

Tilbury Douglas completes £10m refurbishment of Leeds Beckett University's historic Caedmon Hall

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Tilbury Douglas, a leading UK-based building, infrastructure, engineering and fit-out company, is proud to announce the successful completion of the £10m refurbishment of the Grade II listed Caedmon Hall at Leeds Beckett University. The hall, originally built in the early 20th century, has been sensitively restored and upgraded to accommodate the relocation of the Carnegie School of Education.

The transformation of Caedmon Hall marks an exciting chapter for Leeds Beckett and the Carnegie School of Education, with the project focused on preserving the building's architectural heritage while creating a state-of-the-art environment for teaching, research, and collaboration.

The project included extensive repairs to the building's external envelope, including roof slates, flashing, and timber elements, alongside masonry and brickwork restoration. Internally, specialist spaces were created, including a science laboratory, while all mechanical and electrical systems were replaced with sustainable, modern solutions like air source heat pumps. The project has targeted a SKA Gold rating, reflecting its commitment to environmentally responsible design.

Social value was also at the heart of the refurbishment, with Tilbury Douglas delivering 16 school and college workshops, 10 work experience placements, 370 apprentice weeks, and creating four new jobs. Additionally, £10,000 was contributed to community groups via the YOR4Good Fund.

Paul Ellenor, Regional Director – Yorkshire and the North East at Tilbury Douglas, commented: "This project represents our commitment to restoring and modernising historic buildings while ensuring they meet

today's standards of energy efficiency and comfort. We are thrilled to have completed the refurbishment of Caedmon Hall ready for the new academic year with no accidents, further underscoring our dedication to excellence."

Phil Shaw, Managing Director – Building North at Tilbury Douglas, added: "With decades of experience in the higher education sector, we understand the importance of delivering spaces that not only respect their historical significance but also enhance learning environments. Our team's expertise in heritage restoration and sustainable construction has ensured that Caedmon Hall is ready to serve Leeds Beckett University for many years to come."

Andy Allison, Acting Director of Estates and Facilities at Leeds Beckett University, said: "The refurbishment of Caedmon Hall has provided the Carnegie School of Education with a modern, sustainable space that enhances the student experience while preserving the building's rich heritage. We worked closely with Tilbury Douglas to ensure that the design fosters collaboration and innovation, supporting both teaching and research in an inclusive and energy-efficient environment. This project reflects our commitment to delivering exceptional facilities that inspire our students and staff, now and in the future."