

NEWS RELEASE

Leeds Metropolitan University Expands Links into the Heart of the City

Leeds Metropolitan University, one of the largest in the UK, selected FibreSpan to provide a high bandwidth private circuit from the main university campus to a new faculty in the city centre.

The University's Institute of Communication Studies recently relocated its School of Film, Television and Performing Arts to the city centre landmark Electric Press building. As the Institute is one of the largest departments of its kind in British universities, the move called for a high bandwidth, dedicated communication link between the two buildings.

Due to the nature of the requirement, the client sought an unrestricted network and dark fibre was identified as the preferred technology. FibreSpan was selected as the most affordable and competitive solution, winning the contract against a BT LES proposition. What's more, the planning stages of the project uncovered the opportunity to connect a second university building in Queens Square that was en route.

Deploying this kind of network in what is the UK's largest metropolitan centre would be extremely difficult using traditional methods, however FibreSpan implemented an efficient and non-disruptive installation between the two buildings using its patent-pending technology. This not only enabled FibreSpan to present a competitively priced solution, but also meant that the deployment could take place within the time constraints.

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About FibreSpan - fibrespan.co.uk

FibreSpan is a fibre solutions company with a national telecommunications licence. It designs, installs, operates and leases private dark fibre circuits, working in partnership with health and education, local authorities and other multi-site organisations. Established in 2001, it is an independent UK national statutory utility, licensed by the DTI and regulated by Ofcom.

It is FibreSpan's goal to make fibre optic connectivity a viable solution for organisations throughout the UK. In order to achieve this, the company has invested in developing patent-pending microduct technology that is swiftly changing the face of fibre optic deployment – allowing access to bespoke dark fibre connectivity at an affordable and competitive rate.

FibreSpan offer an end-to-end service that includes consultation, network planning, rapid deployment and comprehensive support. Its dark fibre networks offer unlimited bandwidth at a fixed cost for the term of the contract - a genuinely future proof solution. This puts FibreSpan in a unique position to enable clients to have complete control of future bandwidth demand.

About University of Leeds – leeds.ac.uk

The University of Leeds is acclaimed worldwide for the quality of its teaching and research. One of the largest universities in the UK, Leeds is also the most popular among students applying for undergraduate courses. Its size and international reputation enables the University to offer one of the widest ranges of academic courses in the UK.

During the current academic year over 31,500 students are attached to 700 different first-degree programmes and 330 postgraduate degree programmes. A further 52,000 men and women are enrolled on short courses with the University.

The Institute of Communications is one of the largest departments of its kind in British universities, and runs a complete range of BA (Hons) course including Communications, New Media, Broadcasting and Broadcast Journalism (taught in association with the BBC).