

Dun Laoghaire Library dlr Lexicon Library Dublin (IR)

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Project/Location

Dun Laoghaire Library, dlr Libraries, Dublin (IR)
http://libraries.dlrco.ie

Architect

Carr Cotter & Naessens Architects, Cork (IR)
www.ccnarchitects.net

Glass Manufacturer

UAB Glassbel Baltic (Laminated glass), Klaipeda (LT)
www.glassbel.com

Foil

SentryGlas® supplied by Kuraray/DuPont
www.sentryglas.com

Fabric

SEFAR® Architecture VISION PR 260/55B Gold

Moran Park in Dun Laoghaire visibly demonstrates the natural fault line between the harbor and the town. When viewed across the water, the Lexicon building is a true landmark, it's monumental window dramatically rising up towards the harbor, providing breathtaking views from inside.

The modern library is a facilitator for community, educational and cultural events and is entered on two levels. On the lower level the park edge of the building is lined with public rooms. Behind the public spaces there is the working section of the library including workrooms and archives. On the higher «town» level there is a living room overlooking the park, as well as rooms for book-clubs, meetings and seminars. The municipal art gallery and associated workshop is also on this floor.

The material of the building is spare, a voluminous concrete shell, into within which are inserted oak linings for books and sound modulation. The building is clad in a granite, with the large window assemblies and entrance portal clad in bronze. The Haigh Terrace block is made of red brick set in stone bands; here the windows are more conventional openings, partly shaded with louvres, which are laminated with SEFAR® Architecture VISION PR 260/55B Gold. This fabric is coated and printed on both sides.

