

**Associated Architects  
Universities**

**The School of Jewellery, Birmingham  
Birmingham City University**

**Brief**

The School occupied a former Jewellery works of 1861, extended in 1911, and expansion had led to displacement of facilities to another site. In 1989 the University acquired an adjoining site, and Associated Architects was commissioned to prepare a design for redevelopment and expansion of the School to offer modern University standards. The project was also to provide a public resource for the trade and visitors to the Jewellery Quarter.

**Solution**

The two Grade II listed buildings have been altered and incorporated into a unified scheme with an atrium surrounded by studios. The project successfully integrates design and making in a contemporary environment combining the best of the old with new elements. Highly serviced workshops have been isolated to allow the majority of the building to be naturally lit and ventilated, allowing views of the activity within from the street. This world class facility has received international attention and is cited by the City of Birmingham as an urban regeneration exemplar.



**Client:** BirminghamCity University  
**Project Value:** £3.8 million  
**Completion Date:** 1994

**Awards:**  
Civic Trust Award 1996  
RIBA Architecture Award 1995

**Publications:**  
Birmingham Jewellery Quarter: Architectural Survey of the Manufactories English Heritage 2002.  
Architect's Journal 23 March 1995

