

Reference: FOI 25008

Details of the request:

1. Do you have a physical space, centre or hub that supports student and graduate enterprise, for example start-ups, pre incubation, incubation enterprise programmes?
2. If yes, when was it established and what is it called? What are the opening hours? How is it staffed? What were the set up costs? What facilities, equipment, desk, or office space is available to them?
3. Please provide usage reports on footfall during the last six academic years (from 2018-19 to 2023-24). Please include (if available) the profile of students who used the facility (gender, ethnicity, programmes of study, year of study etc).
4. Any analysis (including metrics and/or anecdotal comments on whether a physical space has positively contributed to increase in student interest in enterprise, increased number of start-ups or otherwise).

Summary

LSBU is able to supply **all** of the information request.

The information (or links to the information if it is already published) set out below.

LSBU is able to supply **part** of the information requested.

The information (or links to the information if it is already published) set out below, together with the reason for the partial response.

LSBU is unable to supply any of the information requests.
Reasons set out below.

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Details of our response:

Exemption:

Exemption	Applied?	Rationale
Section 21 – information already reasonably accessible		
Section 22 – information intended for future publication		
Section 22A – research information		
Sections 30 and 31 – investigations and prejudice to law enforcement		
Section 40(2) – personal information		
Section 43 – trade secrets and prejudice to commercial interests		

Response:

- Yes
- The space opened in 2013/14 and was funded by a donation.
It is now known as the South Bank Works. The space is open Monday – Friday, 8am – 9pm.
Individuals are granted access to the room via the university security system by the LSBU Start-Up Manager or another member of the Enterprise Team; after signing an agreement to a set of conditions regarding the use of space.
The space is not staffed except during LSBU enterprise organised events including: masterclasses, workshops, mentorship appointments, and socials/networking opportunities.
The space is furnished with an assortment of tables and chairs (seating for approx. 30-50 individuals), TV screens with technology hook-ups for presentations, power plugs, day-use lockers, and a small conference room.
- N/A – use of footfall is not tracked and reported on; individuals with access to the space may come and go independently.
- N/A – not recorded/not held

If you wish to request a review, please set out in writing your reasons and send it within 2 months of the date of this letter to the Group Chief People and Legal Officer, London South Bank University, 103 Borough Road, London, SE1 0AA. We will aim to carry out the review within 20 working days, or in exceptional circumstances within 40 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the review decision, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner whose contact details can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>