



Malcolm Reading Consultants provides independent advice and hands-on support to clients involved in capital projects.

This can range from drawing up feasibility studies and business cases, to resolving project problems and acting as the client's representative throughout the course of the project.

We have a reputation for achieving outstanding design for high-profile organisations.

We are also the leading private organiser of architectural competitions in the UK.

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The RSC is the largest organization in Europe for advancing the chemical sciences and was formed over 150 years ago. Supported by a worldwide network of members and an international publishing business, the RSC's activities span education, conferences, science policy and the promotion of chemistry to the public.

Since the mid-nineteenth century the headquarters of the RSC have been at Burlington House, Piccadilly, built early in the eighteenth century by the third Earl of Burlington.

The RSC's project involved the restoration of the members' library and other first floor spaces to provide public lecture and conference facilities (the new Chemistry Centre) together with improved members' facilities.

Malcolm Reading Consultants were introduced during the main contractor tender period to address a number of client concerns, being the selection of the main contractor, co-ordination between the design team and the specialist AV and lighting consultants and expert guidance through the construction period.

A formal communication process and reporting structure helped resolve these matters and key areas of risk were identified and managed, enabling the project to be delivered within the client's original programme and cost objectives.

We also identified a residual risk with the various client operations after the construction phase and this was managed through a completion programme. We also conceived and managed a design competition in association with Central St. Martin's College of Art and Design's postgraduate glass degree course, for the design of a glazed screen for the RSC members' room.

PROJECT DETAILS

Value £2.2m

Client The Royal Society of
Chemistry