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The Prince & Princess  
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## **GLASGOW HOSPICE COMMISSIONS NORD TO DESIGN NEW CITY FACILITY**

The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice have commissioned award-winning architects NORD to design their new Hospice facility, which will provide enhanced palliative care facilities for adults and young people in Glasgow, aimed for completion in 2016.

With the site of the new Hospice still to be finalized, NORD's response to the brief was to look to the familiar image of 'the home' for clues as to how they might consider an appropriate but inspiring piece of architecture. The building will provide private and dignified spaces whilst creating contrasting areas for sharing experiences. This will generate a clear identity for the Hospice and create a series of interaction points that build on some of the key themes of the Hospice's current facility, which is situated in four Georgian terrace buildings overlooking the River Clyde.

Alan Pert, Director of NORD, said:

"We are thrilled to have been appointed for The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice and are greatly looking forward to working closely with the Hospice team in realising a landmark project for the City of Glasgow. Undoubtedly this is a demanding brief that requires a need for practical problem solving with inspirational design ideas to fully compliment the Hospice's Philosophy of Care. We believe that just as the care focuses on the patient and not the disease, the building should do the same".

Rhona Baillie, Chief Executive of the Hospice added:

"We are delighted that NORD will be working with us on the build of our new Hospice. Throughout the tender process we have been extremely impressed with Alan Pert and his team for their creative approach and ability to form great relationships.

"Alan has been cited as one of the UK's leading lights in the field and he has surrounded himself with extremely gifted and talented staff, evident in their design portfolio.

"NORD are a Glasgow based company with a passion for everything Glaswegian so are an ideal partner for us as we build the future of the city's Hospice. We are very much looking forward to working with NORD on this exciting project over the coming years."

## **Notes to Editor:**

### **About NORD**

NORD was established in Glasgow in 2002 following the completion of the Tramway Arts Centre, which won the Architecture Grand Prix Prize at the 2001 Scottish Design Awards.

2011 has seen the opening of NORD London. This coincides with the completion of the London 2012 Substation and the 'Shingle House' for Living Architecture as well as the recent competition win for the V&A furniture galleries.

In 2006 NORD were recipients of the Building Design Young Architect of the Year Award (YAYA). In 2007 NORD were awarded the title of Scottish Architect of the Year. The London 2012 Substation received an RIBA Award in 2010 and made the Stirling Prize long list

### **About The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice**

The Prince & Princess of Wales Hospice, situated on the river Clyde in Glasgow, exists to help our patients with life-limiting and terminal illness achieve the best quality of life possible in whatever time remains for them. This is done by providing clinical, emotional, social and spiritual care and support for patients, their families, children and carers. All care is free of charge with annual running costs for the Hospice will reach £4 million this year of which £2.6 million must come from fundraising and voluntary donations.

In March the Hospice announced plans to build a new facility in Glasgow, due for completion in 2016. In addition to enhancing existing services for adults, the multi-million pound project will also encompass a specialist palliative care service for young people aged between 15-25.

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