CASE STUDY Jubilee Community Centre

East Grinstead



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Client:

The Jubilee Community Centre was established in 2008 with the aim of being a real centre of life in the community for people of all ages and from all walks of life. With meeting rooms and an indoor sports hall, in excess of 500 people use the busy centre every week.

Problem:

Rod Green is responsible for the Centre's maintenance and facilities management. He was keen to improve access to the building's first floor where there was space for larger meeting rooms and a dance studio. Importantly, this work had to be carried out prior to the busy Christmas and New Year period.

Mr Green said: "No other local facilities are able to offer the same level of flexible and high quality facilities that we do. The Centre is modern, bright and welcoming and we are continuing to develop our facilities to make sure that they are the best around. I believe that being able to offer full accessibility will help us to reach out to even more local people."

Three lift companies were consulted about the project. Evo Lifts was selected because they offered good value for money. Mr Green was particularly impressed by the Evo representative's technical knowledge and support throughout.

Solution:

Evo Lifts supplied and installed an Evo 500 Internal Platform Lift for travel of up to 12 metres/six stops. It provides fast, quiet travel and its flexible configuration and extensive options mean it can be tailored to individual needs. For the Jubilee Centre, six glazed panels were incorporated to make the lift feel light and airy and in keeping with its surroundings.

The platform lift was installed in just three days in November 2009, and throughout, the Centre was able to remain open. Without the need for a lift shaft, external machine room or extensive builders work, the Evo 500 is an economical and easy-to-install access solution. It's also one of the first lifts to achieve a certificate of approval under the new machinery directive 2010. For the user, it is safe and simple to operate with illuminated tactile controls, soft start and sensitive platform edges.

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Steve Coak, Managing Director of Evo Platform

"The presence of a poorly positioned first floor beam required some carpentry work to open up space for the lift prior to installation but we worked closely with other suppliers to get around this.

We still managed a fast and efficient installation and the end result is fantastic. This is a project I'm very proud to have been involved with because this place is a real hub for local people to come together."



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