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Gerflor have 'Eureka' moment!

A recent refurbishment by Eureka! The National Children's Museum in Halifax, West Yorkshire was instigated to redevelop their retail visitor area to expand its offer for visitors. It was an expansion plan that would require 400m² of high -quality flooring from international flooring specialist Gerflor and which could be installed by a flooring contractor who could deliver first class workmanship...on time and to budget.

For over 25 years, the Eureka Children's Museum in Halifax, Yorkshire has prided itself on having "nothing trapped inside a glass cabinet", which has helped to really capture the imaginations of millions of children. With a focus on learning through play, Eureka! is split into 6 unique zones, each filled with hundreds of interactive exhibits designed to inspire enquiring minds to find out about themselves and the world around them. It is a not-for-profit organisation aimed at families with children aged 0-11 years and encourages hands-on inter-generational learning.

Leeds/Bradford -based Paynters Contract Flooring ensured that Eureka! would benefit from the specification of a range of Gerflor products to deliver requirements for the project including outstanding quality, performance, safety and appearance they were seeking. The finished project produced an environment truly fit for purpose and would see 300m² of Gerflor's Taralay Impression Control vinyl safety flooring installed in the café and shop areas, together with a further 100m² of their Tarasafe™ Super for the on-site kitchen facility which services the café.

David Loud, Estimator at Paynters Contract Flooring stated, "We have previously worked with Eureka! The National Children's Museum." He went on to add, "the flooring products that were specified for the latest refurbishment project were absolutely perfect and met the brief head-on. Gerflor products are easy to work with, the vinyl is very flexible, and the products are very competitively priced".

With over-70 years' experience Gerflor has honed their expertise in safety flooring to produce the highest standards of safety and durability, coupled to delivering stunning, beautiful designs that are both inspirational and eye-catching. In 2016 Gerflor won the CFJ/CFA Product of the Year category with their Taralay Impression Control safety flooring range. Not an easy undertaking by any means.

Taralay Impression Control is the perfect solution for a wide variety of education, healthcare and commercial applications, including new builds and refurbishments, where high volumes of footfall are expected and there is a need for safety and slip resistance. A multi-purpose floorcovering available in 2m sheet format with a Group T wear rating, it's ideal for a host of heavy traffic environments where slip resistance is a must. Available as a dual collection: - 'Safety in Wood' and 'Safety in Design', the range of 24 design-led colourways includes realistic woods in contemporary colours and modern all over designs. Taralay Impression Control meets HSE guidelines (BS 7976-2) with a Pendulum Test Value (PTV) >36 and a surface roughness of Rz>20µm. Its ramp test value (DIN 51130) is R11. Taralay Impression Control also offers a hygienic solution thanks to a revolutionary UV cured PUR surface treatment, ProtecSol® Control, for easy cleaning and maintenance and is 100% recyclable.

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Rachel Skinner, Head of Visitor Services at Eureka! The National Children's Museum said, "We've been greatly impressed with the aesthetics and durability of the new flooring in our on-site Café and Gift Shop and the performance of the safety flooring in our busy kitchen."

David Loud further commented, "It was a relatively simple and straightforward installation, it's always good to have repeat business from an established client and shows that the client is confident on our ability to provide high quality products and workmanship".

Tarasafe™ Super from Gerflor is a slip-resistant vinyl safety floorcovering, with PVC wear layer and deeply inlaid mineral crystal particles which is suitable for most contract and commercial applications. It is reinforced with a glass fibre grid and is an ideal solution for heavy traffic applications where slip-resistance, durability and hygiene are required. Tarasafe™ Super meets HSE guidelines (BS 7976-2) with a PTV >36 and a surface roughness of Rz>20µm. Its ramp test value (DIN 51130) is R12. Tarasafe™ Super has an environmental rating of A+ (BRE) and is 100% recyclable.

David Loud concluded by saying, "We would have no hesitation in specifying and using Gerflor products again".

To learn more about the Gerflor product range, their team of specialists can be contacted for sample requests and advice on 01926 622600, by email contractuk@gerflor.com or www.gerflor.co.uk for the latest innovations.

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