

**Figure 2.1**

Some of the design proposals made to spark debate at the employment services company (sketch proposals by Orgacom).

**CASE 6****The integrated living of mentally handicapped people:  
On the unintended consequences of social policy**

This project was commissioned by the Dutch Ministry of Health, Wellbeing, and Sports, and the initial partners were a foundation for care of the handicapped, a medical infrastructure institute, a major project developer, a building corporation, and a new media think tank. Fourteen artists and designers from YD/ were involved. To sketch the context: traditionally, the government policy in Holland, as in many other countries, has been to house mentally handicapped people apart from society. They were cared for in mental institutions that were often beautifully positioned in wooded, secluded areas of the country. While society took pride in the quality of the care that was given to them, the mentally handicapped were also hidden away from the general public. Recently, this policy has