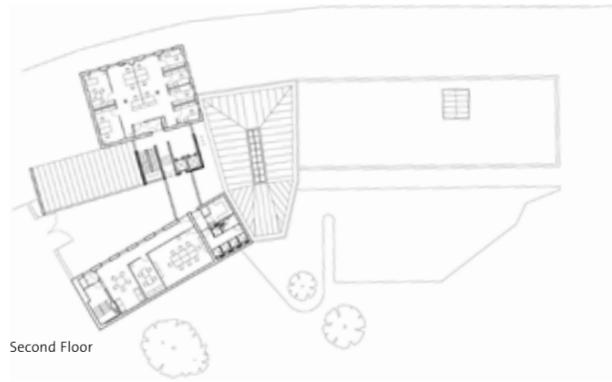
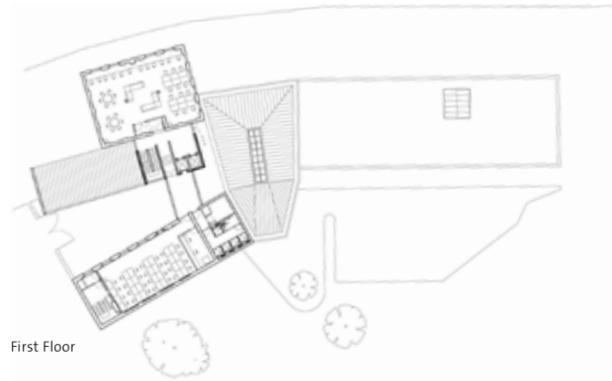


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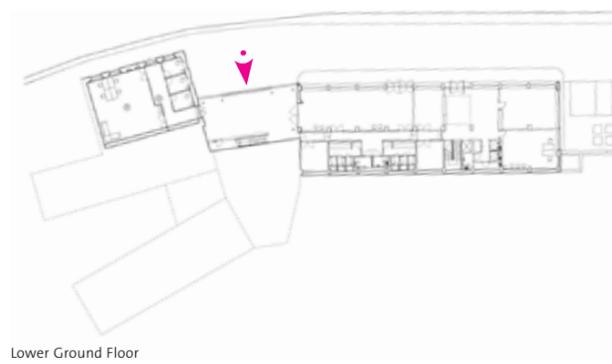
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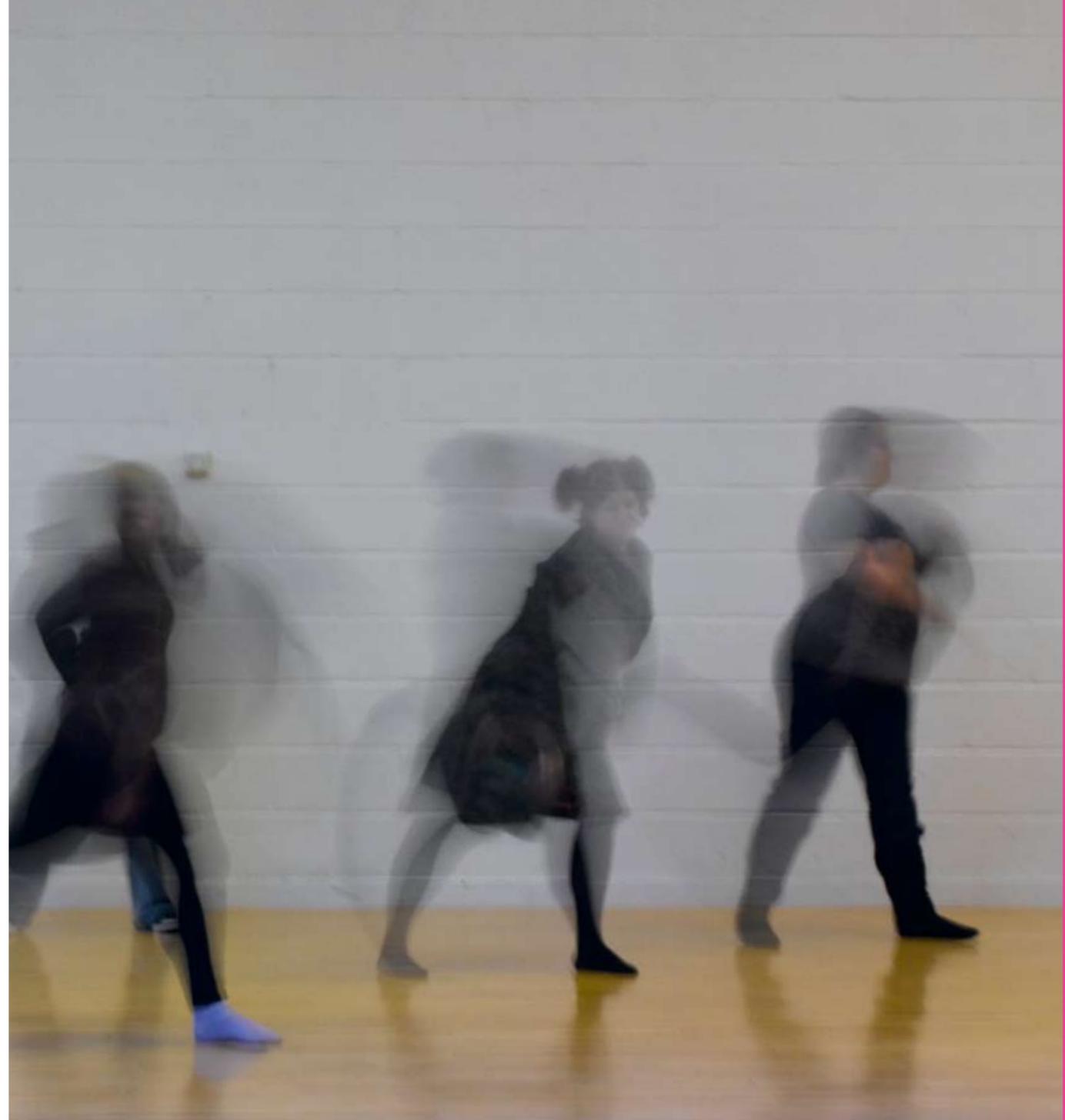
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2,800 m<sup>2</sup>  
£3.6 million  
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Above:  
The slots of space between the existing buildings provide access to the hub and become mews type spaces animated by the studios and teaching spaces on either side.

Left:  
The distinctive roof form marks the hub of the new faculty and provides the college with a strong identity.

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University Centre is a coming together of the creative arts departments of the University of Greenwich and Canterbury Christ Church University onto a new campus /entity and based in Folkestone's Old Town Quarter

The University is an anchor tenant in the arts led transformation of the Old Town area of Folkestone an initiative by The Creative Foundation, a not-for-profit charitable trust under the chairmanship of Roger De Haan CBE.

Originally the home of Folkestone Glassworks, three desperately laid out buildings, have been substantially refurbished and fitted out to provide rehearsal spaces and studio accommodation for dance, music and creative media studios together with administrative and staff accommodation.

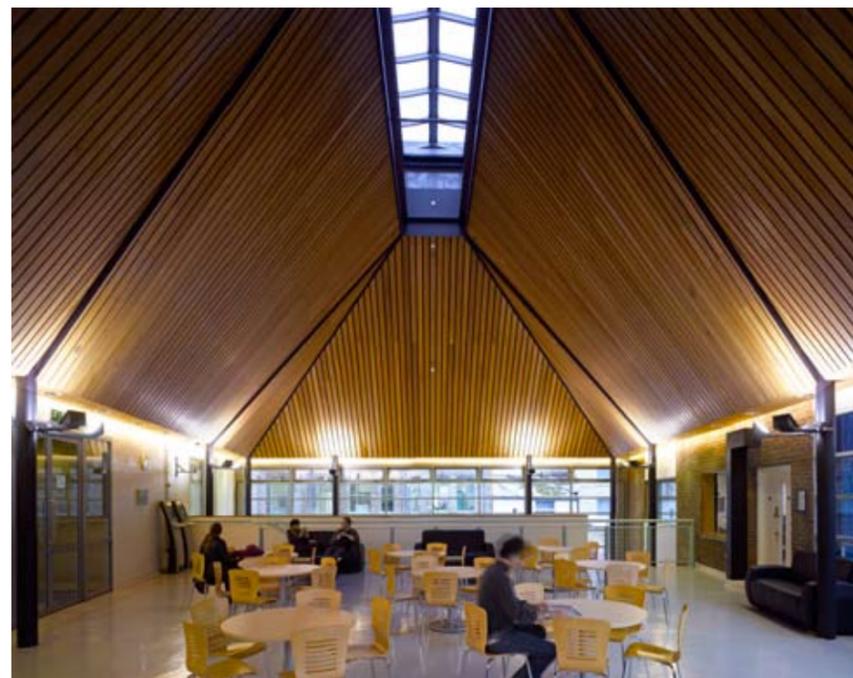
The three wings have been stitched together by a new, hub element beneath a visually distinctive and top-lit roof supported above, and marking, the principle entrance to the faculty. This new building also provides the breakout and exhibition spaces for the facility, lifts, stairs and toilets making it the vibrant and dynamic hub of the new faculty.

Retaining existing buildings and reinvigorating them with new uses is the most sustainable way we have of using our existing building stock. The introduction of this new and dynamic facility also sustains the local community and acts as a catalyst for the transformation and regeneration of the Old Town around it.

**'Our home – a beautifully-refurbished former Glassworks – is now an exciting place to be, with many creative artists choosing to re-locate here and a burgeoning programme of year-round arts activity filling the town's streets and theatres.**

**We live right in the heart of the Creative Quarter – the main area of regeneration and there's an exciting mix of creative businesses on our doorstep - from film-makers to florists, ceramicists to street theatre - giving students a lively culture to enjoy and a rich artistic resource to learn from.'**

University Centre Folkestone



Left: Natural daylight filters into this uplifting space from a roof-light that crowns this soaring timber lined space. Linking the three accommodation wings together the hub also provides access from the Old Town from three directions and at two levels making it the true heart of the new faculty and a natural focus and gathering point for university life.

Right: Huge door panels slide back to reveal large windows into one of the rehearsal spaces animating the mews and enabling passers by to become engaged in the activities of the University. Sliding the windows open allows the college to spill out into the public mews for performances and events.



Above: Bringing the warehouses back into useful life is the most sustainable way we have of using our existing stock of buildings. Introducing north-lights maximises the use of soft north light free from solar gains.

Elsewhere in the complex 'black box' spaces enable rehearsals to take place injecting life and activity into what had been storage areas.