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TFT quiz raises £4,800 for homeless people in Bristol

Building and property consultants Tuffin Ferraby Taylor (TFT) held its eighth annual fundraising quiz in Bristol last week, generating almost £5,000 for Novas, a charitable organisation working with homeless and other excluded people.

Property and construction professionals – from lawyers to engineers – joined TFT on 27 March at the Queen Square Dining Room for an evening of beer and brain teasers. Each team was asked to raise £275 for Novas as the price of entry.

TFT building surveyor Simon Wilmot-Wilkinson, who organised the event, said the competition was intense. “Several glasses got knocked over accidentally as the teams concentrated on their questions,” he says. “In the pot luck round, for example, we asked what a ‘peen’ was, which caused a bit of head scratching.” [See answer below.]

After several rounds, first place and prize of five champagne bottles went to structural engineers WA Fairhurst & Partners, with silver and bronze places going to planning consultants White Young Green and lawyers Veale Wasbrough respectively. There was also a raffle, including tickets donated by Bristol Zoo, and other prizes from Ellis Properties and venue Queen Square Dining Room.

Sarah Minns, Head of Housing and Support (SW) for Novas, thanked TFT for its efforts.

“This significant donation will make a really fantastic contribution to Novas’ work in Bristol; directly benefiting homeless men and women who are using our services, and enabling individuals to make positive and lasting changes in their lives. TFT has brought together local companies, who are contributing directly to local people; it’s a great example of communities helping themselves.”

* Peen (n): the end of a hammerhead opposite the flat striking surface.

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About Tuffin Ferraby Taylor

Tuffin Ferraby Taylor offers commercial building solutions through project management, building surveying, architecture and interior design. We established Tuffin Ferraby Taylor in 1973, setting up our first office in Kingston upon Thames (now our head office). Over the past 34 years, we have grown to become one of the largest building surveying practices in the UK, with **120** partners and staff operating from offices in Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Guildford, Kingston upon Thames and London.

Our aim is to continually improve the quality and value of our work. Each project gives us an opportunity to reach higher levels of professionalism and efficiency. We believe in being flexible and working closely with our clients to ensure that they are receiving the best and most appropriate services. The number of long-term clients we retain is testament to our success. We pride ourselves on being personable and approachable with clients, fellow professionals and the construction team as a whole.

About Novas

Novas Group aims to change lives through arts, enterprise and community support, and we have been developing innovative services in Bristol for over 35 years.

The Group has developed a strong reputation for the delivery of quality housing and community-based services, and for new and innovative approaches to working with people who experience inequality, exclusion and discrimination.

More recently Novas are developing extensive work, learning, social enterprise and cultural services to support their core work and to match and stretch the diverse aspirations of the people they support.

Working across the country Novas responds to local need and also contributes to regional, national and European agendas by identifying and providing sustainable solutions.

As a group novas develops innovative community empowerment strategies that integrate their services into the wider community. They are currently remodelling many of their large hostels to raise the living standards for people who are homeless, within buildings that will become a part of their local communities.

These projects will also offer learning, cultural and enterprise space for a wide range of individuals and communities who experience exclusion.

Increasingly Novas are developing tenancy support services in people's own homes, along with education outreach services, cultural development services in partnership with local arts facilities and communities, and developing their own enterprise and learning centres.