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CHP Census Helps Celebrate Differences

Chelmer Housing Partnership (CHP) celebrated its differences to raise over £600 for CHARMS, a local Multiple Sclerosis charity.

CHP employees donned costumes to celebrate their background and interests; attended an equality and diversity session and took part in diversity activities, demonstrating CHP's commitment to equal opportunities.

The diversity day – part of CHP's sixth birthday celebrations – allowed staff to discover and enjoy other cultural aspects while participating in activities such as, a sign language session, a Henna tattooist, and a 'worldwide' lunch.

CHP have been carrying out a census-style survey of all residents during the last year. The survey revealed that 81% of respondents were white British, while 16% are unknown or preferred not to say. 43% of respondents were classed as disabled, 79% described themselves as belonging to a religion, while 58% stated they were heterosexual and 42% preferred not to say.

Irene Ferguson, Head of Organisational Development, said: "The aim of the day was to celebrate the different interests, backgrounds and future hopes that make people what they are. CHP is committed to equality and diversity for both its residents and employees, and while it was a fun day, it also carried a serious message."

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Diane Petts, CHP Admin Manager, said: "It was a very positive experience for myself and my team. We particularly enjoyed the sign-language session, which was very useful for the receptionist, as she now has the basic knowledge, and confidence, to interact with an individual who is hard of hearing."

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