

The University of Strathclyde's new sports centre Fastlane Glassgate 150 turnstiles

The new state-of-the-art £33 million University of Strathclyde's leisure centre has recently been unveiled following a two-year construction programme. Strathclyde Sport provides modern facilities for students, staff and members of the public. With the new facilities including a large fitness suite, sauna, steam room, six-lane 25 meter pool as well as sports halls, dance studio, activity spaces and squash courts the centre needed an effective access system in place.



Working closely with Strathclyde Sport, Alternative Systems Protection were tasked with the installation of four customised Fastlane Glassgate 150 turnstiles in order to ensure only members and authorised users are granted access to this busy city centre location.

Derek Cardno, Business Development Manager for Alternative Systems Protection summarises working on the project:

"When discussing the requirements with the client, it was clear that they wanted an entrance control solution which would allow all users to access the facilities via the same entry point, as well as a modern and aesthetically pleasing system which

would effectively prevent unauthorised personnel from accessing the facilities".

All turnstile lanes installed are accessible, allowing comfortable entry for wheelchair users and other centre members carrying large bags and sports equipment.

The New Fastlane Glassgate 150 turnstile system features touch screen technology linked to the Gladstone Leisure Management Software. The touch screen enables authorised users to select the activity they are attending on the visit and registers their attendance at the same time. ASP have also integrated the RFID (radio frequency identification technology) wristband technology and barcode readers to allow entry for the student card users as well as pay-as-you-go ticket holders.



Starting with a standard Fastlane Glassgate150 turnstiles, our technical team created a bespoke solution to allow integration with the touch screen panels, RFID and barcode scanner readers. The readers and control panels in all lanes connect to Gladstone Management Software specifically designed for clients in the leisure industry.

Derek adds: *"Glassgate 150 turnstiles also have the capability of counting footfall, which provides this useful data for our clients. They also connect with touch screens and the Gladstone Leisure Management Software, allowing members to pre-book activities online before arriving at the centres, giving a frictionless member experience which was one of the main aims of this project"* .





When working with ASP on this project, Scott Neil, Facilities Manager for Strathclyde Sport, was determined to find a solution that would enhance the customer experience even further. He said:

"The Fastlane Glassgate 150 turnstiles have allowed an efficient and effective entry and exit system for users, so no frustrating queues. They also provide easy, no fuss access for wheelchair users. In addition, the touch screen entry provides Strathclyde Sport with essential data gathering on the usage trends of facilities, activities and mapping peak times, which ensures more informed future programme planning, plus the ability to give useful feedback to members. The appearance of the turnstiles and touch screens are in keeping with the expectations of a modern, bright and spacious new facility".



For more information on the Fastlane Glassgate 150 turnstiles/ RFID / barcode leisure management integrated solutions, please contact us on 08456 732 110 or email: sales@alternativesystemsprotection.co.uk

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