

Title: DUNFERMLINE CARNEGIE LIBRARY AND GALLERIES
Client: FIFE COUNCIL
Location: ABBOT STREET, DUNFERMLINE



Project team: Robertson Capital Projects/hub East Central Scotland, BAM Construction (contractor), RMA (architect), Aecom (civil & structural) Rybka (building services)

The project provided a 2208m² floor extension to the rear/west of the existing Dunfermline Carnegie Library. The extension is housed behind the retained façade of the former commercial bank at 5-7 Abbot Street and incorporates refurbishment works within the existing library.

The extension incorporates display areas and exhibition spaces together with modern learning/study facilities.

In addition to the above a café has been provided offering panoramic views over the landscaped gardens and Dunfermline Abbey.

The outdoor landscaped areas for visitors will also provide a facility for open-air performances.

“We’ve all been very encouraged by the tremendously positive reaction from visitors to our new building. Recognition like this places a very appropriate seal of confirmation on the project, and highlights that it’s a building of true architectural standing and of importance nationally. I’d like to congratulate everyone who has played a part in delivering this outstanding project and to fellow funders Heritage Lottery Fund and Carnegie Dunfermline Trust.”

CLlr David Alexander, Co-Leader of Fife Council following the DCL&G building picking up another prestigious award (RIAS Award for Architecture).

Key statistics

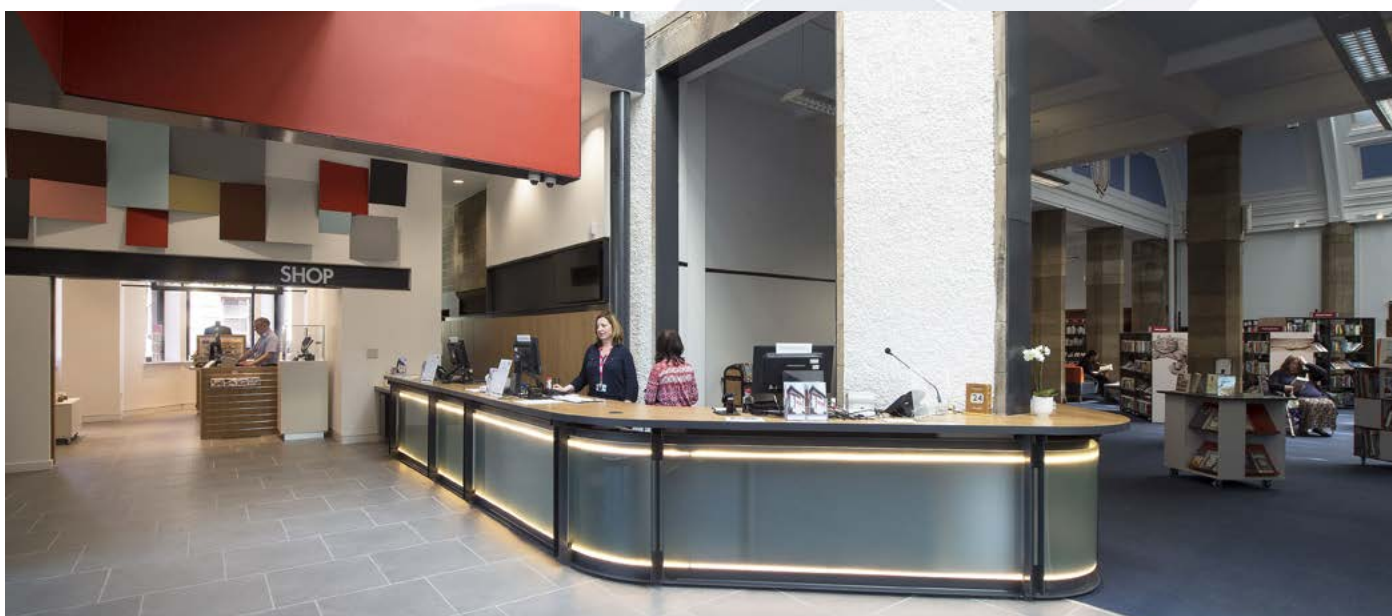
- **VALUE:** £9.1m
- **COMPLETION DATE:** 17 October 2016
- **CONTRACT DATES:** 12 August 2016
- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Community engagement, learning and participation was at the heart of the project:

Over 400 volunteers took part in activities to help deliver the new facility in time for its official opening, from 83 volunteers on the community archaeological dig, to school pupils researching first and second world war stories.

The local community responded enthusiastically to the project, leading to a successful appeal for games and toys to help tell Dunfermline’s story within the museum displays.

DCL&G will be embedded in the local community, while reaching out to new audiences, offering high quality leisure experiences and life-long learning opportunities.

- **TOTAL USERS/RESIDENTS:** The new cultural hub hopes to attract up to 280,000 visitors each year, and contribute an annual visitor spend of around £500,000 to the local economy.



Project information

A new extension at the rear of a retained listed façade providing museum and gallery space together with refurbishment work to the existing library.

The new extension comprised a reinforced concrete structure on large diameter bored concrete piled foundations. The extension is clad in a variety of high quality materials including 'Corten' steel panels, natural stone, timber and extensive glazed areas.

The public spaces are arranged over four levels including two mezzanines and linked via stairways and feature walkways.

Internally, finishes are of the highest quality with natural timber used extensively throughout.

A café has been provided in addition to the learning and display areas with exhibition space provided within three flexible galleries.

The facility has been provided within the heart of Dunfermline with panoramic views of the historic Abbey. Landscaped gardens, which incorporate historic statues and seating areas, provide an attractive space for visitors and the people of Dunfermline.

AWARDS

At The Edinburgh Architectural Association Awards 2017, the project won Large Project of the Year and Building of the Year.

It was the RIAS 2017 winner in the Sports/Leisure/Culture category.

The project won the prestigious RIAS Andrew Doolan Best Building in Scotland Award for 2017.

In addition, Fife Council received The Scottish Government Client of the Year Award for the project.