

Rockfon brings unrivalled experience to Skibbereen

Skibbereen Community School, County Cork, Ireland



Enhance the architect's contemporary design

Skibbereen Community School, situated on the southern tip of Ireland in County Cork, is a new state-of-the-art learning facility created as part of an ambitious multi-million PPP programme. Rockfon ceiling solutions were installed to help create the ideal conditions for learning and enhance the architect's contemporary design. Rockfon ceiling systems were selected for Skibbereen because they either met or exceeded the acoustic requirements specified by the Department of Education. Fire safety was also an important factor and Rockfon products provide Class A1 fire resistance, the safest fire classification.

Education buildings need to provide both functional and pleasant spaces. Rockfon Artic satisfies these requirements

which is why it was installed in classrooms, offices and circulation spaces. Rockfon Artic tiles have a smooth, white surface which offers optimum light reflection, contributing to a comfortable environment with low glare and reduced eye disturbance. Rockfon Artic also provides enhanced sound absorption (0.8aw) to ensure teachers can communicate so that students can perform at their best.

Rockfon Tropic D concealed edge ceiling tiles were specifically chosen for the special needs unit. Acoustics are an integral part of the design for these areas.

Products in use

- Rockfon® Artic™
- Rockfon® Tropic™
- Chicago Metallic™ 2890 grid

Rockfon Tropic provides Class A sound absorption which helps create a learning environment that offers optimum speech intelligibility which is essential for all children, but particularly those with learning difficulties.

Improving the working environment

The smooth white surface of Rockfon Tropic ceiling tiles offers 85% light reflectance and full diffusion helping make effective use of available natural light. These excellent lighting conditions help improve the working environment and contribute to a reduction in energy costs. Aesthetically the tiles were the perfect fit because the white surface finish enhances the school's minimalist design.

Cillian Laide from Laide & O'Brien is a member of the Rockfon Active Installer network of certified installers. Cillian fitted the

ceilings at Skibbereen School, "Meeting deadlines is easy with Rockfon. Their products were available from stock, so we received sufficient tiles in just one delivery for the whole job. Rockfon tiles are durable but at the same time easy to cut and install, so there's very little waste on the job. We installed Chicago Metallic T24 Click 2890 from Rockfon as it is quick to install and resilient to work with."

SIG Ireland supplied the ceiling tiles. A leading distributor, SIG can deliver a range of Rockfon acoustic products from stock via its branches in Ireland and across the UK.

Rockfon has an unrivalled level of experience in the education sector. This and the team's technical support were welcomed on site. Rockfon worked closely with the ceiling installer and architect to ensure everyone was happy with the outcome.



Rockfon provide advanced stone wool acoustic ceiling and wall solutions to create beautiful, comfortable spaces. Easy to install and durable, they protect people from noise and the spread of fire while making a constructive contribution toward a sustainable future.

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