

# HIGHLY COMMENDED - COMMUNITY BENEFIT BELFAST SOUTH METHODIST CHURCH



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## Praise for Belfast South Methodist Church

Exemplar work on the Belfast South Methodist Church Project has been rewarded with a highly commended award in the Community Benefit category of the RICS NI Awards, as well as being shortlisted in the Regeneration category. Praised as a triumph of modern sustainable building techniques, the £2million project has resulted in the transformation of the old church building, from antiquated to enviable, with project team VB Evans (surveyor), Kennedy FitzGerald (architect) and construction company, TAL working together in the planning, cutting-edge design and delivery of a modern church and multi-use building to the vibrant Lisburn Road area of Belfast.

Replacing an older church building, the brief for this project was based on detailed assessments of not just the congregation's future needs but also the social needs of

the local community. The vision was to accommodate solutions to meet these needs within their premises, which in turn will allow the congregation to build bridges with the local community.

As well as a conventional worship area incorporating cutting-edge video and multi-media facilities, the church has provided office accommodation for local community-based charities and meeting room accommodation that can be used throughout the week by these groups.

The complex also includes a large multi-purpose hall that will be used by local sports clubs and community groups as well as by the congregation. The facilities, including the main worship area, are available for both commercial and community conference usage and a small non-commercial café facility is situated in the entrance foyer to provide a welcoming facility.

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### Project team...

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