

Press Release

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London Met's Students' Union opens new £1.2m home

- **London Met Students' Union move to new building with £1.2m investment**
- **Part of multi-million pound 'One Campus, One Community' investment**

Students and staff at London Met came together last week to celebrate the official opening of London Met Students' Union's (SU) vibrant new home in the Harglenis Building, located at the Islington campus.

The refurbished space, which used to house London Met's enquiries office, was made possible thanks to a £1.2 million investment from the University and marks a significant milestone in London Met's One Campus, One Community initiative.

The Harglenis Building has provided the Union with its very own stand-alone building for the first time in its history. In addition to state-of-the-art office spaces, meeting rooms and agile workstations, it also provides a new home for the University's student radio station Verve Radio.

Professor John Raftery, Vice Chancellor of London Met, said: "We were delighted to support the creation of our Students' Union's new home in the Harglenis Building. This investment represents a key part of our One Campus, One Community masterplan, which is designed to enhance the student experience and improve student outcomes.

"We are proud of the work of our Students' Union in representing and providing great services for our students and we want to ensure that they have the best possible environment to collaborate and enjoy student life here at London Met."

Project managers Overbury worked with colleagues from London Met and its Students' Union to ensure that Harglenis is fitted with the technology and facilities the SU team need to carry out their work. The building includes facilities such as digital screens, a kitchen, a stylish lobby area with gaming facilities, and a disabled restroom to ensure accessibility.

Tunde Toki, SU President and Officer for the Guildhall School of Business and Law, said: "We are so pleased with our new home! The new space has greatly strengthened the feeling of community among students and staff, as was demonstrated on Wednesday night at our official opening.

“It has been a pleasure to work with the University on such an impactful project that is enhancing the student experience and allowing us to work more effectively together.”

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About London Metropolitan University

London Metropolitan University has been providing education to people from all backgrounds since 1848, with the creation of the Metropolitan Evening Classes for Working Men. Six schools teach cutting-edge, relevant courses across the arts, sciences, business, law and humanities. Accelerator – London Met’s specialist business incubator – helps graduates get their enterprises up and running and was named among the Top Five ‘Most Active’ accelerators in Europe in 2015, highlighting its contribution to London’s booming start-up industry.

London Met is home to world-leading academics who regularly give expert comment to the media. The University scored well in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, being ranked 4th in the country for Area Studies and performing strongly in Education and Social Studies.

The University is strongly focused on employability. In 2017, London Met recorded its highest ever graduate employment score, with 95% of all 2016 graduates in work or further study six months after graduation. It was also ranked above all five Russell Group universities in London for teaching quality in 2016.

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