

Nottingham charity awarded £1,000 towards its environmental work

Radford-based charity, the Partnership Council, is being presented with a cheque for £1,000 by EDF Energy on 11th February 2010 after winning a prestigious Green Guardians Environmental Award in November organised by the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.

EDF Energy sponsors two of the award categories including the award won by the Partnership Council the 'Environmental Community of the Year' award.

The cheque will be presented to Jabran Ahmed of the Partnership Council by staff from EDF Energy and the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, with the money going towards the Partnership Council's many environmental projects.

For example, the Partnership Council runs community gardening days throughout the year, where local people and volunteers transform public spaces and community gardens - including the gardens of several public libraries in Nottingham.

Stephen Lee of EDF Energy says:

"The Partnership Council builds upon the capacity of local communities to protect and improve local environments, mainly through education and community involvement events. They have developed and supported many projects, working with all ages and cultural groups. We're delighted to be supporting the charity's work through our involvement with the Green Guardians Environmental Awards."

The Partnership Council has won a Green Guardians Environmental Award for three years running, including two awards in 2007.

**The cheque presentation is taking place at EDF Energy's West Burton Power Station
journalists are welcome to attend the photo call taking place at 11.15.
To attend, please contact Tracey Sparling on 08701 962504.**

**To find out more about the Partnership Council and its projects please call
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The Green Guardians Environmental Awards are hosted by the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust every year to recognise, reward and encourage local people and organisations who go beyond the call of duty to look after the environment - including schools, community groups, individuals and businesses.

The Green Guardians Environmental Awards are the only dedicated environmental awards in Nottinghamshire and they are backed by many of the UK's best-known environmentalists including Bill Oddie, John Craven and Professor David Bellamy - who judged the winning entries for 2009.

In 2008, the Partnership Council won the 'Protecting the Environment through Partnership' Award for the way its wide range of environmental projects involves community groups and individuals with the aim of promoting sustainable living and spreading the green message.

In 2007, the Partnership Council won the Environmental Community of the Year Award and the Living for Tomorrow Award.

Here are just a few of the many green projects being supported by the Partnership Council at present:

The Partnership Council helped a local residents' association, the Forest Fields Improvement Association, to plant over 200 hanging baskets in Forest Fields recently, to improve the look and feel of the area whilst bringing neighbours together. The Partnership Council has also helped the association to replant the hanging baskets - to keep them at their best.

The Partnership Council's green project for young people, Sprout, is currently helping two 21 year olds to launch a new project to save Nottingham's bees. Many bee species are currently under threat of extinction and the project aims to prevent this by providing bee-friendly plants and artificial nesting sites for community gardens and allotment holders around the city.

The Partnership Council runs an ongoing programme of community gardening days, whereby volunteers can help to improve their local environment whilst learning more about gardening. For example, the Partnership Council's volunteers have helped to transform the gardens of several public libraries as well as community gardens and allotments around Nottingham. In addition, volunteers have transformed several areas of former waste-ground into community gardens for local people, whilst providing a new home for plants and wildlife.

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