

Belfast Met – Millfield Campus

A 'thriving hub' for Belfast Met

£25m

/ Project value

March 2000

/ The build commenced

August 2003

/ The build was completed

Consolidating Belfast Met's physical presence in the city, the Millfield Campus is a "thriving hub" where "people acquire work-ready skills". Developed by the Northwin Consortium (GRAHAM, Farrans and Braidwater Enterprises) as part of a Public Private Partnership programme, the modern 20,360m² educational campus opened its doors in 2002 following a 30-month construction scheme. Accommodating approximately 3,000 full and part time students annually, it comprises two five-storey teaching blocks and a two-storey engineering block, with associated car parking and a landscaped courtyard. Specialist trades training areas, sports facilities and an onsite cafeteria are further notable features of the campus "in the heart" of Belfast. Funding was provided by the Bank of Scotland, and the concession period is for 25 years.

The brief

Belfast Met, the largest and longest established further and higher education college in Northern Ireland, required a state-of-the-art campus to help meet the demands of a "modern day curriculum". Supported by the Department for Employment and Learning, and through the procurement vehicle of a PPP, Northwin Consortium was appointed to design, build, finance and operate the property.



"We pride ourselves on the range and standard of our facilities."

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The challenges

Since opening, we have continually supported the evolution of the campus to ensure it is capable of facilitating competing stakeholder requirements, while responding to future market needs. In our role as the Total FM provider, we have completed a range of minor works projects, which were all completed in compliance with agreed programme, cost and quality specifications. Some of these include the creation of a renewable energy workshop, the conversion of the staffroom into four offices, the installation of computer benching and under desk storage space, and the modification of offices to establish a new Head of Department area.

The solution

The Millfield Campus exemplifies Belfast Met's commitment to "provide high quality, accessible and sustainable infrastructure" to support the needs of all of its learners. The Northwin Consortium delivered this mature PPP project on budget. It was also handed over on time to coincide with the commencement of the academic year. Based in the heart of the city, the campus contains a multitude of classroom and specialist facilities, including an audio recording studio, a TV Studio, and specialist trades workshops. GRAHAM FM continues to provide Total Facilities Management at the campus, supporting the college in achieving its Key Enabler to "unlock and maximise the value of the estate" through rationalisation and improved space utilisation. Among the core tasks are the completion of all planned and reactive building fabric, mechanical and electrical maintenance services and installations, janitorial, 24/7/365 helpdesk services, and the management of minor works.

Outputs & Benefits

- Cost saving efficiencies:** As part of this mature PPP, we have delivered a range of cost saving and value engineering measures e.g. the installation of de-stratification fans to circulation and high ceilinging areas to save on heating consumption
- Efficient delivery:** The project was delivered on budget and on time for the new intake of students at the commencement of the academic year
- Learner satisfaction:** In 2019, Belfast Met scored a 95% Satisfaction Rate amongst FE Learners
- Investment in local community:** We are providing local employment opportunities, as well as utilising local suppliers, through the development and implementation of long term partnership agreements



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