

PROJECT OF THE FORTNIGHT



Northern Rail goes open-plan

Northern Rail's new office facility in York, designed and fitted-out by Claremont Group Interiors, represents the latest stage in a sensitively-handled transition from cellular to open plan for the organisation.

Formed two years ago, via the combination of Serco and Med Rail, Northern Rail is currently undergoing a series of relocations, refurbishments and upgrades to its existing facilities. In York, the challenge was to create a collaborative and friendly working environment for approximately 250 workers that were already housed in one of Northern Rail's existing facilities.

A 1960s office block was selected as the new premises. In addition to open plan spaces with new seating and benching, the new offices also feature seamless glass partitions and doors throughout, complete with bespoke branding by Bristol-based graphics and interior branding specialist, Artworks Solutions. A series of 1.5 metre long abstract canvases featuring commuters and railway station scenes were also installed, created from a number of photos taken over two days, and contrasting well with the otherwise neutral base palette of the overall scheme.