

Case Study

Hypostyle Office

Client: Hypostyle Architects
Location: Glasgow
Value: £35,000
Timescale: 8 weeks



Challenge

Hypostyle Architects wanted to convert the basement of their existing offices in a Georgian townhouse to extend available office space for their team, in addition to installing a glazed balustrade in the main internal reception area. The project was to take place over 8 weeks while the practice was fully functioning and occupied during office hours with a full complement of staff.

Prior to the beginning of the project, the basement did not have a defined floor, consisting only of subsoil: in addition to working in a live environment, this would be the first major challenge facing Pacific Building in this project.

Approach

Well versed in working in live environments, and keen to ensure that disruption to the Hypostyle team was kept at a minimum, Pacific Building formulated a shift pattern encompassing weekend working, in addition to utilising construction methods designed to minimise the dust and noise created by the works.

Following the addition of a damp proof course to the basement, Pacific Building added a concrete floor to ensure a high quality, solid foundation for the remainder of the works. The concrete was brought into the building over one weekend, when access to the basement could be easily gained through the offices above, before being laid and left to set during working hours, ensuring that no inconvenience was caused to Hypostyle staff.

Once the concrete works were completed, Pacific Building created offices, a print room, server room, tea and coffee preparation area and a toilet in the basement space, to specifications of the highest standard, as the conversion would be an on-site example of Hypostyle's own work.

The manufacture and installation of a bespoke glazed balustrade in the internal reception area again took place out of hours, and the production of high end workmanship was delivered to the client with minimum disruption and the greatest of impact.

Results

Pacific Building completed all works to a high standard and to the client's exact specifications.

Hypostyle Architects were delighted with the results produced, and the team were able to work throughout the duration of the project without any detrimental effect on their work. Pacific Building has since worked in collaboration with Hypostyle Architects on a number of successful projects, and we continue to deliver above and beyond expectation.