

ACE PARTICIPATION JOURNEY 5

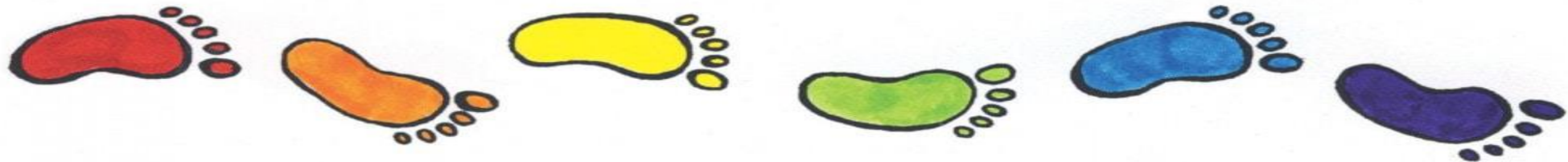
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Helping RBG to design
a new Post19 centre
that will work for us...

The challenge given to us by RBG and the architects was to help them design a new Post19 centre that would work for us.

The aim was for RBG to get information to:

- Help them build a new Post19 centre that was what people with SEND would want to use.
- Make sure they had included as many things that we suggested as possible in the design.



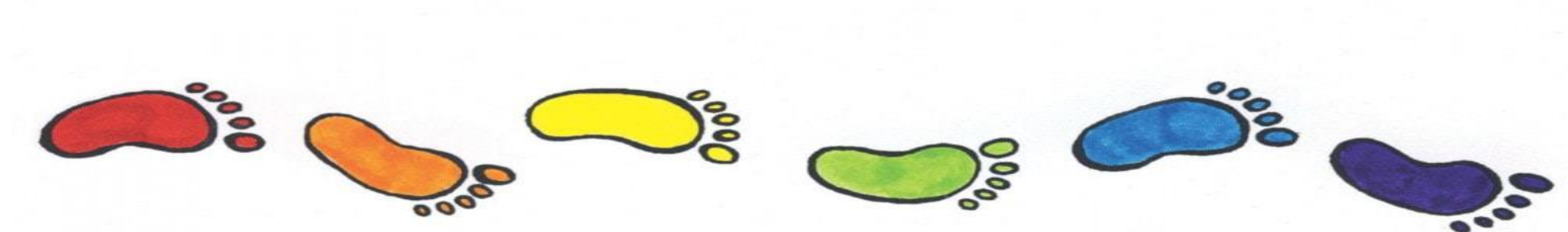
Who took part?

18 young people were asked for their views on the plans, pictures and animation given by the architects.

They were asked to respond to 8 questions.

Their ages range from 1-419 and they attend school in Royal Borough of Greenwich.

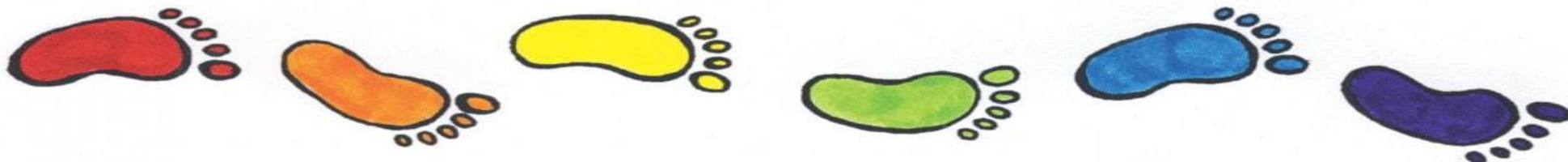
They have a range of special educational needs and moderate/severe/complex learning disabilities.



How did we do it?

Greenwich asked us to look at some easy versions of the design plans and also an animated walk through of the planned building.

- They asked us to say what we liked and what we didn't like so much.
- They asked us to say how it made us feel.
- They asked us to suggest ideas to include in the design too.
- They asked us to let them know if we would be likely to use the building.



We were asked: Do you like the building?

16 of us did and 2 were not sure

We liked....

- Most of us liked how it made us feel happy.
- All of us liked the eating space.
- Most of us liked the tree in the middle.

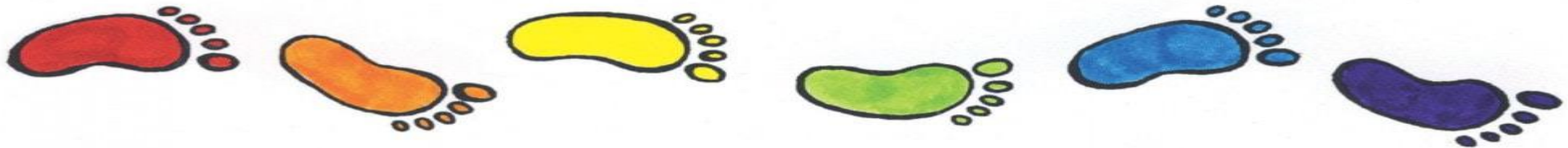
We didn't like

- Some of us didn't like having younger children in there.
- Some of us didn't like the tree inside.
- Some of us felt lost inside or worried we might get lost.
- Some of us felt we wouldn't be happy there.



We were asked: How could it be made better? We said we would like...

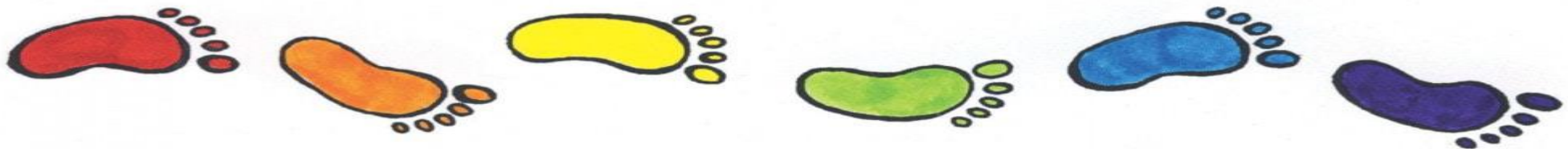
- More things in the rooms to stop it feeling empty.
 - Football pitches.
 - To decorate the tree at Christmas.



We were asked: Do you think it is something you would like to use?

10 of us thought we would like to use the building and we said ...

- It looks relaxing.
- It would be nice to sit and read outside or go for a walk.
- I really love it.
- It is a nice building.



What happens next?...

The architects have said that they will be using our ideas and that there will be:

- Electric sockets next to the tree so it can be decorated with lights at Christmas time.
- Better route markings so that young people are not worried about getting lost in the building.

