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Welcome to our February Newsletter, thank you for joining us and we hope you enjoy reading. We thought we would do something a bit different this month and share with you all our top tips for creating an award-winning care home.

Dementia friendly environment

We have been designing care home interiors for years and so it makes sense that we know a fair bit about the do's and don'ts of dementia friendly design. We have all undertaken dementia design training so it makes sense to keep reading..

Firstly, having specialist knowledge and advice is key if you are planning to build or redesign a care home. With something as important as dementia design, industry expertise is essential. It is also important to consider proper dementia design and take into account every sensory requirement of the residents of the facility. Addressing physical issues such as lighting, colour contrast and signage is not enough on its own it is beneficial to involve the interior designers early as possible, the earlier in the planning & design process the better. Technology and adaptations - simple adaptions can often create the biggest impact. Finally, our last piece of advice is to keep the needs of the residents as your number one focus throughout the entire project. To read more about how we create dementia friendly environment here at Catalyst take a look at one of our most popular blogs - www.catalystinteriors.co.uk/post/dementia-friendly-environment

Meet The Team

Although we have added some different content this month, one thing stays the same, our meet the team section. It is so important to us to show our readers what we do but also to shine a light on all the wonderful members of the Catalyst team. First up we have Oliver, he is our 3D Visualisation Specialist who plays a very important role in our design team. Oliver takes the interior designers' interpretations of a clients brief and brings them to life through various CGI methods. Graduating from University as an Industrial Designer Oliver entered the world of 3D Visuals and finding something that satisfied his artistic nature he's never left it since. Out of work as an outdoors man Oliver can usually be found up a mountain, surfing on the coast, or traveling there in the VW Camper van he rebuilt, or rather the place we often find him cooking lunch in on workdays!

Next up we have Adam, an energetic Project Manager, Adam adds life & vitality to his work to ensure that his customers' expectations are met and indeed surpassed. Out of work Adam is a passionate supporter & follower of a football team that Mike chooses not to follow, and on that subject they are divided...by a park called Stanley.

Company News

We wanted to introduce a new section to our newsletter this month to share our company news. It may feel like the world is still at a bit of a standstill and life for many is quiet but we're still working away here at Catalyst. Whilst we have made adaptions in our office to keep all our staff safe we recognise that we also have a duty to keep designing interiors for our care home residents.

Our latest project...

Alderwood House in Dumbarton was fitted out between the 1st and 5th Feb for Meallmore care. It is a purpose-built care home offering personalised nursing care to people aged between 18 to 65 enduring or recovering mental disorders. The care home caters to 32 residents and has 4 self-contained apartments with kitchenettes and sitting rooms that give the residents the support they need to live independently.

Our Next Issue...

Thank you for joining us for another month, we hope you've enjoyed reading some new content. Watch out for our March newsletter where we will offer some more healthcare interior design tips and tricks. Stay safe!