

The Manchester College Construction and Refurbishment Harpurhey Baths Upcycled

Section 1 About the project

Summary

The Manchester College upcycled a derelict Grade 2 listed building, designed by the illustrious architect Henry Price (1910), to create a successful multi-use facility raising community engagement and student participation in north Manchester. The project regenerated an important landmark from Manchester's Victorian heritage as a northern gateway to the city.

Project partners

The Manchester College – Property & Facilities Management Department
Walker Simpson Architects
Manchester City Council
North Manchester Regeneration
English Heritage

Section 2 The results

The problem

To redevelop and save a building which was at risk of demolition and preserve the Victorian heritage for the community.

To provide a multi-use space for the community to promote community cohesion

Enhance the student experience of learners at the college through high quality facilities and learning environments which complement the building facilities

The approach

The Manchester College's facilities and property management team formed a partnership with the regeneration team at Manchester City Council, English Heritage and Walker Simpson Architects.

The Harpurhey Baths Upcycled project was the second phase of a wider college initiative to support local regeneration plans. Phase 1 delivered the RIBA / LSC award winning 500 place North Manchester Sixth Form (NMSF) and a public library. This combined facility offers a broad A-Level curriculum and vocational curriculum.

The second phase of the project met further academic and community demand with a multi-use building and community garden.

The redevelopment of the baths involved sympathetic restoration and retention of key listed features including the entrance block and chimney. A minimal amount of demolition work was required, alongside remodeling of first and second class male baths to make them fit for purpose.

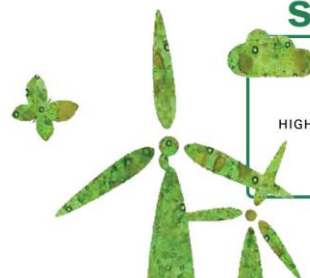


Profile – The Manchester College

- General Further Education College
- 80,000 students including Distance Learning, Offender Learning, Full Time and Part Time Learning
- 5000 staff
- Urban area

Category supported by





Our goals

- Provide high quality facilities for students at The Manchester College
- Support local regeneration in north Manchester
- Retain a key part of Manchester's Victorian heritage
- Provide a facility for the community to support community cohesion
- Ensure that the project met high environmental standards – through reducing carbon footprint, increasing energy efficiency and improving bio-diversity.

Performance and results

- Improved links within the community – food grown on site is used at community events.
- Improved biodiversity on the site – more native wildlife on site e.g. Sparrows and butterflies
- Improved student behavior – less disciplinary interventions
- Increased access to curriculum offer
- Improved amenities for the community – access to large multi-use space in the local area
- Facilities support for litter collection reduced by 30%
- Increased revenue of £902k from 345 additional enrolments at the college
- Savings on food produce grown at the site
- Lease agreement with Moston Active Drama (MAD) provides value to the college assisting with the development of TMC performing arts provision increasing learner recruitment
- Energy savings within the Sixth form centre achieved through the generation of power by the PV installations
- Building used as a flagship regeneration scheme by Manchester City Council at MIPIM the international property conference in Cannes
- Building shortlisted for a RIBA design award in 2011
- Building has a BREEAM rating of very good

Section 3 The future

What has it meant to your institution to be a Green Gown Award finalist?

Reaching the final of this prestigious award would be an amazing achievement for The Manchester College, but the real winners are the residents of Harpurhey. The positive publicity is helping to paint a positive picture of a community that has recently struggled with negative media attention but is, in fact, improving dramatically year on year.

Further information

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