

# Bridging the Gap News

Junior developers with designs on the 2012 Games

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Pupils from Roman Road primary school created their own designs for building the Olympic Park for London 2012 when Mayor of Newham, Sir Robin Wales, visited on Wednesday 28 November.

They created a giant jigsaw map with 3D models of the Olympic Park and their local area during special workshops to explore how the Olympics and other redevelopments will affect their surroundings.

The school is one of nine in the borough taking part in a programme called Bridging the Gap that which brings a specialist team of architectural educators into the classroom to give children a better understanding of their local environment.

Funded by Newham Council, it is the first of its kind to help pupils and teachers explore the scale of the changes that are taking place and learn about town planning and building. It is run by Fundamental Architectural Inclusion, a centre based in Newham that seeks new ways to get communities, especially young people, more involved in rebuilding their neighbourhood.

Sir Robin Wales commented: "It is a great idea to use the enthusiasm around 2012 to bring geography and architecture to life. The workshops are opening children's eyes to their own neighbourhoods.

"All the building projects taking place in Newham will have an important influence over our children's future and I want them to be as involved as possible."

More information about the project is on [www.fundamental.uk.net/bridgingthegap](http://www.fundamental.uk.net/bridgingthegap)

## Notes to Editors:

Bridging the Gap was devised and is delivered by Fundamental Architectural Inclusion, an Architecture Centre based in the heart of Newham dedicated to giving every citizen locally the opportunity to understand and engage with neighbourhood change.

Fundamental is a member of the CABE funded Architecture Centre Network, one of 20 centres Nationwide which enable greater public involvement in and understanding of architecture, built environment and public space.

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