

THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF BRITISH ARCHITECTS

The RIBA shows how a beautiful building can become a much loved venue (with i-Clean Systems helping to make it clean and green)

The Royal Institute of British Architects, the UK body for architecture and the architectural profession, has combined the provision of support to members with creating, in its fine Grade II-listed 1930s headquarters building, one of London's favourite venues for dining, meeting, learning – and simply enjoying life.

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The building, at 66 Portland Place, has a café, a restaurant with outdoor terrace, galleries with exhibitions, 23 meeting rooms, and lecture theatres, including the naturally-lit Jarvis Hall, with tiered seating for 300 delegates. There is a bookshop – and one of the world's finest architectural libraries, housing 4 million books.

"This remarkable venue, enjoyed by the public as well as by RIBA members, has to be 100% clean," comments Liam McConnell, the Institute's facilities manager. "We asked i-Clean Systems for help with this.

"An initial survey of our situation and the contractor's work was followed by a full benchmarking exercise, using the i-Clean® Cleaning Management System," Mr McConnell explains. "Negotiations followed, aligning procedures to the benchmark findings and resulting in much improved cleaning standards."

The RIBA, founded in 1834 and with 40,500 members throughout the world today, has a vision to 'champion architecture and for a better environment'.

"We use 100% renewable energy," Mr McConnell reports, "the reorganisation of our cleaning contract enabled us to reduce our nightly energy consumption and reorganise our security arrangements resulting in significant reductions in cost and our carbon footprint. Throughout the process we have had the benefit of excellent support from the i-Clean Systems consultant."

Since its introduction in August 2005, the i-Clean® Cleaning Management System has attracted interest from a variety of organisations in the public, commercial, manufacturing and service sectors. It is the first cleaning management system to be approved by the British Institute of Cleaning Science.