



Care & Support Awareness Month NEWSLETTER



Focus on: Children see challenges of disabled living in 3D

Children from St. Sebastian's Catholic Primary School in Kensington were given a unique opportunity to discover how homes are designed to meet the needs of people with disabilities as part of a design workshop held at the school this week.

The workshop was organised by Cosmopolitan Housing Association which is hoping to convert a grade II listed building on Holly Road into supported living units for people with learning difficulties and physical disabilities.

Our plans have been turned into a computerised 3D "walkthrough" by Caleb Butler, an architecture student at LJMU who is gaining experience by working with local architects BDP and Broadway Malyan Architects.

The former care home is adjacent to the school and has been empty for five years. Subject to planning permission, the pupils will be able to watch the building take shape as it is transformed into its new role from September 2011.

The design workshop, which included a visit to the site, was held as part of the National Housing Federation's 'Care and Support Awareness' month and allowed children to gain an insight into the everyday challenges faced by some disabled people and understand how well-designed homes can support their independence.

There was also an opportunity to learn about the challenges of adapting a listed building.

We are pleased to have had the opportunity to involve local children in this exciting new project even before the work has begun. We aim to not only teach them about the way supported living works but to give them an understanding of disabled people and their needs.

If we get the go ahead the building will become home to nine tenants with support provided by Liverpool based Christian caring community L'Arche.





More news from CASA month next Friday.

Best wishes,

Geoff Redhead
Group Chief Executive



Celebrate CASA month July 2010

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HOUSING
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Over **180** organisations
provide housing support services
in the North

In the North,
Supported Housing provides
more than **12,000** services



Over **166,000** people benefit
from these services in the North

Every pound spent on Supporting People saves
£2.12 on other public services.

SCPSF: Department for the Social Care of the Supporting People Programme (2007-2009)

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