

## Community

### Asia House, London

#### Key facts

**Client**

Asia House

**Value**

£4m

**Duration**

14 months

**Services**Lead Consultant  
Architect**Contract**

JCT 98



Calfordseaden were appointed as Architect and Lead Consultant for the provision of the new London-based headquarters for Asia House; a major UK organisation involved in fostering cultural relations with the Far East.

The project involved the refurbishment of a Grade II Listed Georgian town house with a grand staircase, fine plaster and painted ceilings. Also included was the delivery of a new facility comprising a 160 seat auditorium, art gallery, and mews accommodation.

We undertook feasibility studies and condition surveys to identify potential buildings for the client which led to

the eventual purchase of a property in New Cavendish Street.

The commission involved calfordseaden entering into prolonged negotiations with Westminster Planners and English Heritage to reach an agreement on designs for the new headquarters. Approval of use was the result of a successful appeal.

The completed complex provides a gallery showcase for priceless collections of Asian artefacts, a lecture theatre/performance space on the lower floors, an elegant suite of reception rooms for visiting dignitaries on the first floor, and administrative offices above ■