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## SCOTTISH AWARDS 2023 THE WINNERS

The FIS Scottish Awards showcase the quality of work and range of projects carried out in Scotland. The FIS Scottish Awards were held on 15 September at the voco Grand Central Glasgow, with Brian Taylor doing the honours.

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# JUDGES' COMMENTS

**“It was an absolute pleasure to visit and formally assess such a variety of projects in different market sectors throughout Scotland. We were highly impressed by the projects submitted for consideration in this year’s FIS Scottish Awards and have enjoyed meeting the companies, clients and architects on our visits. The passion that the companies had for the projects, their teams and their companies was very evident.**

The levels of quality, finish and the skills required to deliver such projects were clear to see; all entrants should be very proud of what they and their teams have achieved in delivering such excellent work. Tight scoring made it difficult to decide winners for the various categories, and so our congratulations go to all entrants.

In addition, we commend material suppliers and manufacturers for continuing to develop their credentials in quality, environmental and sustainability. They work with contractors, and the larger architectural and design community in so many ways that cover aesthetics, sound, fire and structure. Contractors need that support to meet the needs of increasingly complex projects.

Seeing these projects will hopefully give you all the wish and focus to enter next year’s awards. This is a fabulous opportunity for you to demonstrate your quality and to celebrate what you can deliver.”

STEVE NEILSON AND JAMES PARLOUR



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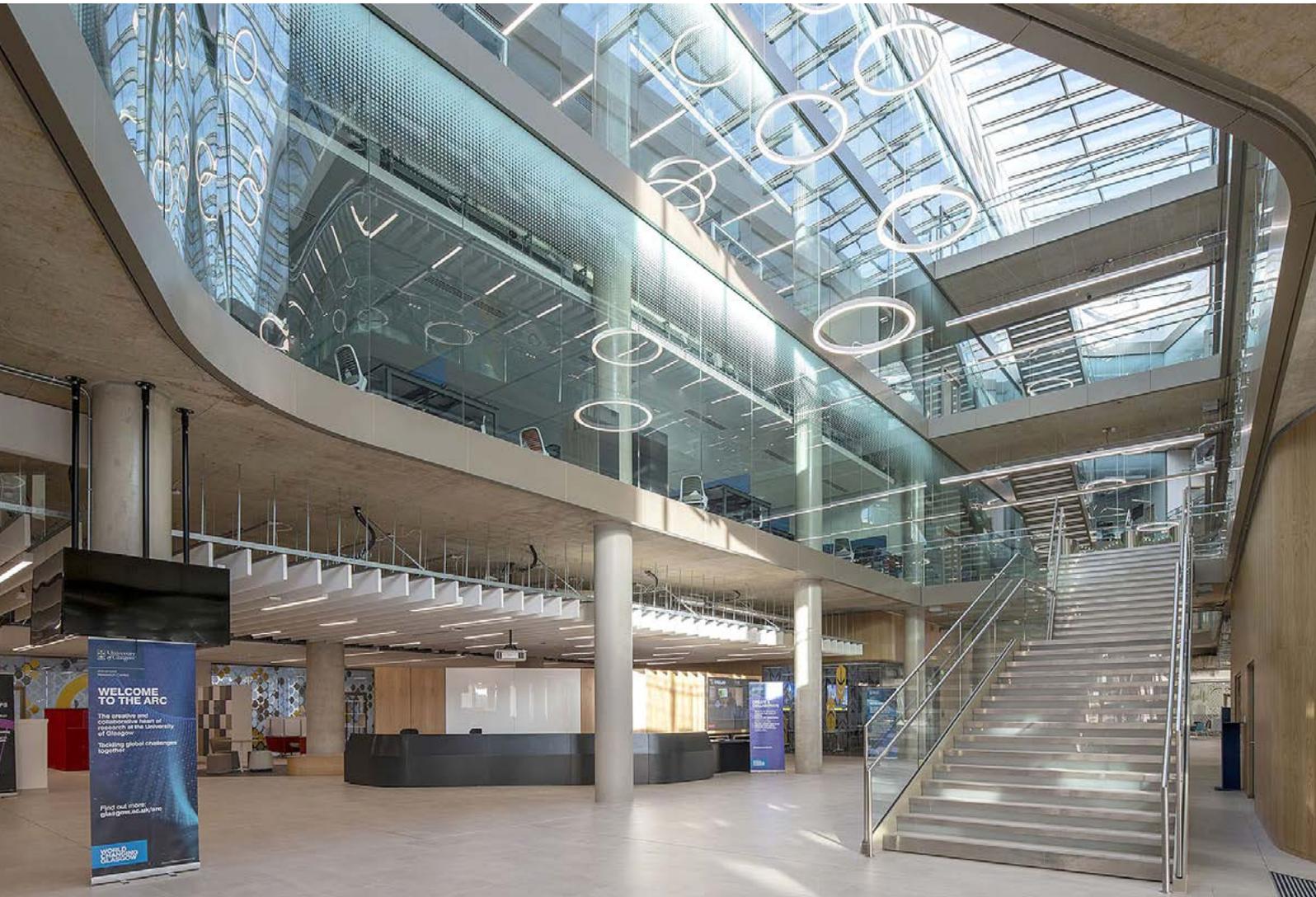
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**THE JUDGES SAID:**

**A first class project featuring a visually stunning atrium, that deserves the merit of being Project of the Year. Innovative design and delivery of exceptional quality tell a successful story of how the architects and client's needs were met and delivered by Indeqlås.**

Working with Glasgow University's chosen contractor Multiplex, architects HOK International and their supporting engineering designers, Indeqlås has created a magnificent building on the university campus for them all to be very proud of.

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# INTERIOR FIT-OUT

## Scotwood Interiors



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**Kin & Carta,  
Edinburgh**

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**HKSD**

**Scotwood Interiors undertook the fit-out for global digital transformation consultancy, Kin & Carta. Working with long-term client HKSD, the office at 132 Princes Street in Edinburgh has been designed to exude character and promote socialisation and collaboration.**

Scotwood Interiors created a mixture of solid and glazed meeting rooms, open plan areas, a staff cafe and agile working areas.

The design incorporates industrial style exposed services and bespoke oak panelling, created by Scotwood.

Forbo Allura flooring and Ocula banded glazing with pre-finished lacquered doors, complete the light, contemporary atmosphere of the space.

The installation was completed within seven weeks.

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INTERIOR FIT-OUT  
**Scotwood Interiors**  
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**THE JUDGES SAID:**

**A first-class high quality interior fit-out project in the heart of Edinburgh, within sight of the castle. This project is a clear example of the contractor's understanding of the designer's concepts and details, and successfully converting that into a physical solution for the client, Kin & Carta, to support their new hybrid working arrangement.**

Scotwood Interiors, and designers HKSD, have created a fabulous balanced and varied interior solution to meet the increasing needs of their client. Numerous interior trades deliver a welcoming visual statement - from the deconstructed fit-out appearance of services, to a full fit-out including an array of bespoke joinery solutions.

The project has been cleverly designed and delivered. It features an open plan arrangement with a variety of user spaces. This required a considered approach to cater for challenging sound reduction and sound transfer concerns in such environments.

A tight programme in a challenging location, and on a higher floor of the city centre building, created operational and logistical issues to overcome. The project was completed on time, snagged and certificated ready for a very happy client, allowing them to continue their successful growth.

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**National Robotarium,  
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**Michael Laird Architects**

**The National Robotarium Building constructed within the grounds of the Heriot Watt University Campus, was not only a very aesthetically unique project but also the first of its kind in the UK.**

This innovative design by Michael Laird Architects, especially on the suspended ceilings, captures the technological and futuristic feel of the project immensely.

An array of different ceiling types were installed throughout the building, ranging from high level perforated plasterboard triangular sections, floating ceiling grid rafts, hygienic metal ceilings and long acoustic raft sections installed to an exposed soffit.

Effective coordination between DV McColl and the Robertson Construction site team ensured that these complex details were completed on time, within budget and safely.

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## THE JUDGES SAID:

**A complex project with several specifications and feature designed suspended ceilings in the new stunning National Robotarium.**

The project was completed in 20 weeks involving a daily interface and, at times, nonsequential working, with a demanding M&E services contractor in multiple rooms and open two tier height areas.

The project has exceptional designed reception spaces, open plan offices, cellularised laboratory spaces and more.

The client is delighted with the project and, in particular, with the acoustics. Robertson Construction spoke highly of DV McColl and their flexibility to work together to deliver a tight programme with highly skilled installations throughout the building. The building was BIM designed, snagged via BIM360, and had a variety of innovative and sustainable targets, which were all met.

Tradespersons were challenged by working in highly designed areas with many different specifications of ceilings such as plank, MF, metal, mineral, rafts and canopies. The project was successfully delivered by a consistent team of trained installers and apprentices, and a passionate management team.

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SPECIALIST INSTALLATION - OVER £1M  
**Indeqlås**



CONTRACT  
**Advanced  
Research Centre,  
University of Glasgow**

ARCHITECT  
**HOK International**

**Indeqlås designed and constructed an internal glazed atrium, as well as creating high-performance rooms in the university's Advanced Research Centre (ARC) building.**

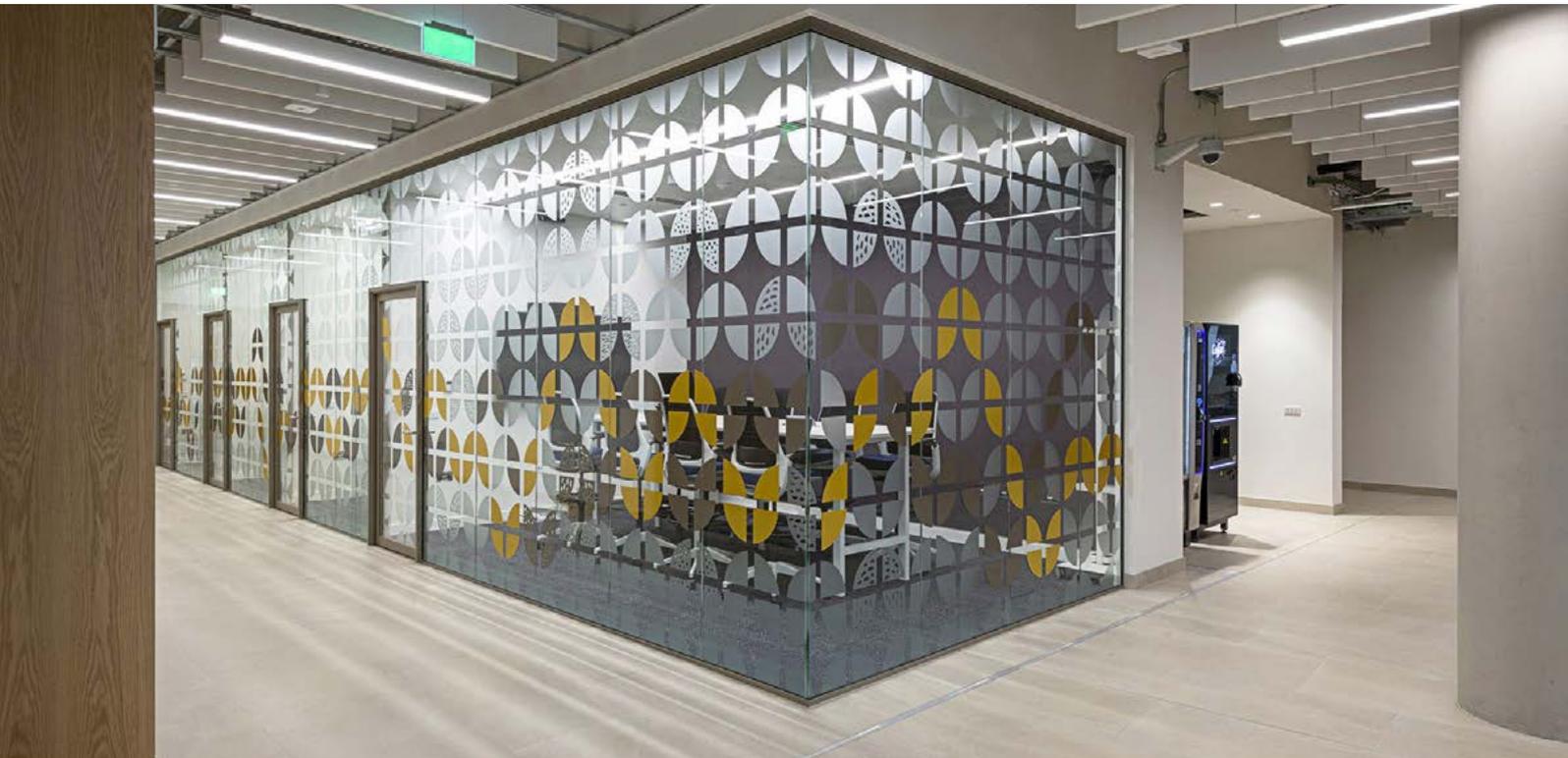
HOK's design called for significant amounts of glass to promote connectivity and collaboration. By using a range of solutions – including modular secondary steel in the atrium and facilitating the crane install of 4.3m high glass panels to the atrium on levels one, two and three – Indeqlås ensured a high standard of workmanship.

Its work included smoke and acoustic-rated atrium glazing forming a 4.4m high protective barrier; single and double-glazed screens and framed glass doors; access control; aluminium panelling; and a large scale, bespoke artwork package.

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## THE JUDGES SAID:

**Very high quality and consistency was achieved throughout the installation; glazing is used to great effect in the central atrium with the spandrel panel detail and accuracy marrying with the vast glazed panels above and below.**

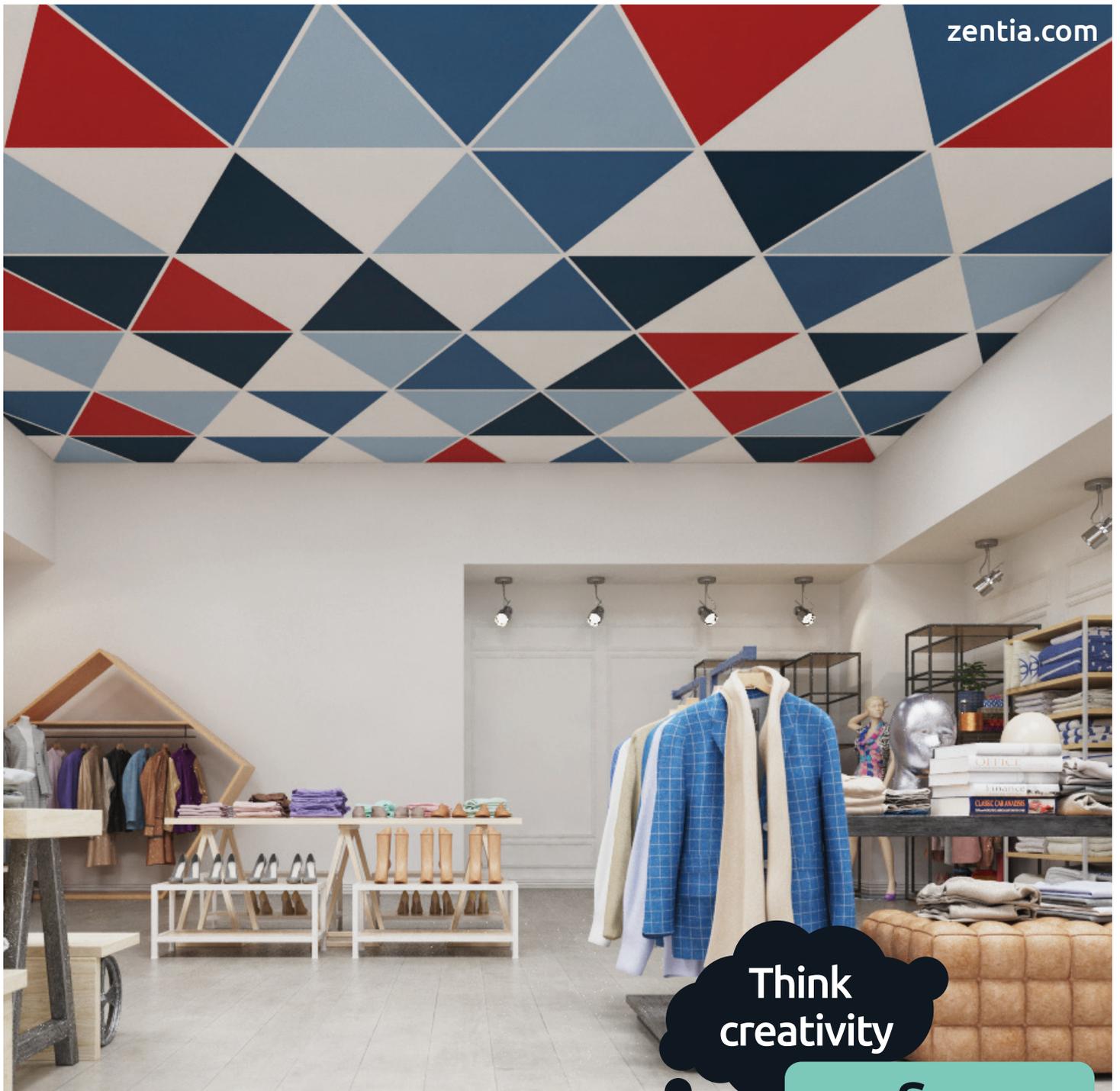
Indeqlås exhibits an admirable level of detail and knowledge in their bespoke glazed solution. We were greatly impressed by their interaction with Multiplex, the design team and the GGF to ensure that the bespoke material specification and installation methods were 100%.

Through collaborative working, Indeqlås was able to significantly reduce its section of the atrium programme; this allowed Multiplex more time for other trades to follow in that same space. This included the logistics, methodology and specification of glass, installation methods, delivery access and routes, crane facility, MEWP access and strict health and safety working methods to ensure a project of exceptional quality.

In addition to the atrium, there are five floors of glazed acoustic room environments with some fabulously designed vinyl graphics. Along with highly rated fire screens in key areas of the building, this all conspires to meet the architect's design and flow of light throughout the building.

A first class and professionally delivered project by all involved.

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## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

# Len Bunton

Owner, Bunton Consulting



**Len has dedicated his career in the pursuit of fairness in the construction industry. An inspiration to many, Len has been unrelenting in his efforts to champion a fairer supply chain, unafraid to call out the worst behaviours. He's been a powerful advocate for SMEs and an absolute rock that they can lean on.**

Len qualified as a quantity surveyor in the early 70s and took the bull by the horns, setting up his own practice in 1979. By the mid 80s, this was a 50-strong practice focused on project management, surveying and dispute resolution. This business was acquired, and they went on to serve on the main board of a number of firms specialising in contract advisory services and dispute resolution.

Len is an industry man exemplified by his standing as a:

- Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Honorary Fellow of the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland
- Panel member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

In all of this, Len has been a huge ambassador for the conflict avoidance process. He was also instrumental in establishing the Construction Industry Collective Voice in Scotland. This is a group that was quickly developed to address issues arising from COVID, and to encourage collaboration and industry sharing. It was a beacon of hope, and has now moved on to look at wider sector problems in Scotland. The group recently published the Guide to Contractual Best Practice, which again was driven and largely written by Len.

Len has also worked closely with FIS to directly support members in difficult times, sharing his blogs as best practice guidance and helping to develop a new contract review service that is launching this month for FIS members.

Len has been described as a true champion of the industry, whose dedication for better payment practices in the sector is unmatched.

# Jay Miller

Ceiling Installation Apprentice, D V McColl



**Jay started his NVQ level 5 in Ceiling Fixing in 2021 and achieved this in August 2023. Throughout his training, Jay has showed consistency by completing units to a high standard. He has demonstrated enthusiasm for learning and has excelled in all elements of his learning.**

Jay's hard work and dedication have been recognised and appreciated by both his colleagues and contractors. His awareness of a safe working action, awarded within the first six months of his apprenticeship, is indeed a testament to his strong work ethic and commitment to maintaining good working practices.

The positive feedback from D V McColl contracts managers, colleagues, and representatives from various contractor entities, speak volumes about Jay's professionalism and character. Descriptions of him as passionate, confident and enthusiastic, highlight his positive attitude towards his work and the industry.

Attributes such as punctuality, attendance and attention to detail are crucial in any work environment, and it's commendable that Jay's performance in these areas has been recognised.

Furthermore, his willingness to support the team by arranging transportation for colleagues demonstrates his collaborative and considerate nature. Team members like Jay, who not only excel in their own tasks but also actively contribute to the team's overall effectiveness, are invaluable to the success of any project or business.

## **THE JUDGES SAID:**

**Jay has made a positive impact in his role and has a promising future ahead.**

His strong work ethic, attention to detail and willingness to support the team set a great example for others and contribute to a positive working environment.

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