

Busy in Edinburgh

Following our recent success in the East of Scotland, here are two projects that we have recently completed for Edinburgh University



Porter's Lodge

The works consisted of building a new concrete access ramp with metal railings. This included structural alterations to alter

the layout in order to allow disabled access to rooms. Work was completed inside of the building involving M&E, fire alarm system, lighting, disabled toilet facilities and decoration.



Alison House

The project comprised of removing the existing access lift and temporary ramp followed by the associated installation of a DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) compliant ramp.

A new opening was formed in the existing stone wall to allow access for a new steel frame structure, metal floor plates with glass balustrade and a stainless steel supporting handrail. All existing metal railings surrounding the building were removed and replaced with new compliant railings.



Our New Edinburgh Office

We have opened an office in Edinburgh to accommodate our growing business demand in the East of Scotland.

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A review of recent projects

We're extremely proud of the standard of work we are achieving



Whyte and Mackay – Fettercairn Distillery

The project works comprised of demolition and alteration to existing Tun Rooms within the Fettercairn Distillery.



Whyte and Mackay - St Vincent's Plaza

St Vincent Plaza is a lovely designed modern building located in Glasgow city centre. It is a giant commercial hub full of modern office accommodation. akp completed fit out works.

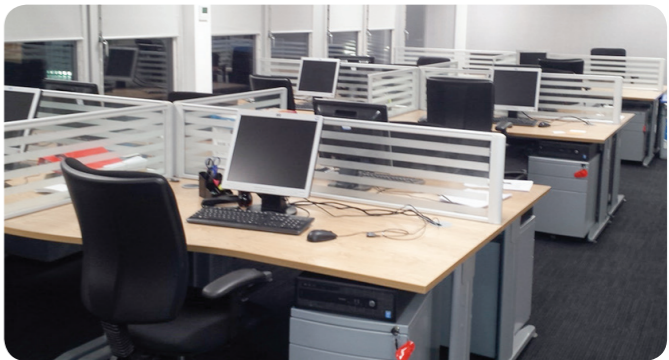
Crosbie Towers Troon

Akp Scotland was employed by Postage Stamp Properties to carry out this exciting redevelopment of the Grade A Crosbie Towers in Troon along with the addition of 6 new build apartments.



Greenhill Primary School

The Works comprised of internal alterations to the northwest leg of the School.



SPT - Buchanan Bus Station

The project involved the refurbishment of the SPT offices on the first and second floor in a very busy Buchanan bus station.

Other completed AKP projects

- HMP Low Moss Prison
- 226 West George Street
- St Columba's Primary School, Bathgate
- 1 West Regent Street
- Skypark SP1

Contract award

Registers of Scotland has appointed akp Scotland to fit out their office accommodation at St Vincent Plaza, Glasgow.

Waste re-purposed

Akiko Kobayashi (Architect)

Having previously worked for Populous (London) and Lee Boyd (Edinburgh) I am now working freelance and often as a sub-consultant to larger architectural practices who want elements of community involvement in the design and execution of their projects.



As an architect there are three ways in which contractors have supported various community projects that I have been involved with: by donating new materials, by giving physical on site assistance/expertise and through allowing us to reclaim waste materials for us to reuse. For the latter approach, in Edinburgh we are also able to reclaim materials from Fringe venues who invariably have a pile of materials at the end of August (CLS, plywood sheets, astroturf etc.) that have only been used for one month to create enclosures and temporary public areas. Whilst this is a reliable source, it only happens seasonally, so building relationships with year-round construction sites is valuable for my way of working. I hope also that the benefit to contractors is also clear – namely material being diverted from the skip and a sense of

connection with the local context through having been able to contribute to nearby community projects.

I came across AKP as they are currently working on an office fitout within the building in which our studio is based. So far, we have been able to obtain pallets, cable reels and old furniture which at the moment has gone to two specific projects less than a mile away.

One of the projects is a junk playground set in a community garden. This is on 'meanwhile land' where the Council are allowing temporary use of the brownfield site until development commences. The junk playground consists of loose materials (cable reels, tyres, timber, milk crates, rope etc), an approach that is increasingly seen in primary schools across Scotland, which allows children more open-ended play such as den-building and making up their own games. Parents who are tending their allotment plots find that the children are much happier spending longer lengths of time on site now that they have their own activities to get on with.

Such meanwhile projects are becoming more common on both Local Authority owned and privately owned sites, so there are lots of opportunities for contractors to get involved at a grassroots level, possibly giving them an edge when it comes to tendering for contracts once permanent development gets going.

Waste materials are of course sometimes available from organisations like Community Wood Recycling. We don't yet have one up and running in Edinburgh, and at the moment, as a community architect I enjoy being able to broker direct relationships between contractors and community projects. Some of these local initiatives are for organisations that are scaling up and may one day want to develop permanent homes for their activities. Working in this way of redirecting materials and getting involved in temporary/local projects is therefore beneficial for both consultants and contractors alike – we all know that building these relationships is a long game, so it makes sense to contribute to low-budget projects that do both social good and environmental good along the way.

Cairns and Lainshaw Visits

Young construction workers in the making! akp had a photoshoot with East Ayrshire Council to promote the new builds. The staff and children were excited at their new development.



Lainshaw Early Childhood Centre



Cairns Early Childhood Centre

Stay Safe

To help highlight pupil safety at St Columba's School, a monitor was appointed to ensure no one goes onto the construction site for health and safety purposes.

