

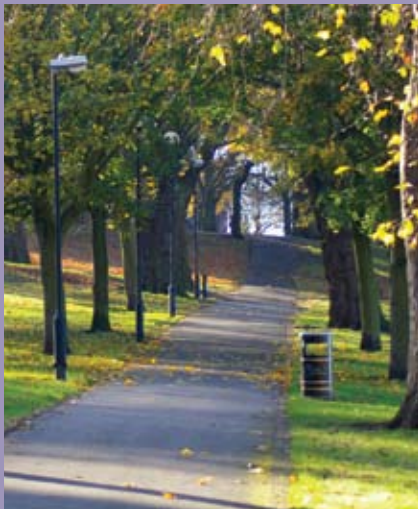
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The Forest - have your say



Love it or hate it, the Forest is a big part of our lives. Maybe you think it should have more facilities for young people? Or more things for families to do? You may think the café could be improved or the sports pitches? Whatever your view, you'll get the chance to make your voice heard at a very special event on Saturday, 26th April. The Partnership Council, together with Nottingham City Council, NDC, Friends of the Forest and local residents and volunteers are

holding a consultation meeting at Djanogly City Academy on Gregory Boulevard from 10am to 1pm to talk about the Forest. Everyone living in the area is welcome to come along.

Thanks to funding from the Lottery and the Council there's enough money to improve the Forest, but we need your help. So make sure you come along on the 26th. It's your Forest all 77 acres of it!

<http://area4history.wordpress.com/>

BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE



Did you know that Branston pickle was invented in the Frog & Onion pub in Forest Fields? Or that Nottingham Forest FC got its name from the Forest Recreation Ground, where the club played its first matches?

Thanks to our very own Alan Carter-Davies, facts like these are being brought to life on a very special blog celebrating the history of the area. <http://area4history.wordpress.com/> A blog is like a website only better because anyone can comment on a fact or story they've read on it. At the moment, Alan is looking for facts and trivia about the area including Hyson Green, Radford,

Forest Fields, New Basford, the Arboretum and the Park for his blog. So if you know something about your street or neighbourhood or you've got pictures of how your area used to look please get in touch with Alan :

Email - alan@partnershipcouncil.co.uk
Call - 0115 970 8200.

"Many of the cobbled streets in Forest Fields were laid by Italian prisoners of war during the 2nd World War."

"The stone faces in the pillars at the end of Waterloo Crescent mark a route that runs all the way to Robin Hood Chase in St Anns."

"The Forest was the home of Nottingham Racecourse before it moved to Colwick Park in 1890."

"The 'Playboy' factory, famous for its bunny girl logo, is based in New Basford. ."

Win Cake & Coffee!

One of the facts in this article is untrue but can you spot which one? If you think you know then email alan@partnershipcouncil.co.uk with your answer and if you're right, you could win a delicious free cake and coffee for two at the Iberian Delight café, 215 Radford Road.



Reel life

The Children's Forum Spring Film Club will be showing the film they've made at the Broadway Cinema on the 24th April.

The film is about bullying and has been written, directed and produced by the children themselves. A real achievement when you think the children are aged 7-11.

The Children's Forum is now looking for children who'd like to take part in its Summer Film Club.

Schools - if you'd like a copy of our film (complete with a supporting documentary also produced by the children) to use in the classroom please call or email Amanda.

Alternatively, if you'd like to get involved with the Children's Forum we'd love to hear from you.

The Forum was set up to give children aged 7-11 a voice and get them involved in changing their own lives for the better.

If you'd like to find out more please email or call Amanda Spruyt at

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amanda@partnershipcouncil.co.uk

call

Partnership Council - 0115 970 8200

Write an article for Livewire

If you're a local person and you've always wanted to have a go at writing why not get in touch with us? You don't need to have experience or have your own computer, as we're planning a writer's workshop soon to tell you all you need to know!

If you'd like to find out what's involved please call or drop us an email.

Or please feel free to send us your articles or story ideas.

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As we mentioned in our last newsletter, we're planning 10 very special events to celebrate our 10th anniversary. These events will run throughout the year and will be open to local people, volunteers and the other organisations we work with.

January - 10 Year Anniversary Party

28th May - Funding Fair

20th June - Skills Exchange
One Year Anniversary Party

June (date TBC)
Celebrating Volunteering Event

3rd July - Community Planning Event

17th July - Children's Forum Film Festival

1st August
Launch of Area 4 History Blog

October (date TBC)
'Sprout' Environmental Event

November (date TBC)
AGM & Awards Ceremony

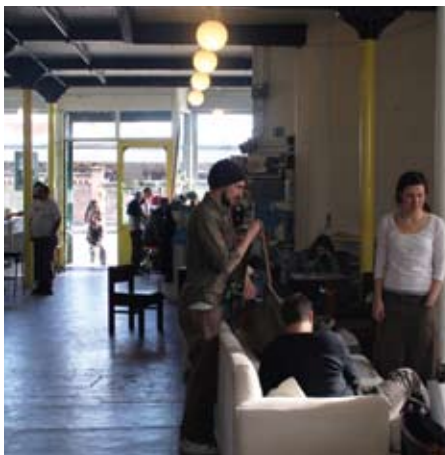
December (date TBC)
2008 Celebration Event

SPROUT ABOUT

Around 100 people came along to our 'Sprout About' event in March.

The day was designed to get young people aged 16-25 involved in caring for the environment and gave them a chance to find out more about our 'Sprout' project.

'Sprout' is helping young people to set up their own environmental projects across Nottingham and has been running since January. 'Sprout About' proved a big hit and included a demonstration of 'green' sources of energy powered by the wind and sun, workshops on making jewellery, lanterns and bags from recycled materials and a bicycle repair service run by 'Dr Bike'.



EASTER FUNNIES

Our Children's Forum helped to keep local children entertained during the Easter holidays, thanks to three outdoor events called 'Easter Funnies' in honour of the Easter Bunny!

The events included loads of fun activities and games for youngsters and their families, complete with Easter Egg Hunts and plenty of delicious food.

Thanks to the Area 4 Play Team, Nottingham City Council, the Skills Exchange, the Family Church and all the volunteers and parents who helped out to make 'Easter Funnies' such a big success.

In total, 261 children and adults took part in the three events.

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