



## Plans

The Design Stage of the Archimedia Project started in February and will finish in December 2005. Using information gained from the Feasibility Study and from trips and projects, the young people have helped to develop the brief for the building and set up a dialogue with the Design Team about what sort of building they would like. Their input continues and the changes in the design of the building can be attributed to them.

## The Derive

In March the Core Group worked with White Design to carry out a Derive, which is a technique for exploring and understanding the local environment. In particular, it is a way of looking at a familiar place with 'fresh eyes', perhaps exploring new parts of the area and following routes not usually taken. This experience provides the person with a greater insight to their area and will inform decisions about how the new building fits into the community.



## Mobile Bristol

On 4<sup>th</sup> May, the Core Group went to Queens Square to meet with Stuart and Ki from Mobile Bristol. The group tried out backpacks that used GPRS (mobile phone technology) to relay pre-recorded stories about the Bristol riots. The stories were triggered when they stood on certain map reference points. The group really enjoyed the session and learnt more about Bristol's history. The day coincided with the General Election and it helped us understand the importance of using your vote as many Bristolians died to allow us to vote today.



## St Werburghs Self Build

In April, young people visited the St Werburghs Community Self-Build project, as guests of Bristol City Council's Sustainable City Team. The Core Group met local residents who collectively bought the right to build their own homes in their community. Many of the houses are made from wood and use the sun to help heat them, and some houses have solar panels and windmills to produce electricity. Everyone recycles and is aware of the effect they have on the environment. Each house is different, but all are amazing!



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