

Brixton Leisure Centre



Client Requirements

The building, constructed in the 1980's required significant improvements within a limited budget. Modernising it would upgrade and extend provision for the local community. The rationale to support the refurbishment was that better facilities would raise levels of participation and increase income to provide financial sustainability.

Background

Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) took over the operation of the centre on behalf of Lambeth Council. CREATEABILITY assisted GLL to construct a realistic and achievable schedule for the work required. This necessitated a 16-week initial period of centre closure during which works to the ground floor were completed to provide an operation reception area, café and crèche. It was followed by work in individual zones screened off from public access with the majority of the centre remaining open thus minimising loss of revenue. The entire programme lasted 8 months in total.



Construction phase

Mathew Boardman, GLL's Regional Manager for the Lambeth Partnership says "this was a major project and the logistics of moving activities around so the centre could remain open was a concern in terms of site security.

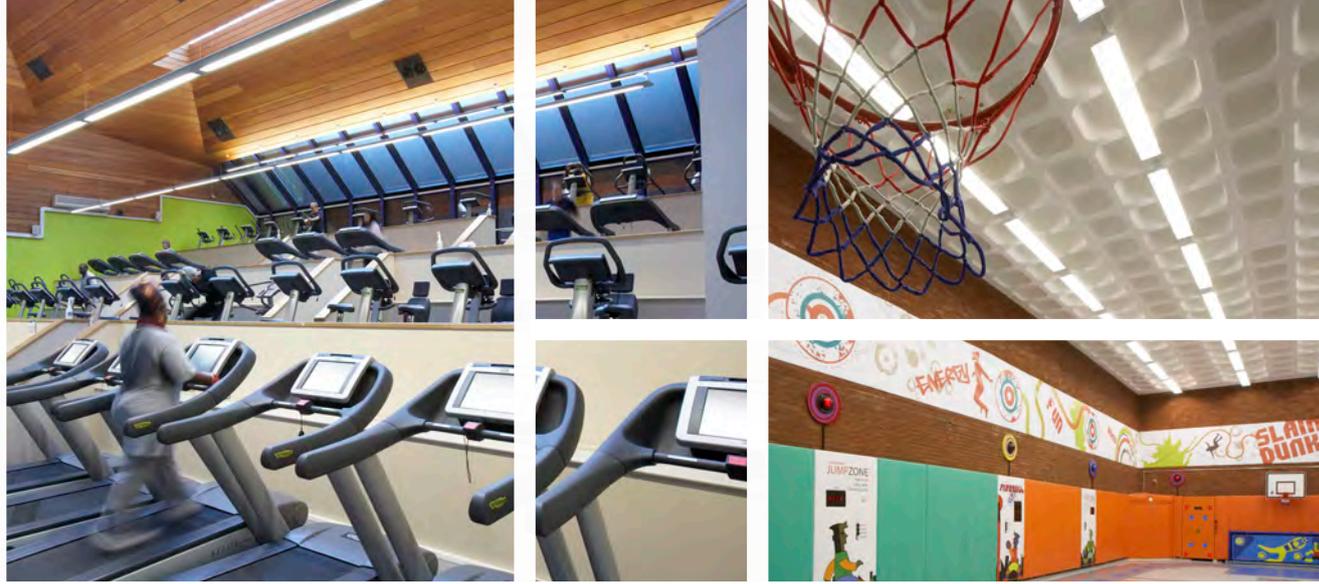
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This was partly because of the number of subcontractors involved also the fact that the building was being used by the public with on-going phased openings of the renewed areas. However, such concerns proved to be unfounded. CREATEABILITY'S on site communication was particularly good and as a result no real problems arose".

After the period of closure for the completion of the ground floor; two areas were improved on the floor above. Children's activities were upgraded; soft play and a play structure were added. In the pool area new team and wet side changing, poolside showers and steam and sauna were created. The top two floors were dedicated to fitness.

Results

"The refurbishment has made a huge difference, resulting in an exceptional improvement in the fabric of the building, which has created a totally different and very positive ambiance. To date we have met income and participation targets".

Contract value: £2.85m
Contract Length: 52 Weeks

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