

TRANSFORMING OUR CAMPUSES

▼ Ground floor cafe in our new Knowledge Dock Centre



As an expanding university at the heart of one of Europe's largest urban regeneration zones, we are committed to providing the best possible environment for teaching and learning, research, enterprise and knowledge transfer. Following a £170 million investment programme over the past three years, we have successfully transformed our main campuses at Docklands and Stratford, creating state-of-the-art facilities for our students, business and community partners.

Our Docklands campus, the first new university campus to be built in London for over half a century, is now established as a vibrant centre of learning, research and enterprise, with a new student village and an innovative Library and Learning Centre open 24 hours a day.

The opening in February 2007 of our new Business School, Library and Knowledge Dock Centre by Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, and the opening of our new Student Village on the waterfront of the Royal Albert Dock in summer 2007, mark the completion of phase two of our Docklands campus development programme.

Our Student Village provides modern en-suite accommodation for 800 students in self-contained flats and studios. The five attractive seven-storey blocks are ranged along the waterfront, with landscaped gardens and courtyards. A spacious new café-bar, shop and Students' Union services will open in February 2008.

We now have around 1,100 students in residence at Docklands, creating a lively, cosmopolitan campus environment. The families of our students and staff are also catered for with our innovative Children's Garden Early Years Centre, which runs on Steiner (Waldorf) educational principles, and received a glowing report from Ofsted in summer 2007. ■

Stratford campus, the historic heart of our university, is located in London's most dynamically growing district, with the new Stratford City, international rail station and Olympic Park set to radically transform the area.

In recent years, our Victorian listed University House, Passmore Edwards Building and the former Stratford Central Library, have been extensively refurbished with state-of-the-art laboratories, lecture theatres, IT and library facilities, and a stylish new Students' Union café-bar and social space.

▼ Inside our new Centre for Clinical Education in Podiatry, Physiotherapy, Complementary Medicine, and Sports Science



Our new Centre for Podiatry, Physiotherapy, Complementary Medicine and Sports Science, completed in 2007, builds on our reputation as a leading centre for professional health studies and subjects allied to medicine. The Centre, developed in partnership with Newham Primary Care Trust, will be officially opened in January 2008 by HRH the Duchess of Cornwall.

In 2007, a further phase in our Stratford campus development programme started, with the extensive redevelopment of the Arthur Edwards Building and construction of a new Lecture Theatre and Computing Hall, set to be completed in summer 2008. Work is well underway on a new building for the School of Education.

Our presence at the Barking Learning Centre, developed in partnership with the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham, Barking College and Barking Adult College, marks a new and exciting milestone in our continuing strategy to extend access to higher education in our region.

Located in an exciting new building in the newly redeveloped Town Square, the centre creates a vibrant focus for short courses, part-time, evening and professional development programmes delivered through UEL Extra. We are also working as a key partner in the development of the new Thurrock Learning Campus, and have a leading role in opening a learning shop in Grays Town Centre in 2008.

Environmental sustainability is a key driver of our development programme. Docklands campus was short-listed for Building of the Year for its energy efficient design, and the new Halls of Residence in our waterfront Student Village are engineered to minimise heat and water wastage. Our new Children's Garden was built entirely from recycled prefabricated units, and is clad with sustainably-sourced larch wood.

Our commitment to sustainability was taken to a new level in 2007, when we joined the Higher Education Carbon Management Programme. Working with the Carbon Trust, our Sustainability

Research Institute is developing innovative eco-efficient technologies and creating zero-carbon development plans not only for our own campuses, but for developments throughout our region. From 2008, we are looking to implement renewable energy technologies such as photo-voltaic, wind turbine and hydrogen fuel cells.

Other key development priorities over the next five years will include a new Sports and Wellbeing Centre at Docklands, a new purpose-built School of Law and Library at Stratford, and a number of learning centres in partnership with local authorities and education providers across our region. ■