

THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

CASE STUDY

London

For 25 years the Architectural Heritage Fund has helped voluntary organisations regenerate historic buildings, creating community and education facilities, workspace and homes. This has often been a catalyst for further regeneration. We have supported relevant voluntary groups with grants, loans and advice on more than 700 projects to date. This is an example:

Urban regeneration: The Lady Florence Institute, Deptford, South-East London



The Lady Florence Institute was set up in the early 20th century to offer the people of Deptford 'opportunities for study and recreation that shall have as their goal the physical mental and spiritual uplifting of the neighbourhood and its people'. It acquired 18-20 Deptford Broadway in the 1920s, which as 17th century buildings were an important remnant of old

Deptford. More recently, they formed part of the Deptford City Challenge area. No 21 was purchased in 1998, and the whole site then renovated. It now provides rented private accommodation and retail space to generate funds for the charity. As well as greatly improving the appearance of the building and the locality, a rehearsal area to the rear of the property is used by local dance, karate and church groups. Access has also been improved to the 999 drop-in centre, which provides facilities for local people in need of ongoing companionship and support from its volunteer workers.



Organisation: *The Lady Florence Institute*

Contact:

Grade II listed building, in Deptford High Street Conservation Area Partnership Scheme

Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: £250,000 loan in 1999

The Architectural Heritage Fund – Registered Charity No 266780

We provide grants, loans and advice to voluntary organisations regenerating historic buildings.

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