

Funky Finish For OPEN Youth Venue Furniture

Granite Transformations has completed one of its biggest-ever surfacing projects, providing stylish, hardwearing cladding for custom-made furniture at the new £12 million OPEN Youth Venue in Norwich. The £100k contract involved fitting forty 3m x 1.25m slabs of Trend G Cristallino White, recycled glass agglomerate material. It was commissioned by award-winning architecture and design practice, Hudson Architects, on behalf of the OPEN Youth Trust, a charity set up by local philanthropist Graham Dacre.

The project entailed facing the venue's main reception desk, a series of irregular 'iceberg' units in the foyer, a cantilevered juice bar, cafeteria counter and other purpose-built units, with a diamond polished 6.5m thick surface, which is scratch, stain, heat and abrasion resistant. Such was the complexity of the multi-faceted furniture, which was designed by Hudson Architects using 3D modelling software, that each geometric piece was templated and installed individually as the timber carcasses were completed, akin to building a series of giant jigsaws.

▲ enquiry no 4
www.go-public-mag.co.uk/card