

Mural Brightens ILF Office

The ILF offices in Nottingham have been given a makeover by the addition of a mural in the lobby.

The work was carried out by a local artist, Jane Stockley. Jane was asked by the ILF to produce a mural that would say something about independent living to staff and visitors as they entered the building.



The ILF mural

Jane researched the project by spending time with people who attended the Springwood Day Centre in Nottingham. She ran a series of workshops based around a discussion of independent living and what it meant to the group.

During the first session the group looked through different styles of magazines and leaflets and made a collage of images with quotes about their daily lives. In following sessions the group talked with Jane about symbols or objects that made them feel independent. They talked about transport, the importance of staff and the facilities that were available to them in the city. The strongest symbol that came through from these discussions was the key.



Springwood users paint their ideas

The group then produced a series of mixed media screen prints to represent their keys. Jane collected a quote or comment from all the participants about their prints and these have been included in the mural.



A detail of the mural

At further workshops the group enjoyed experimenting with painting and drawing pictures about their lives.

The workshops evolved into a consultation process where, while the group were enjoying the practical nature of the sessions, Jane made notes about their work and the group discussions.



Springwood users at work

Jane then created a composition that could accommodate the group's visual images and words. Lists and daily routines were important to the group, and staff, transport and holidays were mentioned many times. Their images and words about these things have all been included in the final design. Most importantly the design centres upon where they call home and whether they felt independent, which is reflected in the quotes attached to the keys in the mural.



Painting the mural

The mural was unveiled on 7 March by the Chief Executive of the ILF, Elaine Morton. Some of the group from Springwood Day Centre, accompanied by their key worker, Adrian Rutter, were invited to the unveiling to see how their work had been developed into the final mural. They then enjoyed tea and cakes with members of staff from the ILF at an exhibition of the work they had created during the project.

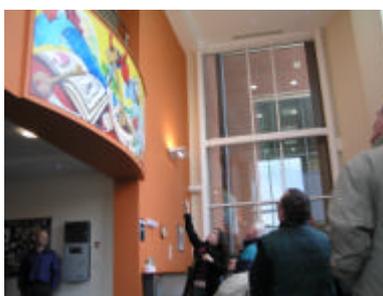


Springwood users show ILF staff their work.

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Guests view the mural



The artist describes the mural



Springwood Day Centre Users



Adrain Rutter (Springwood Day Centre), Elaine Morton (Chief Exec, ILF) and Jane Stockley (Artist)



Springwood Day Centre users working on their ideas for the mural

