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**Magnificent Mela
Democracy Day's here...
YOU can change things - for the better!**

Coming of Age, New Art Exchange until 24 July - Photograph: Mela Lake Dancer (C) Tim Smith

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We're helping you to have... an eventful summer of fun!

Welcome to the latest edition of Livewire and hopefully a summer full of sunshine! No matter what the weather's doing there's plenty for you to do - from enjoying festivals and outdoor events to getting involved in your community.

Here's our pick of what's on offer during the next few weeks:



Skills Exchange - Big Lunch Sunday 18th July, 11am-2pm, FREE



The Big Lunch is now a national annual event, launched by the Eden Project to bring neighbours together. Our Big Lunch is in partnership with Nottingham Arimathea Trust and Cooperative Community Action and will include acoustic entertainment and children's activities as well as food!

To find out more call Helen on 0115 970 8200 or visit www.thebiglunch.com



Nottingham Mela - 18th July, Arboretum, FREE

Everyone is welcome to attend this fantastic weekend celebration of Asian culture, featuring live music, dancing, arts and crafts and food. If you've never been to a Mela, why not find out more by visiting the New Art Exchange in Hyson Green? It currently has an exhibition of photography exploring 21 years of Mela festivals in the UK.

The exhibition is on now until 24th July and entry is free.

To find out more visit - www.nae.org.uk



British Asian Musicians Exhibition Until 3rd July, New Art Exchange, FREE

If you love music, why not visit the British Asian Musicians exhibition at the New Art Exchange? It features photographs of British Asian musicians, from well-known mainstream artists to lesser-known talents.

To find out more visit - www.nae.org.uk



One World Festival 10th July, Old Market Square, FREE

For a fun way to find out about other cultures, head for the Market Square and experience music and dance from around the world, together with a range of international food and market stalls.



Want to change things for the better?

Democracy Day - 1st July, Nottingham Voluntary Action Centre, FREE

The election may be well and truly over but there's plenty more ways you can influence democracy and the decisions that affect your community!

If you're already active in your community or you'd like to get more involved why not go along to Democracy Day on:

Thursday 1st July from 10am to 4pm at
Nottingham Voluntary Action Centre, 7 Mansfield Road.

You'll find out how the democratic system works, how political power can work for you, how to influence people and organisations and hear from expert speakers with inside knowledge, tips and strategies. Best of all, you can take along your own local issue and go home with a plan for how to tackle it!

You don't have to be a professional to go along - all you need is an interest in becoming a more active citizen.

To find out more and to book your place call 0114 278 6636 or email events@navca.org.uk

The Partnership Council is here to help YOU!

Don't forget we're here to help you change things for the better - especially if you live in Hyson Green, Radford, Forest Fields, New Basford, Sherwood Rise or the Arboretum area.

We can help you improve where you live for example, or help you to set up your own neighbourhood group, project or event. We also have a range of forums you can join, because together we have a stronger voice and can challenge and influence the decisions that are made on Nottingham's behalf by organisations like the City Council.

To find out more call us on - 0115 970 8200 or email us - mail@partnershipcouncil.co.uk

Unemployed, on a low income or worried about redundancy?

If you answer yes to any of the above, the Partnership Council may be able to help. We've recently launched a new scheme to give people work experience and training in the environmental sector.

The Community Garden Project is open to anyone aged 18 and over (but not yet retired) living in Nottingham City. You'll get the chance to gain valuable hands-on work experience as a volunteer, without losing any benefits you're entitled to.

There's lots of volunteer placements to choose from, based at green organisations across the city. For example, you could learn more about horticulture, landscaping, food growing or working on a city farm.

As well as on-the-job training you can also choose to attend a wide range of free training courses. Organisations involved in the project include Ecoworks, Summerwood Lane, Groundwork Greater Nottingham, Stonebridge City Farm,

Nottingham City Council - Parks & Open Spaces team and Nottingham City Homes. The Community Garden Project is part of One Nottingham's Community Programme and Nottingham City Council's Job Plan to help get over 2,000 city residents into employment and training.

 **Find out more...**

Call Dori on 0115 970 8200 or email dori@partnershipcouncil.co.uk

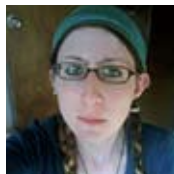
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Dori Kirchmair

Volunteer Co-ordinator
for the Community
Garden Project

Dori is a passionate gardener and allotment grower with training in the environmental and other fields. Dori's previous roles include working for the Health and Environment Partnership in Nottingham and a charity in London.



Emma Ashley

Assistant
Environmental
Community Worker

Emma has done lots of volunteering since leaving Nottingham Trent University with a degree in French and Italian. For example, Emma organised her own 'green' community event in Forest Fields recently, supported by Sprout.



Tolué Jalil

Base Camp Officer

Tolué's role with Base Camp is to support voluntary groups from Nottingham's South Asian community. Her previous jobs include working with homeless people, teaching and working as a holiday camp leader and youth worker.

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