



GRAND DESIGN Pupils whose winning garden design will be created at the New Children's Hospital. Left to right: Zamir Meah, Idris Sheikhnur, Caed Whittle, Kamal Husfain, Thambir Ahmed and Niza Nyimbili

Kids design a haven of tranquillity

A TRANQUIL garden with fountains, designed by a team of creative youngsters, will be a feature of Manchester's New Children's Hospital.

Four teams of 12-year-olds from Manchester Academy in Moss Side spent a morning creating 'an area for relaxation' which measures 52ft by 68ft.

Their winning design

will be incorporated into the lay-out of the hospital being constructed on the site of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, in Oxford Road.

Kamal Husfain, a member of the winning team, said: "We called our garden 'Tranquillity' and set out to create an area which really puts children at ease.

"In addition to two

fountains on each side of a central pathway, there are also seats for people to sit down on when they come out of hospital.

"I couldn't believe it when I was told that our design had won and we will now see it turned into a real garden."

Jill Baker, who is part of the team managing the hospital building project, helped to judge the design

competition. She said: "I was very impressed by how well the teams worked together to research, design and present their ideas.

"It's great that these young people have come up with such an eye-catching scheme, which will be enjoyed by other children and will enhance the hospital environment."