



01 Almost as tall as the building itself, the colourful Perspex® structure is a striking feature for all to see.

02 Showing the installation positioned at the heart of Kilsyth Health Centre.

03 Words cut out of the Perspex® acrylic sheet are an essential design feature

Standing tall

[Encouraging creativity and innovation]



Perspex® acrylic fabricator, QD Plastics has recently completed an eye-catching tower of Perspex® acrylic at the brand new £7.8m Kilsyth Health Centre in Lanarkshire, Scotland as part of a scheme designed by Civic Architects. The contemporary installation has been designed to provide a positive sensory influence on all those who use the facility.

Dan Jones and Andrew Siddall established Civic Architects, an architecture and arts practice that focuses on community-led design, in 2005. Their highly original sculpture features messages cut into rectangles of Perspex® acrylic in solid, translucent and transparent colours, which they chose because “the colours mimic the coded, specific patterns of our DNA profiles as individuals within a community”

The overlapping Perspex® acrylic panels cast colour shadows across the walls, courtyard and corridors of the building creating a welcoming feel to the space. Glasgow-based approved Perspex® fabricator, QD Plastics cut messages into the materials linking the sculpture to local places and thoughts. The text was gathered from the people of Kilsyth, who were encouraged to express their thoughts about the locality - the hope being that the messages would provide a positive, meaningful distraction for patients, visitors and staff at the new health centre. The vertical structure encourages viewers to look into the sky for reflection.

QD Plastics has specialised in plastic fabrication since 1965. It is renowned for its bespoke designs and is one of the few UK companies to hold EN13067 plastic welding accreditation. Civic Architects have a strong background in collaborative, community-led design projects and won the Architect of the Year award in the Environmental Excellence Award in 2012.

Perspex® acrylic was supplied by Perspex Distribution Ltd.

More: www.qdplastics.co.uk, www.civic.org.uk

04 All of the words that feature on the Perspex® acrylic ‘tower’ were gathered from local people by the project team to reflect thoughts about their environment in the hope

of introducing positive, sensory messages into the Health Centre.

