

Cedars Youth and Community Centre

Case Study

Partnership Education (PEL) delivers the ICT fit-out for a state of the art community centre in the heart of Harrow.



The Client:

A brand new £4.2 million youth centre, called Cedars Youth and Community Centre, on the Cedars Estate in Harrow Weald, has been built as part of a partnership between Harrow Council and Watford Football Club's Community Sports and Education Trust.

The Centre offers a range of activities for both young and older members of the community with education packages delivered in partnership with local schools and the delivery of a comprehensive youth and wider community programme. Cedars boasts a new 4G astro-turf football pitch, an indoor climbing wall, a community cafe, ICT suite, meeting rooms, an indoor sports hall, dance studios, gym and social spaces.



Ensuring the facility is sustainable and eco-friendly were key considerations during the four year development, Cedars features a solar roof and walls, a rain water recycling system and green roof. Sustainable materials have been used wherever possible and the building will achieve 0% carbon emissions.

The Challenge

The Community Centre required Partnership Education to consult, procure and install a fit-for-purpose ICT suite, a reception desk and office space for the employees and a music production room. The requirements of the Trust included:

- Networking Capabilities
- Wireless network with guest access
- 24 Laptops with secure charging unit
- 16 state-of-the-art PCs for reduced space
- Networked printing capabilities
- Music production capability with appropriate software
- External recording facility for live instruments with monitor speaker system
- Integration with Leisure Software and configuration of associated server



The Solution

Partnership Education was able to meet the demands of the Community centre, along with the following:

- Data storage accessible throughout the complex
- Unified Network created with wireless access for Staff, Pupils and Guests
- System configuration allows schools to access dedicated Education areas
- Dedicated Leisure Management Software server
- 16 all-in-one touch screen PCs for the ICT suite
- Apple iMacs with Logic Pro, Monitor Speakers and External Sound Card

On-going Technical Support and Procurement

Partnership Education now maintains the centre's IT infrastructure with and has a dedicated technician to ensuring the technology does not hinder business operations. PEL also procures new hardware, software and various other IT requirements on behalf of the Trust.

The Verdict

"Partnership Education understood our requirements and procured a fit-for-purpose ICT solution, including all Microsoft Licensing for server, desktops and laptops, together with Apple Macs to facilitate music technology courses. This equipment was then installed by Partnership Education's qualified engineers in a professional manner, getting us ready for our business operations. PEL now support all of our infrastructure and we can say their support has been immediate and have fully met our expectations"

Steve Williams, Senior Manager, Watford FC's Community Sports & Education Trust

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