



Sustainability Week – SkyBlue Birmingham

Business Unit:

SkyBlue Solutions

Date:

3rd - 4th June 2009

Location:

Birmingham

In partnership with:

Walsall Caldmore Housing

**East North East Leeds
Homes**

Key contacts:

Janine Fleming



Support worker for young persons housing scheme, Andrew Mugwagwa and SkyBlue team; Janine Fleming, Laura Whittaker, and Elena Gonzalez

On July 3rd 2009 enthusiastic members of Birmingham's SkyBlue Solutions office took part in renovation project painting duties, in partnership with Walsall Caldmore Housing.

History

The three storey house, was once used as micro flats to provide accommodation and support services to young vulnerable people. Eventually the building became too unsafe for the service, attracting prostitution and substance abuse

Moving Forward

It was re-claimed by local authorities who thought it best to re-furbish and use the building for pro-active purposes.

Janine Fleming, SkyBlue Recruitment Resourcer made contact with BVSC, Birmingham Voluntary Service Council, who put her in touch with the project.



The project: 5 Wednesbury Road

Business Benefits

Understanding the importance of creating a clean environment in service of the local community.

Community Benefits

Create a positive, community conscious image of the building that will be able to carry out useful and helpful services to local people.



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Partnership

Caldmore housing provided the materials and paint, and the SkyBlue team got busy re-painting the rooms and hallways. Through hard work the project was completed within two days.

Janine said “We were pleased to see the rooms come together and the end result was worth the effort. There was a lot of paint everywhere and the weather was hot but once we got stuck in we all forgot about the heat. We aimed to finish within two days...and we did!”

The Future

Currently the local authorities are in discussion with a voluntary group who are in need of an appropriate building to provide and deliver their services which include; advice and counselling to local people with drug and alcohol related problems.

The location is easily accessible and is in close proximity to existing Drop-In services at The Glebe Centre, which provides general support for those requiring daily shelter, food and access to other relevant services.



SkyBlue Branch Manager, Greg Fearon