



# Plymouth Life Centre

A multi-use sports facility designed for events at every level

The City of Plymouth in the UK was committed to getting more people involved in sport to improve their overall health and fitness. The design vision was to create a strong visual landmark, drawing all members of the community together to experience a wide range of sporting and leisure activities. Through public consultation, NORR was chosen to design the Plymouth Life Centre, one of the country's leading centers of aquatic excellence - and the training facility for the 2012 Olympic Games.

The facility is multi-purpose. Both the Olympic and dive pools have moveable floors so the pool depth can be changed to suit the activity. This quick reconfiguration easily accommodates the diverse events that occur there from aqua fitness to children's swimming courses to athlete training. The moveable pool floors allow the center to optimize the aquatic infrastructure and overall facility cost. The NORR design also featured: a dryside diving facility; leisure water; a climbing area with aerial experience; an eight-rink bowls facility; a 12-court sports hall; a fitness suite with 150 stations; a health suite; a multipurpose space and dance studio; a crèche; and a soft play area. The interior is stimulating, with splashes of color to guide users around the building. A cafe spills out onto the park to engage community users.

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<b>CLIENT</b>	Plymouth City Council
<b>PORTFOLIO</b>	Sports & Recreation
<b>SIZE</b>	161,459 SF (15,000 SM)
<b>LOCATION</b>	Plymouth, UK
<b>DATE</b>	June 2012
<b>SERVICES</b>	Architecture

#### AWARDS

- 2012 Local Authority Building Control (LABC), Building Excellence Awards - South West, Community Building Award
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# Sports & Recreation

NORR is a leading design consultant in the sports and recreation sector. Our experience is global and ranges from municipal community-centric facilities to medium-sized spectator complexes, college and university facilities and large-scale sports and entertainment venues. We create places and spaces that draw people together to collectively experience and participate in events.

## Full Service and Experienced

NORR takes a holistic view of design through branding, urban and landscape design, retail and hospitality facilities and iconic architecture to achieve the project vision. We work closely with communities, institutions and stakeholders to develop a program that will satisfy user needs, provide efficient circulation, wayfinding and capacity to create a venue where spectacle and excitement keeps people engaged and wanting more. Good design supports multi-purpose, multi-functional spaces that are capable of hosting a wide spectrum of activities.

## International Competition Venues

In Canada, NORR was part of the consortium that created SkyDome (now the Rogers Centre), the world's first multi-use professional sports stadium with a fully retractable roof. Thirty years later it continues to be home to the biggest sporting and entertainment events in Toronto. NORR, and its partners, also designed and constructed the award-winning Pan American Aquatics Centre and Field House. It was the largest new-build sport facility for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games. NORR built on its expertise in international diving centers from an earlier Dive Centre project at Southend, UK which was the 2012 Olympic camp for the British Diving Team.

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