

# EDGE

Introduction to EDGE

Higher education sector

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Building potential into reality.

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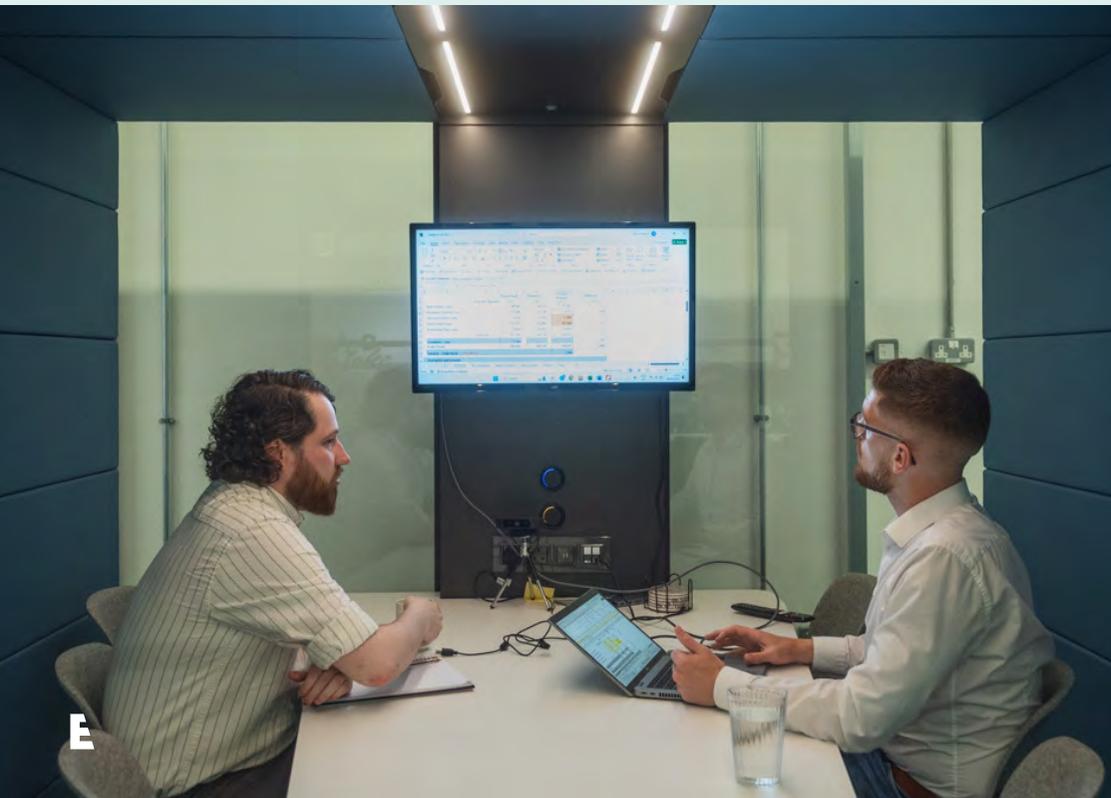
# Who we are



EDGE is a leading property and construction consultancy, with teams strategically positioned across the UK. We maximise potential within the built environment to advance sectors, places and people.

Our founders wanted to work differently. They broke away from corporate traditions to offer a refreshingly straightforward approach to the industry.

- Our team of experts share knowledge across sectors and adapt to meet project demands.
- Senior leaders remain hands-on, providing clients direct access to decades of invaluable experience.
- We deliver a quality service made possible by the best people the industry has to offer.
- Our forward-thinking culture advances projects, and positively impacts the world around us.



# EDGE in numbers

6

Offices providing national delivery

126

People delivering multi-disciplinary services

70+

Qualified professionals

92%

Staff retention (2023-2024)

£14.4M

Turnover (2023-2024)

80%

Of all commissions from repeat business

# Our standards

01. We assemble high-calibre teams of property and construction professionals, whose collective expertise yields the confidence and trust of our clients.

02. We deliver a distinctively agile service, by tailoring our approach to meet and exceed each projects' unique demands.

03. We forge dynamic and meaningful partnerships that underpin every step of the project lifecycle.

04. We create a culture of support and growth that benefits our people, our clients, and the communities around us.



# Our culture

At EDGE, our culture matters. We put teamwork and contemporary values first, yielding a deeper investment into project success. When our people thrive, so do our clients.

Sharing skills is key to our strength. We exchange ideas across all sectors, levels and offices to boost our efficiency. Collectively, we can overcome any complex challenge.

Our people learn from hands-on leaders. Clients have direct access to our decision-makers and their indispensable insights. By working as one, we all share workload and rewards.



# Capacity

## People delivering multi-disciplinary services



Cost  
Management

13 Directors

11 Associate Directors

12 Senior Cost Managers

13 Cost Managers

8 Trainee Cost Managers



Project  
Management

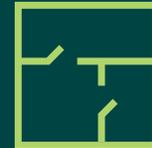
2 Directors

5 Associate Directors

14 Senior Project Managers

6 Project Managers

4 Assistant Project Managers



Building  
Surveying

1 Associate Director

4 Senior Building Surveyors

2 Building Surveyors

1 Assistant Building Surveyor



Advisory

1 Designer

2 Planners

1 Clerk of Works

2 Business Development  
Directors

Through our expanding regional capacity, we support the growth ambitions of our clients. Our cross-sector expertise ensures we provide a holistic service for our clients at local, regional and national levels.



# What we do



Our work impacts all aspects of society. We partner across the industry to optimise results; improving the performance of sectors, shaping the future of places, and enhancing the user experience.

### Sectors

Our director-led approach and deep sector knowledge enable us to develop tailored solutions to respond to unique challenges.

### Places

Applying our experience from one context to another encourages innovation and cooperation — resulting in creating improved, sustainable and landmark places.

### People

On every EDGE project, our approach is centred on delivering benefits for end users and key stakeholders.



# Sectors

EDGE operates across all principal sectors in the property and construction industry.

Automotive

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Aviation

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Central Government

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Commercial

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Culture & Heritage

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Defence

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Food & Drink Manufacturing

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Food Retail

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Health & Social Care

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Higher Education

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Schools & Further Education

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Industrial Manufacturing

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Infrastructure & Rail

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Leisure & Hospitality

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Local Authority

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Logistics & Distribution

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Residential

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Retail

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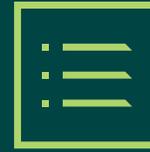
# Services

The high quality services we deliver are tailored to get the best fit for our client's, the projects, and their key stakeholders.



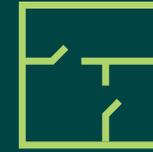
## Cost Management

Our diligent cost managers consider the key project objectives before considering project risk, best value and life cycle benefits.



## Project Management

As a critical friend, our project managers oversee your process from project inception to post-contract and post project evaluation duties.



## Building Surveying

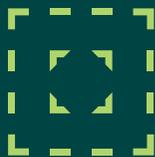
We'll help you navigate this complex landscape, from building conditions to health and safety ensuring compliance and providing you with confidence.



## Advisory

Our broad range of strategic advisory services supports the life cycle of a project and our empowers clients and their strategic decisions.

## Advisory Services



## Project planning

We develop comprehensive, tailored plans to deliver projects and programmes of work within specified timeframes.

# Frameworks

Securing compliant, cost-effective construction services is simpler with us. EDGE is already placed on 25 frameworks nationally, and can be accessed via these to advantage the wider public and private sectors.

**N** NATIONAL

**R** REGIONAL

**HE & LONDON SPECIFIC**

Aldi **R**

B&Q **N**

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council **R**

City of London **R**

Community Housing (Worcestershire & West Midlands) **R**

De Montfort University **R**

EN Procure (Yorkshire & Humberside/East Midlands) **R**

Football Foundation (PlayZones) **N**

Healthcare Planning, Construction Consultancy and Ancillary Services (HPCCAS) **N**

Innovation Chain North Framework (formally Great Places Housing Group) West and East **R**

LGSS Cambridge County Council **R**

London & Quadrant Housing Trust **R**

London Borough of Harrow **R**

London Borough of Lambeth **R**

London Construction Programme **R**

London Luton Airport **R**

London Procurement Partnership **R**

Manufacturing Technology Centre (MTC) **N**

Nottingham Trent University **R**

Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council **R**

PAGABO **N**

Procure Partnerships (North East, North West, Yorkshire, West Midlands, East Midlands, London) **N**

South East Consortium **N**

Taylor Wimpey **R**

Telford & Wrekin **R**

UK SBS Shared Services **N**

United Learning **N**

University Hospitals Nottingham NHS Trust **R**

University of Leeds **R**

University of Nottingham **R**

# Higher Education sector

Developing world-class campuses whilst meeting the current and future needs of faculties and the student community.

Supporting UK universities to future-proof facilities is part of our team's skillset. We provide flexibility to adapt to changing academic programmes and enhance estates for all users. Our high-quality, stimulating environments improve the learning experience and accommodate student growth.

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## Nottingham Trent University

Enterprise Innovation Centre  
New build four storey, 2,200m<sup>2</sup> office and conferencing facility. City centre site. EDGE led securing the ERDF funding bid deliverables for this project.

**£9M**  
construction value

**2200M<sup>2</sup>**  
office and conference facility

**10/10**  
client satisfaction

## Manufacturing Technology Centre

Advanced Manufacturing Training Centre.  
Campus expansion. Collaboration between University of Nottingham, University of Birmingham, University of Loughborough and The Welding Institute. Creation of classroom space, conferencing facilities apprentice training workshop, lecture theatre and research workshop. BREEAM 'Excellent'.

**250**  
seat lecture theatre

**£33M**  
construction value

## University of Reading

Refurbishment of the existing catering facility building and provide a new build extension for the arts department. Provision of enhanced student facilities, new art studios and alternative office space to enable greater flexibility

**£7.5M**  
construction value

## University of Leeds

Refurbishment of existing above and below ground service tunnels replacing the existing services to buildings and plant rooms in a series of phased works.

**£5M**  
construction value

## De Montfort University

Bede House. Alteration and refurbishment of a three storey development, for Estates, IT Services, External Relations and 12 teaching rooms.

**£3M**  
cost savings p/a

**12**  
teaching rooms

## University of Greenwich

Critical Care. Development of a critical care training facility with a functioning operating theatre suite which will be located on the campus. The facility will also provide an immersion room, anaesthetic/recovery, and prep room.

**£3M**  
Construction value

## University of Reading

Refurbishment of the existing Polly Vacher building on campus which will provide the university with enhanced student teaching, new sound studios and alternative office space for the Music department.

**£2M**

construction value

## University of Greenwich

Multi-disciplinary services, cost management/ project management/ employer's agent/ programme management/ governance advice. Various projects at Avery Southwood Campus. New build, refurbishment and estates strategy. Including MMC and DfMA.

**£15M**

combined construction value

## University of Leeds

Professional Services Framework  
Projects over £2.5m  
Cost Management Services  
Example projects: Fire safety and refurbishment of Brenner Building.

**4**

year framework

## Birmingham City University

Sports science refurbishment as part of the £5m investment at the Alexander Stadium to create new, innovative and bespoke learning and teaching spaces. The Stadium will house specialist facilities including biomechanics labs, an environmental chamber, and a nutrition kitchen, and spaces for significant growth in research and enterprise activity.

**£1.9M**

construction value

## University of Portsmouth

Conversion of an existing sports facility into a state of the art STEM laboratory for human and animal material studies including 4 DfMa laboratories, air showers, change facilities and ancillary space. £3m

**£3M**

construction value

**4**

DfMA laboratories

## Keele University

Digital Society Centre, also known as Keele in Town. Renovation of 19th Century property located in the heart of Newcastle-under-Lyme; into a mixed-use facility, providing an Eatery, student learning and study spaces alongside a 'Business Enterprise Hub'. Keele in Town will be the University's first facility based within the town centre of Newcastle. Cost and Project Management services

**£3M**

construction value

## Keele University

Clinical Skills and Simulation Suite. Development of new teaching provision and facility at the main campus. EDGE provided cost and project management services.

**£4M**

construction value

## Wolverhampton University

Walsall campus refurbishment project. NEC Project Management services for the refurbishment of the Sister Dora & William Penny Brookes Buildings. The Sister Dora buildings work entails a cosmetic refurbishment including new flooring, partitions, redecoration, upgrades to M&E and IT/AV equipment.

**£2.14M**

construction value

## Nottingham Trent University

Belgrave Post Grad refurbishment. Project management services for the refurbishment of the Postgraduate Centre on the City Campus, Nottingham Trent International College & the conversion of the previously occupied Potter Clarkson Solicitors neighbouring the Post Graduate Centre.

**£9M**

construction value

## University of Sheffield

Goodwin Sport Centre Multidisciplinary services including cost and project management and building surveying. The project consisted of a refurbishment and wholesale M&E changes to an existing University fitness gymnasium, which aimed to enhance the overall student experience. Project included full internal fit-out. We liaised with the end user stakeholder group to identify space optimisation.

**£2.5M**

construction value

## Manchester Metropolitan University

Cost management services for the Birley Hill decarbonisation project. The Birley Energy Centre provides heating and electricity to various campus buildings and halls of residences. This project's primary focus is to transition the Energy Centre from gas-fired heat generation to electric heat pumps, which will drastically reduce carbon emissions across campus and improve air quality.

**2**

Year programme

**£6M**

construction value

**27%**

overall reduction in gas use target

## University of Durham

Refurbishment of Holliday building on the Durham University Queens Campus to create new teaching, seminar, study, and administration spaces.

**£3.4M**

construction value

# Social value



# Social value

At EDGE, our work benefits our clients, empowers communities and strengthens local economies. We achieve exceptional outcomes for the areas in which we live and work.

Our personable approach means that we take time to understand what is important to our clients and their communities. We listen so we can maximise social, economic and environmental benefits, whilst delivering projects.

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## Passion and enthusiasm

Giving back is part of our identity and is embedded throughout EDGE. All employees, at all levels, across all disciplines are encouraged and enabled to get involved in community events. We allocate two volunteer days per person, per year, supporting our people to get involved and be embedded in their local communities.



Volunteering at Hospitals Charity Shop.



Volunteering at Cash for Kids HQ. Organising and packaging gifts collected by local community groups and grass root organisations. The gifts went to 17,000 children.



Volunteering at Emmanuel House, Homeless Shelter.

### Tailored commitments

Across all sectors, our projects bring opportunities to realise social value. We explore these and turn them into tailored project commitments. Working with our clients and engaging with communities, we listen to their priorities and aspirations so that we can leave a lasting legacy.



Careers fair at local for academy trust

### Ownership and responsibility

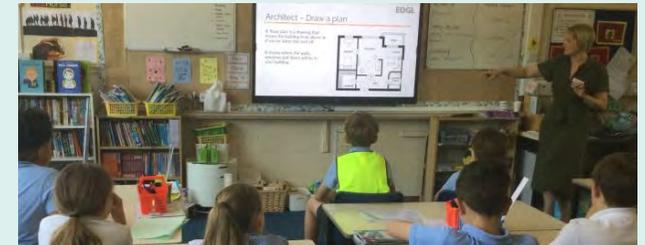
Ensuring social value strategies and commitments are driven throughout delivery, our internal social value leads and champions support our project leads. Our approach is mandated by the Social Value Act, but it has grown into something far more personable and proactive, which we are very proud of.



Children's Charity, Christmas Party

### Measuring and reporting

Making it easier to record social value activity and outcomes, and to demonstrate the effectiveness of our approach to our clients, we have implemented an internal social value platform. EDGEImpact is used across all EDGE offices and is accessible to all.



Primary school visit as part of their careers week. We delivered an interactive session on the various roles and responsibilities in construction.



Museum Trust, gardening project at Blakesley Hall.

# Sustainability and net zero carbon

Business level: EDGE has committed to becoming Net Zero by 2040. Our progress and contributing initiatives are all recorded in our Carbon Reduction Plan.

Project level: We Identify, measure and reduce environmental and ecological impacts relevant to our activities at project level. Ensuring quality decarbonisation projects requires a combination of strategic planning, rigorous execution, and continuous monitoring. Decarbonisation initiatives on highways and infrastructure projects can be complex and often involve multidisciplinary teams, technical innovations, and regulatory considerations.

Net Zero Carbon review plans establish environmental targets, the steps required to ensure their delivery and the accountable action owners. Including stakeholders and environmental specialists encourages the identification of practical and innovative solutions.



## Sheffield Housing Company

Phase 5B, Malthouses  
Project Value: £12m  
New build housing comprising of 97 new build houses. Challenging ground and site conditions. This project trialled a sample of 80% full net zero carbon housing to assess the performance and latest technologies aligned with the requirements of the Future Home Standards.

**2000**

homes

**20**

sites

**6**

phases

**10**

year partnership

## University of Leeds

EDGE helped to develop a bespoke reporting system to demonstrate the pound per carbon saved. The graphical representation allows the University to make decisions based their chosen driver. For example, financial considerations or carbon performance. It can be used across the projects included in the scheme, to effectively and efficiently decide on the best decarbonisation initiatives for the programme.

**£150M**

construction value

## Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals

EDGE has recently developed, alongside the design team, a net zero carbon review plan. We are providing Cost Management services for two major new build developments at Royal Victoria Hospital. Within the review plan we have set a schedule of casts aligned to each sustainable design element to enable the optimal solution to be delivered, e.g. PV panels and ground source heat pumps.

## Siemens Mobility

EDGE has developed a Carbon Cost Plan to support the design phase, helping the client achieve Net Zero goals and secure LEED accreditation. By evaluating design options alongside their carbon costs, the plan identifies the most cost-effective, sustainable solutions. Contractors will continue updating the embodied carbon modelling to ensure ongoing alignment with these objectives.

**£100M**

construction value

## Mitchells & Butlers

We are driving energy savings for this hospitality giant by rolling out a national solar programme for over 200 properties. It is predicted that for each site fitted with PV panels in one financial year, 1.8m kWh of electricity will be saved from non-renewable sources. This equates to more than 1,250 tonnes of CO2 equivalent, enough to power 500+ average homes for a year. Some locations in London and the south include, Windsor, Victoria, O2 Arena and Moore Street.

**200+**

properties

**£25M**

construction value

## Manchester Metropolitan University

EDGE is providing cost management services for the replacement of old, end-of-life fossil fuel boilers and a redundant combined heat and power unit. The decarbonisation of the Birley Fields Energy Centre is a major step towards our carbon reduction goals

**27%**

overall reduction in gas use target

**£6.5M**

construction value

**2**

year programme

# What our clients say about us...



"I appointed EDGE as project managers for our prestigious project to create a new Postgraduate Centre for the university. Unjulee Karadia, Director and lead project manager, managed the project in a professional manner and delivered the project, on time, within budget and to the right quality. This was a slightly different way of delivering refurbishment projects that I introduced at NTU, and the whole team adapted to this new approach.

Unjulee was excellent in undertaking this task by bringing the team together, dealing with any issues with a calm collaborative approach. At the end of the project all team members valued and appreciated this new approach which will be replicated on other projects.

I am pleased with the end product and we have received many positive comments from Staff and Postgraduate students and the project has been a success on all fronts."

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Umesh Desai  
Head of Estates  
Nottingham Trent University



"Very pleased to be working with you and we look forward to a continuing working relationship – thanks for all your hard work. Its very much appreciated."

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Adele Brooks  
Head of Projects  
University of Greenwich



"EDGE handled all aspects of the Point project with considerable professionalism. Their firm but diplomatic approach to dealing with issues was particularly appreciated. They approached the project with flexibility and went above and beyond our expectations in helping us address snagging and defects."

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Ceri Davies  
Chief Executive Officer  
Nottingham Trent Student Union

# Principal contacts

Our principal contacts are always happy to talk.

Get in touch and let's have a conversation.



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