



New Look for Elgin Day Centre

Time for Paddington is Paddington Waterside Partnership's Corporate Community Involvement programme. Established in 2004, the programme connects companies to charities and communities by brokering volunteering, skills, fundraising and donations.

Paddington Waterside Partnership introduced Time for Paddington to enable companies to build fruitful and lasting relationships with the local community. Time for Paddington assists companies by matching their core values with the needs of the community sector.

Painting their Place Perfect

A team of nine from M&S wanted to take part in a team challenge that would allow them to do something for the local community. They were introduced to a worthy cause for Elgin Day Centre whose staff kitchen and community room needed redecorating.

The team approached the challenge enthusiastically, fundraising in advance for the paint, tools and materials needed to undertake the job. They arrived the day before to prepare the room so they could get started without delay on their assigned day.

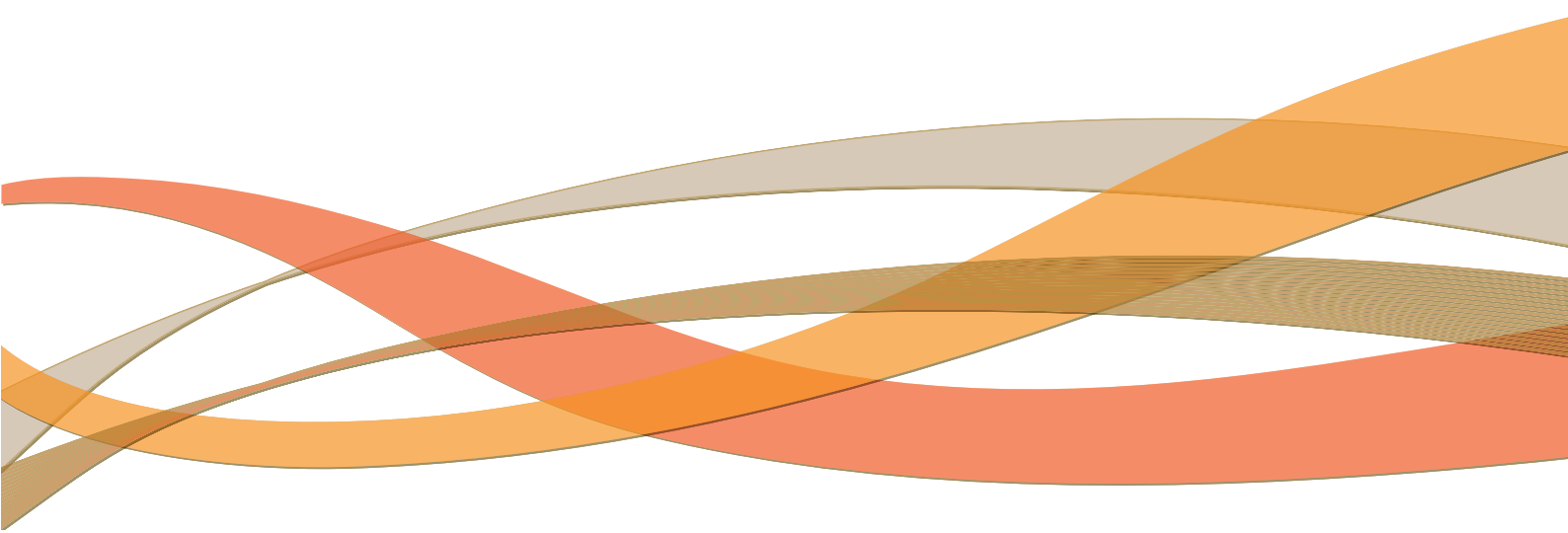
Once completed, the rooms looked fabulous and refreshed. The Centre staff were also surprised by the extra gifts presented to them by the team as a result of their fundraising - a new kettle, toaster, napkins, table cloths and biscuits. In return for the hard work, one of the team members was treated to a birthday song by a client visiting Centre that day.

"A fantastic day, giving the centre a new and fresh look which has been embraced by all!"

Breeze - Centre Manager, Elgin Day Centre

"I think this is an excellent idea, giving everyone a day to carry out some voluntary work which they wouldn't otherwise do. It is a great way to get big teams together to tackle larger jobs; also a good way to use the opportunity as a team building day."

Jan - Marks & Spencer



M&S in the Community

M&S is one of the UK's leading retailers, with over 21 million people visiting their 700 UK stores each week. They employ over 76,000 people in the UK and abroad.

With its UK Head Office based in Paddington, M&S regularly fundraises for local charities and community organisations. M&S frequently supports St Mary's Hospital, located opposite the retailer's offices, most recently raising £125,000 for the hospital as part of its 125th anniversary celebrations.

In 2007 M&S launched its eco-ethical plan: 'Plan A', committing to change 100 things over five years. In March 2010, it expanded Plan A setting out a further 80 commitments to help it become the world's most sustainable major retailer by 2015. Fair Partner is a major strand of the M&S Plan A vision and it is committed to supporting local communities through fundraising and employee volunteering.

Elgin Day Centre

The Elgin Day Care Centre provides services for Westminster residents, particularly those in the Paddington area who are frail, elderly and/or disabled with higher levels of support needs. They provide a wide range of recreational and educational activities, including theme days, entertainers and day trips. Personal care is also provided, onsite cooked meals and ongoing support.

The Centre is part of Housing 21, a leading organisation working across England to provide excellent housing, care and health services for older people. As one of the UK's largest non-profit care providers and a national leader in innovative and affordable housing, they aim to make a difference on a large scale. With established links within communities, they also respond on a local level by developing new services that meet the needs of their clients.

