

Creating inspirational learning environments

Reflecting the needs of our clients and current government programmes to create education environments equipped for 21st century learning.



Who we are

For half a century, Arcus has delivered outstanding buildings and consultancy services. Working in close partnership with clients has been central to our ongoing success.

Our staff are driven by a desire to make a difference and evolve solutions that are adaptable and sustainable.

Ultimately, we aim to provide exciting opportunities through the built environment – engaging, inspiring and enriching the lives of those who use them.

Our Services

- Architecture
- Interior design
- Project management
- Quantity surveying
- Building surveying
- Building maintenance appraisals
- Estate master planning
- Funding assistance
- Space needs modelling
- Existing stock appraisals
- Property management
- Technical advisors

“We aim to realise the highest quality learning environments – whether state or private, primary or secondary, further or higher education. Through meticulous design and delivery, we work alongside our clients to create truly exceptional spaces.”

CLIVE SELLERS
MANAGING PARTNER
ARCUS CONSULTING LLP



Design

It's all about great design

Solid foundations are vital in all aspects of our lives. We look to the experiences of those who use spaces to shape great designs that will stand the test of time. Creating learning facilities that work for all is central to what we set out to achieve.

Understanding past, present and future needs is key to delivering versatile and intelligent building solutions that cultivate a productive learning environment for both students and educators.

"We design innovative spaces that aim to inspire and engage all those who use them."

STEPHEN BROOKS
PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT & PARTNER
ARCUS CONSULTING LLP

We work collaboratively

The design process can only succeed with a full understanding of client requirements and needs. Collaboration with all stake holders helps us appreciate how buildings should function.

We engage with staff, students and the wider community, facilitating a comprehensive range of workshops, group discussions and Q&A sessions to create inspiring and engaging spaces.

Future proofing

It's never just about bricks and mortar. Buildings are the beating heart of communities. They should adapt as people's needs change. Any transition should be easy to manage and benefit all those who rely on the facilities.

At Arcus, we work alongside our clients to design buildings and learning environments that not only fulfil project briefs but serve the long-term demands of users and their surroundings.

Considered design

Education is about inspiring people. Through considered design we develop spaces that are accessible for all and support continued development, positive behaviour and creative thinking.

Our designs facilitate movement, rest, interaction and engagement. We incorporate sensory elements such as controllable lighting, variable acoustics, visual contrast, texture and shapes.

Always innovative

We never stand still. Arcus staff are encouraged to challenge and innovate at every stage of the build process to deliver better educational experiences for the people who will enjoy our designs.

Through a fresh approach to architectural processes, we constantly improve the skills and the services we offer, harnessing personal experience and integrating technology as appropriate.

Buildings inspired by technology

The integration of Building Information Modelling (BIM) can bring significant improvements to the modern design and construction process. This helps to ensure programme, quality and cost certainty.

In conjunction with rapid laser scanning, BIM brings efficiencies to the expansion and refurbishment of existing facilities. Arcus offers full ISO quality assured processes to deliver client projects successfully.



Delivery

A truly tailored service

No two education settings are the same. We understand that even small differences require services that are specific to individual client needs. Unique facilities require tailored solutions that are fit for purpose and create the best possible outcomes for everyone.

Acting as single or multidisciplinary consultants, we help create better, safer learning environments. Our teams manage everything from concept to completion, so your staff can focus on teaching.

Ensuring value for clients

Balancing education budgets can be a difficult task. Providing first-class learning facilities today is an ongoing challenge for leadership teams who must also ensure assets are relevant and available for future learners.

We support clients to secure funding and develop comprehensive budget strategies. With years of experience, we source maximum value by prioritising needs and allocating funds efficiently.

Less disruption, more learning

To control timescales and costs we collaborate with LEAs, head teachers and governing bodies. Effective pre-planning ensures minimal disruption and maintains safe, secure learning environments.

Developing inspirational educational facilities shouldn't be disruptive. We work outside term times, create designated walkways and work zones, or build temporary alternative learning areas to make major build phases stress-free for students and educators.

Managing property assets

All Arcus consultancy advice and professional services run through a designated single point of contact. That close client partnership gives consistency and reassurance as projects develop.

Our professional services encompass all areas of property asset management. From planning, statutory compliance and health and safety, to all aspects of construction and full property management responsibilities.

"We work collaboratively with our clients to ensure we deliver projects that are inspiring, affordable, and of the highest quality."

TIM NORBURY
PRINCIPAL BUILDING SURVEYOR
ARCUS CONSULTING LLP



CIF Funding

Knowledge through experience

Funding educational buildings

Schools and colleges are designed for intense use, but the inevitable wear and tear means buildings will always need to be maintained, upgraded and sometimes expanded. Funding is available to help.

Condition Improvement Funding (CIF) is a government program that is operated to enable academies and sixth-form colleges to apply for funding (annually) to keep buildings in good working order where students and teachers can thrive.

The fund helps education providers address health and safety concerns, building compliance issues and deteriorating conditions. Academies, sixth-form colleges and non-diocesan VA schools rated good or outstanding by Ofsted can also seek expansion funding if they can justify specific needs.

Help with the bidding process

Arcus helps educators identify and prioritise estate requirements ahead of any bidding process. This could involve condition surveys and building assessment, right through to project completion.

Getting the bid right can save time and ensure successful applications. Our experienced project managers support you every step of the way during planning and project design.

We undertake all required surveys, cost management tasks, then support the bid writing process and submit applications on behalf of clients.

Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs) with at least five academies, and more than 3,000 pupils, do not apply for CIF. Automatic funding occurs in the form of School Condition Allocation (SCA). In such cases, Arcus assesses and prioritises all necessary works required for immediate and future needs. This maximises the benefits to your estate.

Understanding the CIF process

Education professionals have significant milestones every academic year. We make understanding the CIF process straightforward so that no key funding dates are missed.

Funding application windows can vary each year, but the CIF process does follow a similar timeline every twelve months.

Updated funding information is usually released in October. New applicants should register by the end of November and submit completed forms by mid-December. Notification of application outcomes occurs the following spring.

Arcus offers full support throughout the CIF application process.

A trusted design and build partner

Experience counts. Arcus works with independent nurseries and schools, colleges, MATs and universities. That breadth of knowledge enables us to deliver trusted, high-quality and reliable design and build services for a diverse range of settings.

Our talented people are complemented by a sophisticated resource planning tool. This intuitive software identifies teams with the specific experience, ability, skills and capacity to deliver the best possible results for each unique client. You get the partner that is right for you.

A selection of our clients

- Halton Borough Council
- London Borough of Haringey
- London Borough of Tower Hamlets
- Northamptonshire Council
- Oasis Academy Trust
- Oxford County Council
- Swindon Borough Council
- Thurrock Council
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- Wirral Borough Council

“We support our clients to assess and improve their existing assets in order to maximise their estate.”

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“We consistently deliver exceptional results for our clients through projects that benefit both learners and educators.”

ALAN WOLF
PROJECT MANAGER
& PARTNER
ARCUS CONSULTING
LLP