



INNOVATION AWARD

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Flourish and
PKL Group

Nominees:

LIVING 'N' COOKING

Cardiff County Council

KITCHEN PODS FOR NOTTINGHAM

Telford & Wrekin Council

Northamptonshire County Council (Flourish) set themselves an incredible task, to provide every primary school child in Northampton access to a hot meal, at a stage when the majority of county schools did not have a kitchen. The project involved 225 schools (more than three quarters of the county's schools) who not only backed the project but also invested their individual capital budgets into it.

Flourish submitted a business case to the Department of Education in 2007. Three separate successful bids for funding secured a total of £8.5 million by November 2008 and another £2 million in June 2009.

A wide number of considerations had to be made across the whole scope of the project, including how schools who did not have an existing kitchen or space would be able to access hot meals cooked on site. It was

at this point that PKL and Flourish joined together to create an innovative solution.

The KitchenPod is an innovative, modular kitchen building solution, which is designed and constructed off site and is delivered fully equipped with catering equipment to a school.

Working hand-in-hand, PKL and Flourish developed three standard sizes of KitchenPod, specifically for schools in Northampton, with three separate internal equipment designs capable of providing anywhere between 75 and 150 hot meals in a single sitting. So far, Kitchen Pods have been delivered to over 30 schools in Northampton.

Once the second phase of installations has been completed, this will take the number of KitchenPods delivered to schools by Flourish & PKL to nearly 100.

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