

London mission's moveable walls create multifunctional space

Chinmaya Mission exists to provide individuals from any background with the universal wisdom of Vedanta and the practical means for personal growth and development, enabling them to become positive contributors to society.

At Chinmaya Kirti, their home in London, a major renovation project was designed as a vision for future generations, rather than just an improved building.

Working with architects, KJC, and contractor, Home Republic, Style was specified to be part of that vision by installing moveable walls to enable one large space in the classroom/bookshop area to be easily converted into 6 multi-functional rooms based on daily requirements.

A combination of multiple Dorma Huppe Variflex Glass and Variflex solid semi-automatic moveable walls were agreed as the best solution, with the glass moveable walls providing a 52dB acoustic barrier and the solid wall 55dB.

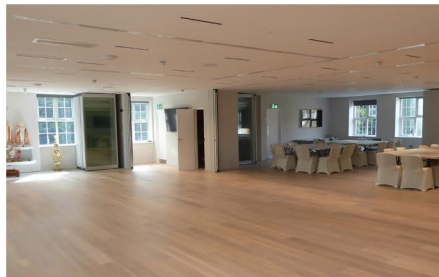
With a standard anodised aluminium frame finish to the glass walls, and a melamine finish to the solid walls, the final installation provided a light and calm feel to the room design.

"This is a great example of how using a combination of glass and solid moveable walls can transform how space is used," said Michael Porter, sales director for Style South.

"The glass moveable walls can combine to create a temporary corridor while the solid moveable walls then segregate the space into smaller individual rooms. Or the Mission can choose a whole range of combinations – from using one glass wall to simply divide the room in two, or use the walls to provide varying sizes of rooms to suit the requirements of the day.

"Such is the quality of the acoustic integrity that multiple events can take place within the segregated rooms without disturbing one another, which was an important factor at the Mission.

"By including pass doors also means the moveable walls can remain in place for extended periods and the rooms can be accessed and used with ease."



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