

Digging deep in Bestwood

Sprout, an environmental project run by the Hyson Green-based charity the Partnership Council, is looking for young volunteers to help turn the green space next to St Matthew's church, off Padstow Road in Bestwood, into a community garden and allotment.

Anyone interested should go along to:

St Matthew's church on Saturday, 25th October between 10.30am - 3.00pm.

The project is also being supported by the Bestwood Partnership Forum and Nottingham City Council, who have helped out by cutting the grass at the site.

Volunteers will be asked to help clear and dig the site ready for planting, and once ready the new community allotment and garden is ready, it will be open for local people to enjoy. Gloves and light refreshments will be available to volunteers on the day.

The Sprout project was set up in January 2008 with the aim of helping young people to set up their own environmental projects and to get involved in environmental volunteering. For example, Sprout has helped two young people to set up a community forest garden in the St Ann's area of the city.

Saturday's event is also being supported by volunteers from UPS (United Parcel Service) based on Castle Boulevard in Nottingham. Volunteers from the company also helped Sprout to tidy up the grounds of Hyson Green Library on Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green earlier this month, as part of the company's Global Volunteer Month.

For further information and directions to St Matthew's church please call Rachel or Jabran from the Partnership Council on 0115 970 8200 or 07528 481510. To find out more about Sprout please visit:

www.partnershipcouncil.co.uk or www.sproutnottingham.org.uk

Sprout is one of 152 similar projects across the country, which are being funded by vinolved, a programme backed by £75 million worth of funding, with the aim of inspiring half a million more young people to volunteer in England. To find out more visit <http://www.wearev.com>

For information on UPS's Global Volunteer Month, please contact Rebecca Southern on 0203 047 2182 or Laura Misselbrook on 0203 047 2208.

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