

Children make their voices heard on the Forest

The Children's Forum, a project for primary school aged children run by Hyson Green-based charity the Partnership Council, is giving 35 children from St Mary's Catholic Primary School, situated on Beaconsfield Street, Hyson Green, the chance to get involved in revamping the Forest Recreation Ground on Gregory Boulevard.

The event is being held at the Forest Recreation Ground tomorrow, Wednesday 15th October 2008, throughout the morning and will provide the children with the opportunity to make bird feeders with the Forest Recreation Ground's Park Ranger, Matt Hall.

In addition, the children will also take part in a litter pick and try their hand at cleaning up graffiti, with the help of Nottingham City Council's anti-graffiti team. The children will even be given the chance to try out some of the Council's latest anti-graffiti equipment.

Following the event, members of the Children's Forum will then be working with the children in school to find out how they'd like to see the Forest Recreation Ground improved and restored.

The event is part of the Partnership Council's commitment to asking local people how they'd like to see the Forest developed. The Partnership Council, along with Nottingham City Council and other organisations, is currently hoping that the National Lottery will award the city £5 million to renovate the Forest Recreation Ground. The bid to the Lottery was submitted last month and the city should be told during the coming weeks if it's been successful.

Amanda Spruyt from the Partnership Council explains:

"The Children's Forum was set up to give primary school aged children a say about how things are done where they live, but more than that, it's also about getting children actively involved in their community. Tomorrow's event will help to find out how local children would like to see the Forest improved if the Lottery bid is successful, whilst showing them what the Forest has to offer in terms of environmental education, exercise and most importantly - fun!"

To find out more please contact Michelle Wainwright or Amanda Spruyt from the Children's Forum by calling the Partnership Council on 0115 970 8200 or email michelle@partnershipcouncil.co.uk

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