



Participation and Consultation with disabled audiences

at **Access All Areas, Eureka!** and **Recovery? Flanders to Afghanistan**
at **Thackray Medical Museum, Leeds**

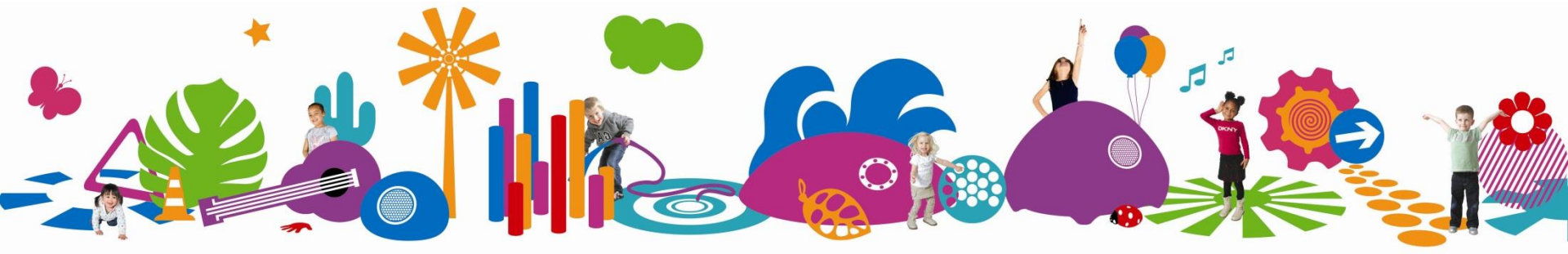


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Case Study – All About Me

Purpose - Gallery re-design and interpretation - consultation with adults

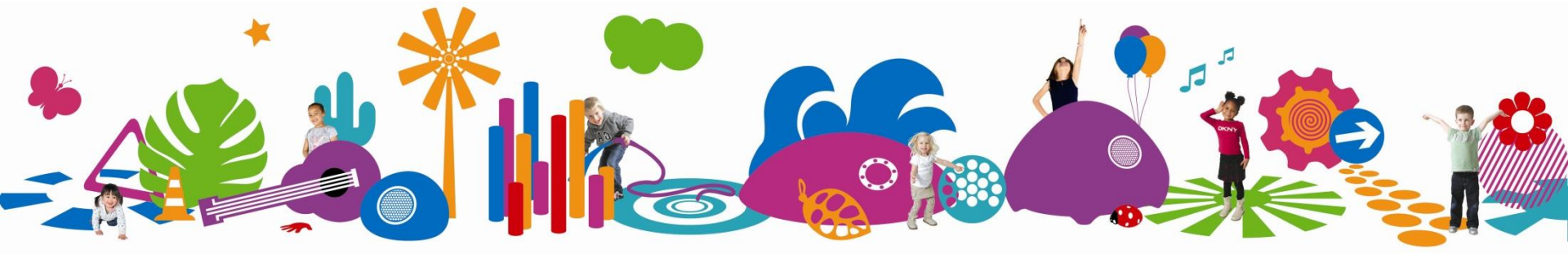
- Parents and professionals of children with multiple needs recruited through previous contact
- Family consultation meeting at design stage
- Walk through followed by facilitated discussion



Case Study – All About Me

Always something new to learn

- Animated figures, mirrors, interaction with “virtual” strangers can be scary – give children the choice to interact by locating exhibits in an area which can be avoided
- Role play – include props and make clothes back fastening
- Portable exhibits are easier to interact with for wheelchair users or those with impaired muscle control

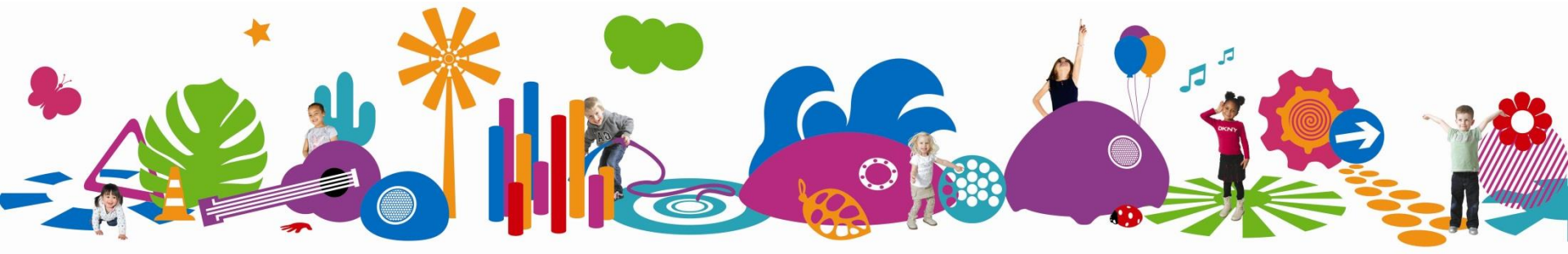


Case Study – Family Activity Sessions



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- Families of disabled children who had attended Saturday clubs over previous months
- Photographs of the session with starters
- A lunchtime focus group – session evaluation (3 years)
- A special needs teacher facilitated
- Children could give non verbal input
- Distraction free environment



Activity!

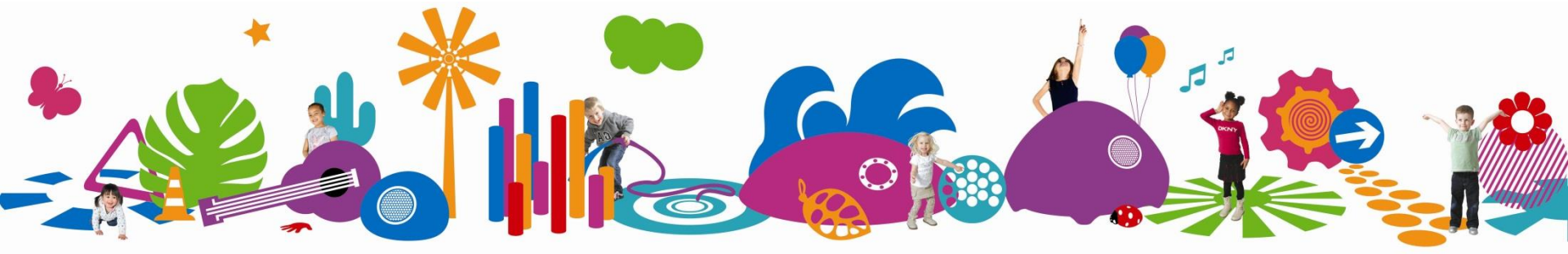
Here's our idea for a new museum



Do you like it?

What do you think?

What would you like to see in our new museum?

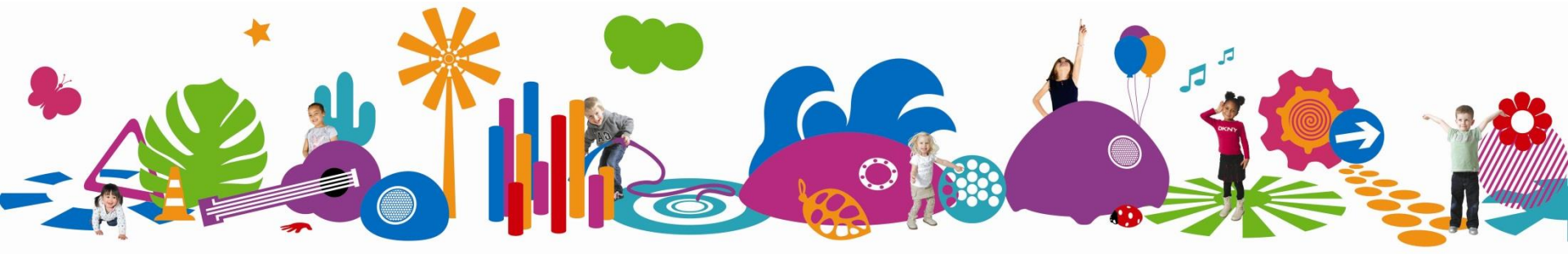


Case Study - Recovery? Flanders to Afghanistan



Purpose – co-curation with those disabled through military service

- Limb loss
- PTSD
- Hearing impairment





Case Study - Recovery?

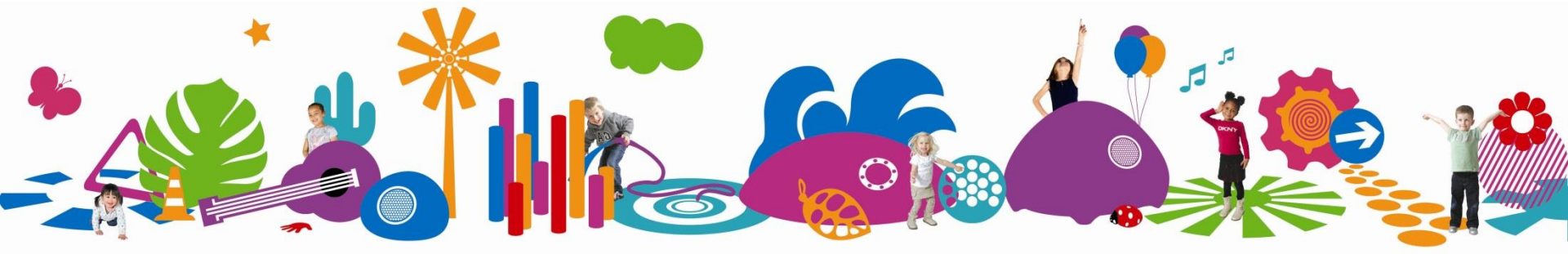


Co-creation

Sensitivity

Reflecting individual experiences

In depth interviews, focus group sessions





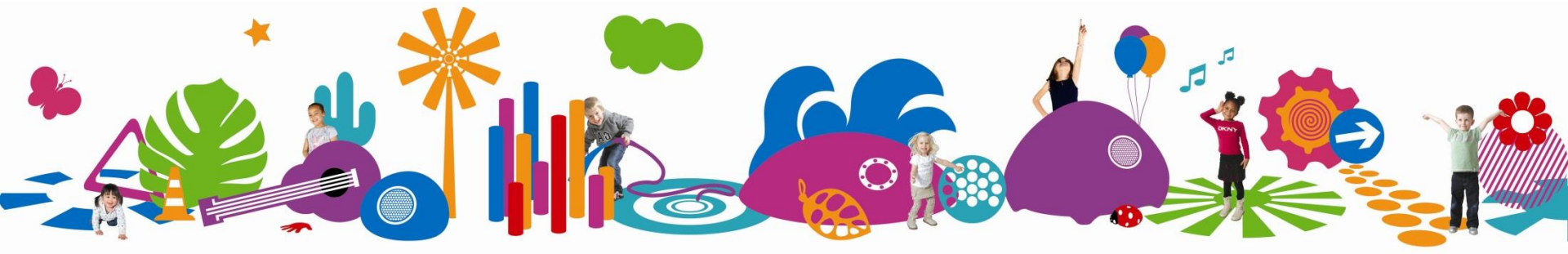
Case Study – interviews



First find your veteran

Relationships

Having the Conversation (s)





Case Study – focus groups



Purpose – action research - finding out more about the history and impact of hearing damage

Bringing together PhD students, hearing impaired people and professionals

Photographed and recorded



A deeper understanding of the historical context for participants
A deeper understanding of the impact of hearing impairment for us



Top Tips

1. Relationships take time to build
2. Rewards for participants
3. Range of approach to meet all needs

