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Morgan Lovell designs and refurbishes the DSA's head office for free

Morgan Lovell has recently redesigned and refurbished the Down's Syndrome Association (DSA)'s headquarters for free, as part of its Charity SOS initiative.

Located in Teddington, Middlesex, the charity's head office was stripped out by 80 Morgan Lovell employees in one day, before a host of modern and sustainable equipment and fixtures were installed.

Morgan Lovell launched Charity SOS in 2013, a corporate social responsibility initiative that aims to utilise construction industry resources to transform the working environments of selected charities. With the DSA's headquarters representing the ideal opportunity for the workplace consultancy's first refurbishment, a team of volunteers descended on site in May 2013 to assess the situation and initiate a new design.

A host of suppliers, contractors and companies were then contacted to request for contributions. Over 60 suppliers eventually got involved, providing invaluable contributions such as furniture, flooring, carpets, paints, labour and even food.

The work then took place over one day in December, transforming the office space. A number of sustainable features were incorporated in the design of the refurbishment, including energy monitoring capabilities, sustainably sourced materials and paints, and light reflecting blinds. If completed as a non-charitable project, the refurbishment would have cost approximately £150,000.

Speaking about the Charity SOS initiative, Morgan Lovell's head of workplace consultancy Monica Parker said "The last few years have been particularly tough for the charitable sector. Through this initiative, Morgan Lovell and its partners are giving back to the unsung heroes who continue to campaign unfailingly despite economic challenges."

Charity SOS categorises Morgan Sindall Group's commitment to support local charities and the DSA refurbishment has recently been shortlisted for the Business Charity Awards 2014.

To find out more about the refurbishment, watch the Charity SOS 2013 film [here](#).