

“It was an opportunity to introduce another social facility for students and staff at UCL together with generally improving and enlivening an external area of the College where there had been little activity or anything of interest.”

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SMALL PROJECT MAKES BIG IMPACT

Print Room Café, South Quad University College London MJP Architects

The Print Room Café lies at the centre of the UCL campus and provides a focus for its community. It is the type of small project that can effect a large change in the character and appearance of a university environment. UCL has a densely packed,

inward looking campus with very little communal space. One of the main aims of the masterplan prepared by MJP for the University was to create a clear framework of routes and places to encourage social and academic interaction. The new café has been inserted into the ground floor of a Grade I Listed building at the visual termination of one of the main routes through the campus. The entrance forms a new access into a courtyard, so that this area is also animated.