

Sensory garden tribute to Lea

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Friends, family and colleagues of Lea Timothy, a former Norwood employee who sadly died after a brief illness in 2005 aged only 28, gathered together on Friday 25 August at the Kennedy Leigh Children and Family Centre in Hendon for the official opening of a sensory garden that was built in her honour. Lea worked at the Kennedy Leigh Centre as the Project Co-ordinator for Unity, which is Norwood's recreational service for children with disabilities.



working with children and she is still greatly missed. I believe that this sensory garden is a truly fitting memorial."

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The garden includes a vegetable patch, sweet-scented flowers and plants, mobiles, a quiet area and a mural of Winnie the Pooh, Lea's favourite character from childhood. It gives children with a range of disabilities the opportunity to enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of a working garden – with the added incentive of getting their hands dirty and looking after it themselves. The garden was built with the help of a group of volunteers from an investment bank, that also generously contributed to the cost of the materials.

Lea's mother, Shirley, said: "Everybody who worked with Lea has been so supportive and this garden is a fantastic tribute. She would have loved it and we couldn't have asked for anything more."

Hilary Rosen, Developmental Manager at the Kennedy Leigh Centre, said: "Lea had a very special talent for



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