

Building Pride

akp Scotland Newsletter



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akp readys for 30th Anniversary Celebrations

Martin McColl is welcomed to the team as Operations Director



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akp under the microscope

Variety as they say, is the spice of life and 2019 at akp has seen just that with contracts delivered ranging from soft play centres to multi million pounds laboratories to fire & rescue headquarters.

akp pride themselves on delivering projects not only to a high standard of workmanship, but place a similar importance on ensuring clients and design teams receive an enhanced level of customer service and contract management across all aspects of a projects, including handover and aftercare. This is clearly demonstrated by the 65% client retention figure which akp enjoyed in 2019.

Approaching its 30th year in January 2020, akp has weathered the challenges that the construction sector has been faced with, having been proud to say that they remained profitable all the way through the recession, bar one year, where a small loss was made, however they cut their cloth accordingly and made it out the other side emerging stronger than ever.

Managing Director Ian McEwan, a self confessed "Frustrated Architect" at heart still approaches projects

with the same ethos as he did back in 1990, which is to take his interest in design and project management and apply it to construction and contracting.

Ian is accompanied on the board by Directors Martin Rowley and Martin McColl whom both bring their own very specific set of skills; Mechanical & Electrical expertise and Health & Safety and Operations respectively.

Having listened carefully over the years to design teams and clientele the strategic decision to position themselves with a strong emphasis on Operations and Customer Satisfaction was an obvious choice.

In today's marketplace akp place a heightened level of importance on these 2 subjects. This is required due to the ever diminishing timeframes and programme constraints which place an ever increasing importance on operative health & well-being within the workplace today coupled with the challenge in retaining the customer relationships is paramount to akp who are continually striving to deliver to each clients satisfaction.



CONSTRUCTION REFURBISHMENT FIT OUT

akp are pleased to have been engaged to carry out the fit out of new office space for IT Consultancy Ping Network Solutions in Strathclyde Business Park, Bellshill.

The new office, located within New Alderston House will enable Ping to expand their team throughout the 6,500 Sq Ft space.

The project comprises the fit out of the first floor office suite. To better suit Ping's workflow and specifically to comply with the security and sensitive data they handle a bespoke layout was designed by award winning design studio C2 Concepts. In addition to this feature walls, signature booth seating and storage areas will be manufactured and installed, along with the more usual suspended ceilings, mechanical & electrical installations and finishes.

akp are not only working along side C2 Concepts but Property and Construction Consultants Brown & Wallace on this project, of which we look forward to showcasing fully in the coming months.



Public Sector Success Linlithgow Academy

2019 saw akp return to Linlithgow Academy for the third time in as many years to undertake further upgrades to the school's Science Block.

West Lothian Council engaged akp to complete a programme of refurbishment to the Science Block to compliment the earlier refurbishment the Academy had undertaken in recent years.

The works comprised the remodelling and upgrading of existing classroom accommodation and technicians laboratory including plumbing, mechanical and electrical services, finishes, decoration and manufactured laboratory fitted furniture.

All work was successfully delivered during the school summer holidays.

Linlithgow Academy's representative commented;

"akp are probably the most co-ordinated Health & Safety and Housekeeping conscious team we've ever had during science and HE refurbs."

We were extremely appreciative of how John and team carried out works, excellent lines of communication with the school throughout."



Live & Secured Projects

A selection of our Contracts **Live and Secured**

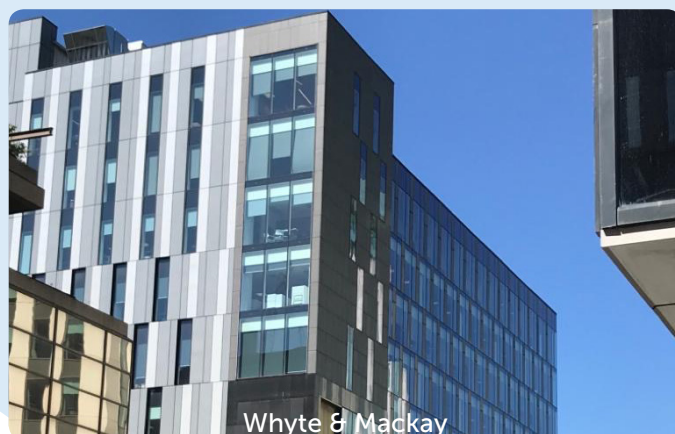
- Breckenridge House, Glasgow - Refurbishment.
- Ping Network Solutions, Bellshill - Fit Out.
- Whyte & Mackay, Glasgow - Alterations.
- Registers of Scotland, Meadowbank House, Edinburgh - Framework Agreement.
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service West HQ, Hamilton - Refurbishment & Fit Out.



Breckenridge House



Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, West HQ



Whyte & Mackay

We look forward to showcasing these projects fully in the coming month

CONSTRUCTION REFURBISHMENT FIT OUT

Recent Projects



Hanover St Apartments - Conversion & Fit Out



Mearns Kirk Church Hall - Refurbishment



Hillpark Secondary, Refurbishment

akp Operations Director **Martin McColl** on joining akp, his vision, approach and focus

"I'm delighted to have joined the business at such an exciting time in its evolution and look forward to building on the strengths of our existing team and empowering our people to deliver an exceptional level of service to our customers."

Already the delivery side of our business has seen a palpable shift in attitude with a strong focus on teamwork, respect, accountability and recognition. We will continue to develop our focus on making akp a great place to work and one in which our people are permitted the opportunity to develop and make an effective contribution, improving our already high level of service."

Building on our existing relationship driven approach as we engage and deliver projects for our customers, improvements are being made across the quality, cost and delivery functions of the business, the net result of which shall be a lean and value driven business that recognises customer requirements and implements strategies to deliver them."

"I look forward to working with both our people and customers as the business develops its performance to the next level."



We are Considerate Constructors



With a Considerate Constructors project kicking off recently in St Vincent Plaza, it was time for our team to reach out to local primary schools and conduct some site safety talks. akp Contracts Manager James Murphy, pictured above, was accompanied by sidekicks Honor and Ivor Goodsite, the Considerate Constructor Scheme mascots during the visits to; St Patricks, Garnetbank and Beckford Primary Schools. **#LOVECONSTRUCTION**



A fantastic £1,000 was raised by Contracts Manager James Murphy, Bricklayer Colin McCready and BDM Roz Malcolm from their 26 mile Mighty Hike for Macmillan Cancer Support earlier this year!
Thanks to everyone who supported them!

We welcome
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