

Bridging the Gap News

A Shared Vision of the Future

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Residents at Holden Point in Stratford were treated to a special visit in July as part of **Bridging the Gap**, a groundbreaking 2012 architecture and built environment education programme funded by Newham Council which aims to help children and young people understand the scale of change brought about by hosting this major sporting event and to promote ownership of the developments.

Year 5 pupils from Elmhurst Primary School shared ideas with residents about the changes taking place in Newham before catching a bird's eye view of the Olympic Park site from the specially constructed rooftop Viewing Gallery. The visit was facilitated by Derek Southern, Chair of the residents association, who commented that everyone at Holden Point thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

“We were very pleased to see the children with the tenants of Holden Point. We were amazed at the enthusiasm with which they asked their questions and the equal enthusiasm of the tenants with their answers. Further, how patient they all were with each other. We feel the visit was a complete success and would welcome the opportunity to have them again.” Ann Lyon, Senior Warden.

The visit to Holden Point was part of a two day roadshow which also involved the whole class building a giant three dimensional jigsaw map of the borough and detailed models of the Olympic Park venues.

“We had a brilliant time, we all learnt so much about the architecture of the new buildings and how our local area will change. The resources the team brought were fantastic. We had a great 2 days and learnt a vast amount!” Year 5 teacher Elmhurst Primary School.

Further information about Bridging the Gap can be found on www.fundamental.uk.net/bridgingthegap where teachers are invited to join the online Programme Network and access downloadable curriculum resources.

Notes to Editors:

Bridging the Gap was devised and is delivered by Fundamental Architectural Inclusion, a specialist architecture and built environment education organisation based in Newham that seeks ways for communities to genuinely participate in the planning and development process of regeneration in their neighbourhoods.

Fundamental is a member of the Architecture Centre Network, a national network of centres across the UK dedicated to exploring and interpreting the built environment and is uniquely well-placed to deliver engagement opportunities in partnership with the key agencies involved in the Olympic developments.

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