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People points

Who

Nick James, furniture designer/maker

Why

Not just a talented craftsman, James is the brains behind Mushroom Works, a new gallery and studio complex situated in the Ouseburn Valley, Newcastle upon Tyne.

History

James came up with the idea of Mushroom Works after becoming frustrated at the lack of studio space available in Newcastle. He realised that there were many like minded 3D artists and craftspeople who also require large spaces with good natural light. Thanks to a grant from the Arts Council and funding from Business Link Tyne and Wear and Newcastle City Council, he was able to launch Mushroom Works, comprising 12 individual studios and a gallery.

Style

Smooth. In more ways than one. Yes, he's an award-winning furniture maker (plaudits include the Worshipful Company of Furniture Maker's Trophy for excellence in Craft Skills) but he obviously has an eye for business too, identifying a gap in studio provision for creatives in the North East.



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