations to Hugh Wilson Senior PM at our Dentons Haymarket project for the recent score of Excellent, awarded by the Considerate Constructors Scheme.**

It's a new record for akp with a score of 40 out of a possible 45 giving an overall rating of Excellent.

The scheme covers 3 topics; Community, Environment and Workforce, and over the years akp have maintained a high level of scoring achieving over and above compliance on every site registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme in the past 4 years.

Well done to Hugh, his team on site and in the office and also to members of our Supply Chain who put the work in and continue to do so to make this possible.

**Great team effort!**

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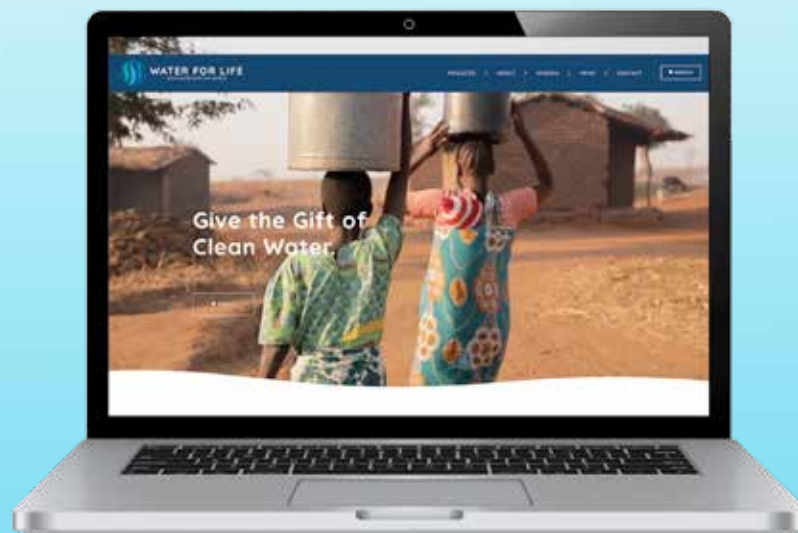


## Water for Life

**akp are pleased to announce a new water cooler partner – AquAid.**

Since the founding of the company AquAid has always worked closely with two charities: Christian Aid and The Africa Trust.

40p is donated directly to the two charities for every bottle of water sold and £20 for every installation of a mains fed cooler. These proceeds help fund the building of water projects in Africa.



# 2023 Charity Abseil



**Team akp are taking part in one of Scotland's biggest charity fundraising challenges, in memory of a former colleague who died earlier this year.**

Neil Donnan, who spent four and a half years with akp as a Quantity Surveyor, passed away in January aged 42 after experiencing a heart attack and brain aneurysm. He leaves behind his wife Stephanie, and two children.

Although he had moved on in his career, Neil was still held in high regard by his former akp colleagues who were determined to undertake a challenge in his honour.

The five-strong team will abseil the Forth Road Bridge this October to raise funds for Scotland's leading health charity, Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland.

Moir Murdoch, Commercial Director at akp Scotland, said: "Neil was such a happy and positive person to have around. Always ready with an amusing quip or funny story. A real morale booster, optimistic force and asset to the business and was very well liked by all his friends

and colleagues. He made an impression on all who met him, and it was evident to anyone who spent time with him how devoted he was to his wife and family. We were all so shocked when we heard that he had died and so we're pleased to be able to raise some funds in his memory and for all those others in Scotland that have been affected by these illnesses."

Louise Macleod, Community Events and Fundraising Manager at Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland, said: "We are so grateful to the team at akp Scotland for choosing to take on this challenge and raise much needed funds in honour of their former colleague and friend, Neil. They are true fundraising heroes."

"All money raised for CHSS stays in Scotland, enabling us to support all those living with chest, heart and stroke conditions across the country to live their lives to the full."



To donate towards the AKP Scotland team's fundraising total visit:  
**[www.justgiving.com/page/akp-scotland-abseil-2023](http://www.justgiving.com/page/akp-scotland-abseil-2023)**

To find out more about fundraising for Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland visit **[www.chss.org.uk/supportus/fundraise-for-us](http://www.chss.org.uk/supportus/fundraise-for-us)**



# Recent Projects

**akp works with business going through change to help them achieve the best from their two most important assets - their buildings and their people. None more so than the CAT B Fit Out projects for both AECOM and Dentons.**



## Dentons

Dentons, one of the world's largest law firms, has moved its Edinburgh office from Quartermile to the new flagship development at 1 Haymarket Square, Edinburgh in the heart of the city's West End.

The new office will allow the firm to continue to offer a productive and supportive hybrid working environment, and to connect the Edinburgh and Glasgow offices more closely.

The space accommodates workstation areas, meeting rooms, sound-proof phonebooths, an informal circular collaboration space, a generous social breakout area, and an open plan office space.

The new office design is vibrant, energetic and people-focused with a variety of natural finishes to add warmth, colour and texture to the spaces. A fitting reflection of the companies ethos.

*Photography by: Kin*



## AECOM

AECOM has moved into the 2nd floor at 177 Bothwell Street, which is Glasgow's largest and most prestigious office building which comprises 14 storeys with terrace areas, activity zones and a running track on the roof.

Other features, designed by AECOM's in-house interior design team include workstation areas, break-out and sitting areas, individual booths, a prayer room, a mother and wellness room and a business garden.

Colleagues accessing the office can use individual sitting desks, collaborative areas to catch-up with colleagues and break-out spaces to take a moment for their wellbeing. AECOM offers flexible, hybrid work options for all employees through its Freedom to Grow initiative, which supports employees in finding the balance and flexibility they need to do their best, deliver for clients and bring their whole selves to work.



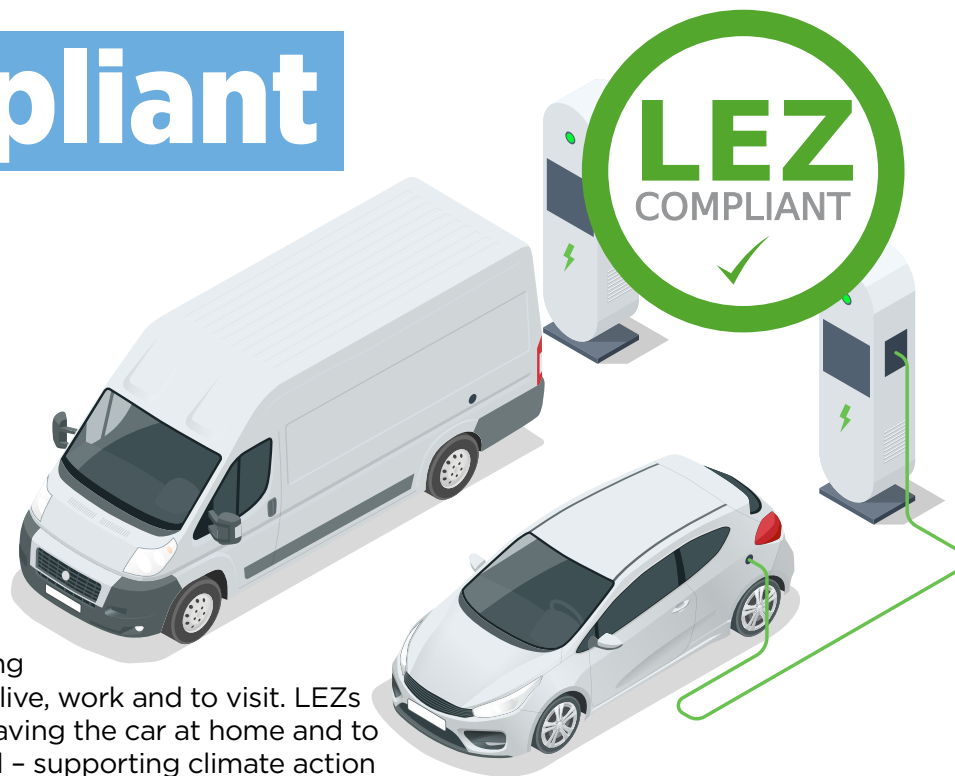
*Photography by: Office Curator*



# LEZ Compliant Fleet

With the introduction of Low Emission Zones (LEZs), akp have invested in a new fleet of LEZ compliant vehicles.

LEZs set an emissions limit for certain road spaces, restricting access for the most polluting vehicles to improve air quality. This helps protect public health within our towns and cities, making them more attractive places in which to live, work and to visit. LEZs also encourage people to think about leaving the car at home and to consider public transport or active travel – supporting climate action by helping to meet Scotland's world leading commitment to reduce car kilometres travelled by 20% by 2030.



## Solar Panels

akp have now installed solar panels on the roof of our East Kilbride HQ to generate renewable energy for the office. Since their installation and switch on in May 2023:

- 84.6% of the electrical load has been supplied by the system, with the balance being brought in from the grid.
- During periods of strong sunshine, we are automatically exporting to the grid when the batteries are fully charged.
- We have exported 344kWh to the grid and imported just 179kWh.

In summary, the system is performing in line with projections and assisting akp to meet and surpass their Green goals.