

Challenges:

As a distributor for moveable partition systems, Style typically operates as a subcontractor, working on behalf of the principal contractor. Their products contribute to projects that are striving to meet BREEAM, LEED, SKA, and WELL standards.

Style is obligated to provide evidence that the products being incorporated within builds are sustainably manufactured, delivered, and installed. They actively source manufacturing partners who can furnish relevant evidence pertaining to Environmental Product Declaration and FSC certification.

To maximise transport efficiency, shipments are combined between regional offices, thus reducing redundant space on vehicles. Style's logistics partners in the UK hold FORS accreditation and function as licensed Waste Carriers for the removal of shipment packaging from sites. Moreover, the company's operatives undergo Environmental Awareness training.

Impact:

Sustainability advancement impact: Engagement with the Supply Chain Sustainability School has facilitated the organisation and prioritisation of sustainability within Style's operations. Regional champions have been assigned to engage with the School, ensuring the company keeps pace with industry requirements and opportunities in this area.

In collaboration with manufacturing partners, Style's offerings to the UK market include certified products that carry an Environmental Product Declaration. The company can demonstrate FSC certification and contribute evidence to projects striving to meet BREEAM, LEED, SKA, and WELL standards. Style operates a UKAS-accredited ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System.

The School has also provided insights and aspirations to improve Style's Quality Systems. A customer satisfaction feedback process is currently under development, which will facilitate proactive engagement with customers, encourage their feedback, and help improve services where applicable.

Illuminating strengths & weaknesses: The School's assessments have served to spotlight areas of strength within Style, while also asking insightful questions that probe less developed aspects of the business. While some of the School's wide-ranging topics fall outside of Style's scope as a niche subcontractor, the regular assessments have enabled the company to refocus on new areas, with a view to continuously improving operations.

Action plan utility: The School's action plan has proven useful to Style as it concentrates the array of learning resources, allowing

Fact box



Company

Style – Moveable Partition Specialists

No of employees

85

HQ

London

Website

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Services

Specialists in supply, installation, service & repair of moveable walls & folding partitions.

About

Style is the UK's premier provider of moveable wall partitions. As a multi-award-winning and highly respected company, Style is distinguished by its exclusive partnerships, industry-leading products, and experienced team. These attributes allow Style to deliver the ideal solution for every space, whether it requires an innovative showcase solution or a simple, practical sliding wall.

allocation to employees to enhance awareness throughout the business. Currently, the focus is on sustainability and procurement.

Enhanced sustainability awareness: As a result of Style's engagement with the School, sustainability awareness within the company has seen a noticeable increase. The e-learning modules have provided fresh perspectives on issues that may not emerge in day-to-day activities. Modules covering how BIM is transforming the project life cycle within construction have been particularly helpful in understanding where Style fits in and how the company can leverage this to maintain its industry vanguard.

Value gained:

Style collaborates with several principal contractors who are members of the School. Specifically, ISG's Gold status expectation and Willmott Dixon's requirements for supplier benchmarking have been significant catalysts for their engagement.

The values and policies that Style's membership with the School has helped develop have boosted the company's reputation within the industry. This resonates particularly with companies seeking suppliers that offer more sustainable and environmentally aware solutions. These solutions focus on the life cycle cost of products for their clients.

The e-learning modules have bolstered Style's ability to communicate with more confidence and authority regarding its capacity to assist in delivering projects that meet BREAAAM, LEED, SKA, and WELL standards.

Future proofing:

Style's future plans with the Supply Chain Sustainability School involve broadening exposure into other areas such as management, digital, and people. The company aims to explore opportunities to enhance its people, policies, and processes.

Style anticipates that the School will continue to encourage their principal contractor partners to mandate membership as a prerequisite for their supply chains.