



First Direct Arena Leeds

Location

Leeds

Client

Leeds City Council

Main contractor

BAM Construction

Engineer

Arup

Architect

Populous

Tonnage

4,000

Completion date

May 2012

You can't miss the First Direct Arena, its stand-out honeycomb design and changing, light up exterior make it a sight to behold. Located in Leeds City Centre, on a 5.1 acre Clay Pit Lane site, the 13,500 capacity arena provides the UK with live entertainment, staging more than 140 events a year.

Since opening in 2013, the First Direct Arena has hosted a number of impressive artists, including Sir Elton John, Fleetwood Mac, Miley Cyrus and Mumford and Sons.

To help deliver what is now one of Leeds' own landmarks, our teams worked over a 44 week programme. This involved providing the connection design, fabrication and erection for the 4,000 tonnes of structural steelwork incorporated into the structure, 80 percent of which is coated in intumescent fire protection paint. We also used our Seversafe offload handling system for the secure unloading of steelwork delivered to site, contributing to an excellent health and safety performance - something we're exceptionally passionate about.