

Local charity searches for new board members as it reaches 10th anniversary

Hyson Green-based charity the Partnership Council is looking for new Board members to strengthen its existing Board and help develop the charity as it celebrates its 10th year.

The Partnership Council works in partnership with residents, local businesses, other charities and community groups, volunteers and organisations from the public & voluntary sectors to improve people's lives and neighbourhoods. The charity works with people across the city but predominantly in Hyson Green, Radford, New Basford, Sherwood Rise, Forest Fields and the Arboretum area.

At present, the Partnership Council's Board is responsible for making sure the charity meets its aims and objectives – to provide practical, innovative and sustainable solutions to local problems and challenges. Plus the Board is also responsible for the charity's finances, constitution and staff.

Currently, the Partnership Council Board is made up of residents, businesses, the voluntary sector, the public sector and local Councillors. Ruth Greenberg, Chief Officer of the Partnership Council, explains:

"We want our Board to be fully representative of the area in which we work, so that it can fully represent everyone who lives and works in the community. The Partnership Council has been making a difference for ten years now so joining our Board is a great opportunity for people to get involved in a genuinely hands on and very active charity."

Anyone with a passion for community work is welcome to apply particularly if: you're a resident of Hyson Green, Radford, New Basford, Sherwood Rise, Forest Fields, the Arboretum or the Park; a Councillor, or you work in the charity, voluntary or public sector. Your role will include shaping the overall strategy and direction of the Partnership Council and allocating funding and budgets.

Ruth continues:

"Ideally, we're looking for people who can bring experience with them, drawn from the sector or organisation in which they work, or because they live or work in our area. Plus of course, we're looking for people with exceptional personal qualities, such as someone who's worked extensively as a volunteer."

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The Partnership Council is currently running several projects including: the Skills Exchange, which encourages neighbours to 'swap skills' in order to help others, Base Camp, which helps people from the South Asian community to set up community groups and projects, the Children's Forum, which works with primary school aged children to give them a say in community affairs and Sprout, which helps young people to get involved in caring for the environment.

In addition, the Partnership Council is spearheading the campaign to improve the Forest Recreation Ground on Gregory Boulevard and holds frequent community events, such as neighbourhood clean-up days and children's activities.

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