



**COMMENDATION FOR SMALL PROJECT ARCHITECTURE**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICE MOCK COURTROOM**

**OUT(FIT)**

Out(fit) has created a timely and process-driven response to the social duty of architecture. It provides building experience opportunities for university students and volunteers to serve marginalised communities throughout Newcastle.

The client, Newcastle Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service (NWDVCAS) offers legal aid services to people who have experienced intimate partner violence. They requested out(fit)'s services to build a mock courtroom to help familiarise clients with the courtroom environment prior to their court hearing/s.

The team worked collaboratively with legal consultants to effectively deliver modular and reconfigurable furniture pieces constructed out of 100% reclaimed hardwood, donated by a local timber recycler, and constructed by social workers.

Out(fit)'s clear purpose, planning and thinking is evident through pioneering the creation of a more compassionate and inclusive environment for survivors of domestic abuse and their families.

The result is a robustly functional structure that will provoke ongoing discourse around the role of the architect as a designer, maker, teacher, and community facilitator.

