



# FUTURE-PROOFING SCHOOLS

KI Europe, a local manufacturer of high quality furniture, reflects on the importance of integrating flexible furnishing solutions that can adapt to the evolutionary nature of learning.

**Project:**  
City of Glasgow  
College  
**Location:**  
Glasgow  
**Procurement:**  
NPD framework

▲ The College's investment will deliver significant educational benefits, improve efficiency and effectiveness and create a sustainable estate

**T**he stunning new City of Glasgow College, Riverside Campus was one of the largest education buildings in the UK for 20 years. It is an excellent example of an innovative higher education institution utilising innovative seating to future-proof their learning environments. Although this is in a tertiary learning context, there is no reason why all educational institutions shouldn't subscribe to this forward-thinking school of thought. It will ensure that their spaces are versatile and will be adept at transforming to suit different applications for students and teachers at any level.

Alison Mallett, National Sales Manager, Higher Education, KI Europe, comments: "Furnishings, just like architecture, must be tailored to suit the specific, intended use of the space – neither building nor interior design can

take a cookie-cutter approach. By providing as much flexibility as possible today, educational institutions are in a way future-proofing their investments, creating spaces that will adapt to ever-evolving subject matter, teaching styles, content delivery and technology."

KI, a leading global provider of educational furniture, provided a number of seating products for the City of Glasgow College's learning spaces, the vast majority of which are on castors. This built-in mobility demonstrates the College's emphasis on creating dynamic, flexible spaces. A number of rooms are furnished with KI's award-winning Learn2 chair with its highly versatile table arm, which eliminates the need for tables. Another room required further flexibility – it needed to include tablet arms for individual work, but also needed to be able to transform quickly and create a large open

space. Readily meeting this requirement was KI's Torsion on the Go! chair. Designed by Giancarlo Piretti, it features a combination of an oversized foldable tablet arm, and the ability to nest neatly to the side of the room when not required. These two examples, alongside

the hundreds of task chairs and four-leg chairs on castors that KI provided to the College, are strong indicators of a growing need to maximise movement and flexibility within learning environments.

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