

PROJECT SHEET



Projects: LGBT+ Centre
Client: The Proud Trust
Contract Value: £1.5m



City Build is proud to have been selected to build the new LGBT+ Centre on Sydney Street in Manchester. We were appointed by The Proud Trust, a life-saving and life-enhancing organisation that helps LGBT+ young people empower themselves to make a positive change for themselves and their communities. The Proud Trust's vision is to end stigma and the fear of stigma through working directly with LGBT+ young people as well as influencing wider society, so that all LGBT+ people can be proud of who they are,

and integrated into communities where they live, learn, work, play and pray.

The new LGBT+ Centre is central to The Proud Trust being able to achieve this vision and will allow it to more than double its positive impact. It will become a vibrant hub of LGBT+ life for Manchester, especially for those who do not access / face barriers to accessing other services in the city and the commercial gay 'scene'. The new building will provide office spaces, meeting and event spaces for youth and community groups, the wider community and partner organisations. It will be a resource for the LGBT+ community, including a library, and skilled staff providing information and support. At the heart of this will be the Sidney St. Community Café - a dry (alcohol free) social space for everyone to enjoy - which will provide soft contact for LGBT+ people who want to learn more about LGBT+ life, seek support or feel a sense of belonging with the LGBT+ community.



Dr Ali Hanbury, LGBT+ Centre Manager, said: "This year we are laying down bricks in our city, as we

did in 1988, to create a safe haven for all LGBT+ people within our local community. We're so grateful to all our donors for helping us to raise enough money to rebuild our centre so that we can continue to support people for many years to come. This is another proud moment for Manchester."



Award winning screenwriter Russell T Davies (Queer As Folk, Doctor Who) did the ground breaking honours, with the event attracting widespread media interest – including features on BBC North West Tonight and ITV's Granada Reports.