

DIY & Decorating Skills for Dacorum Residents

Dacorum Borough Council Property Services



Workshops are a Decorated Success

In April 2017, we opened our brand new Training Centre at our Maxted Court Offices in Hemel Hempstead. The vision for the facility was to create a safe environment to up skill our workforce, enhance our apprentice and work experience opportunities and teach and develop skills within the local community.

By working with our Partners Dacorum Borough Council, Osborne have supported the launch of their new Tenant Academy initiative by offering free DIY and Decorating courses for local residents.

The 'Family Decorating Day', held in the new Training Centre at Osborne's Maxted Road offices, saw two young families invited to spend a day learning skills in painting, wallpapering and basic DIY under the expert tuition of Osborne Senior Building Surveyor Garry Davidson and Carpenter Michael Cox.

"The day was great fun and it was lovely to see both families really getting involved and enjoying the time together whilst learning new skills." - Hannah Bailey, Osborne Community Investment Manager

Jenny Dickerson, Housing Involvement Officer at Dacorum Borough Council said: *"This was the first of many workshops we will be running in partnership with Osborne. They will give our tenants, leaseholders and those people living in our temporary accommodation the opportunity to improve their employability and enhance their wellbeing. This was rewarding and enjoyable day and everyone who attended really got stuck into the activities."*

The Dacorum Team then hosted a Resident DIY workshop where attendees had live demonstrations for what to do in situations such as needing to turn water off, dealing with blockages and changing light bulbs and fixtures. It was then time to get hands-on and try out some tiling and painting which was a huge success.

Michelle Mitchel, who came along to the workshop, was so inspired by learning new skills she will now be joining Osborne for a Work Placement in the New Year to support her career aspirations of joining the industry.



TOP: Multi-Trade Operative, Jim, teaching residents the art of tiling

MIDDLE: Father and son using new skills, preparing wood for decorating

BOTTOM: Osborne Operative, Michael, teaching how to re-hang kitchen unit doors