

# Poole 'co-working and play space' to open in New Year

A multimillion-pound co-working and social space being built in Poole is on track to open in the New Year, according to the owners of the property.

The £3m "work-play space" – called Foundry – will open in the Dolphin Shopping Centre in early 2023 and will have room for 250 people. It will be split over two levels and will include serviced offices; a members' lounge; bar area; and meeting rooms. The workspace will also run a programme of events.

Foundry is a joint initiative between the Dolphin Centre owners and Legal and General Investment Management Real Assets (LGIM). The reception is located on the first floor of the shopping centre, opposite the stairway to the library.

Adam Walker, co-founder of Foundry, said the space would be a place that "celebrates Poole" and would have "nods" to the local community throughout the building.

He said: "It is a really exciting time as the build of Foundry continues to progress, and we're now in the position to be able to share what our team has been busy creating for the aspirational business community of Poole." He added: "We are creating an aspirational and vibrant workplace that people are proud to work from that reflects the pride that locals feel for the town."

Foundry Poole is one of two sites currently in the pipeline, with Walthamstow in east London set to open next summer. The first Foundry site opened in Eastbourne earlier this year at LGIM's centre, The Beacon.

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