

What's happening where YOU live?

As you may know, Nottingham City Council is currently developing a plan for the future of Radford and Hyson Green. We're helping to create this plan, with the help of local people and schools. The plan will cover the area either side of Alfreton Road between Canning Circus and the junction with Bentinck Road.

We want to make sure YOU have your say about the plan. For example, we've already surveyed hundreds of residents to find out how they want the area to change and be improved. The City Council has also been talking to local people. Here is the top five things that local people want to see improved:

- Develop vacant sites - including Radford Mill & Forest Mill
- Improve public/green spaces and make sure they are well maintained
- Improve homes to meet Decent Homes standards - standards set by the Government to make sure homes are of good quality

- Improve the appearance of streets, pavements and pedestrian crossings
- Introduce more family housing (social and owner occupied)

*What do you think about these ideas?
Is there anything else you'd like to see improved or introduced?*

Our Skills Exchange project is holding an event for its members on:

**19th March from 10.30am to 11.30am
at the Partnership Council**

Where Nottingham City Council will be discussing the draft plan.

Don't worry if you're not already a member of the Skills Exchange, you can still come along and find out about the Skills Exchange at the same time!

 **Find out more...**

Call Helen on 0115 970 8200 or email helen@partnershipcouncil.co.uk

Or alternatively, you can get in touch with - **Fran Cropper, Neighbourhood Regeneration Officer, Nottingham City Council** on 0115 915 5394 or email fran.cropper@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

A HELPING HAND

Many thanks to local volunteer Ron Booth, who has helped us raise money for the Partnership Council by donating copies of his book about local history.

 **Find out more...**

You can find out more about Ron's voluntary work at :

www.ronbooth.co.uk

To find out more about Ron's book and to buy a copy please call:

Ruth on 0115 970 8200 or email ruth@partnershipcouncil.co.uk
(All funds raised will go to support Partnership Council projects).

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A photograph of two women sitting on a large map spread out on a table outdoors, painting a mural. The woman on the left is wearing a brown hat and a dark top, and the woman on the right is wearing a dark top. They are surrounded by various art supplies like paint bottles and brushes. In the background, there are blue folding chairs and a red table. The scene is set on a grassy area.

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The real fountain of youth

We're dedicating this issue of Livewire to young people who give their time as volunteers, often on top of other things such as work and study. Beyond volunteering, many young people are also starting their own voluntary projects to improve where they live. Livewire caught up with three young people who have started their own projects:



Mob4Recycling is led by young people including refugees and asylum seekers. The project recycles old mobile phones to raise money for community projects. The idea came from 18-year-old Alim Ali, who also volunteers at the Asian Youth Development Agency (AYDA). "I never dreamt I'd be involved in a project like this, it's given me the chance to really feel part of the community whilst learning new things and gaining experience." As well as raising awareness of recycling, the project also builds young people's confidence and motivation. It does this by bringing them together with their peers and teaching them new skills.



Pusto & Farsi Recycling DVD led by young people who speak Pusto or Farsi, the project is making a DVD about recycling - for the city's Pusto and Farsi speaking communities. The DVD will include information on how and what to recycle, the benefits and local initiatives. As well as encouraging more people to recycle, the project will give those involved new skills and help them to feel part of the city.



Grow Your Own Salad is a project led by 21-year-old Farrah Farooq. Farrah's aim is to teach young people aged 13-25 how to grow their own salads. For example, they will learn how to grow salad plants from seed. Farrah is also keen to work with young people from all backgrounds - she says: "I realised that within the Asian community for example, many young people aren't gardening and getting involved with environmental activities and I wanted to change this. Hopefully my project will get young people interested in growing their own food and healthy living."



180° Space developed an allotment on the Ainsley Estate so that young people can grow their own fruit and vegetables, local people are also welcome to get involved. Young people produced an abundance of fruit and vegetables last year, and are preparing to plant more this year. Another Sprout project, Notts Plan Bee, is helping to plant bee-friendly wildflowers and herbs at the allotment, to help protect the UK's diminishing bee population. The project is supported by Ecoworks, who provide an expert allotment worker to help teach the young people new skills. Plus, there is a plan to create a 'chill out' space at the allotment.

Here are more projects taking shape where you live, all devised and run by young people:

Energy Saving Workshops • Community Mural Making • Environmental Exhibitions • Transport Sharing & Green Travel
How To Help Your Local Area Become Greener • Recycling Events • Eco Rapping • How To Recycle Electricals
Create Your Own Green Fashion • How To Lower Your Carbon Footprint

 **Find out more...**

If you'd like to find out more about any of the projects above or you have your own idea for a project

Call Jabran on 0115 970 8200 or email jabran@partnershipcouncil.co.uk

To find out more about volunteering - **Call Moby on 0115 970 8200 or email moby@partnershipcouncil.co.uk**

If you're aged between 16 and 25 you can find out more about volunteering at - www.vinspired.com

Meet our new members of staff...

Two new members of staff - Susan and Joanna, have recently joined us. Their jobs are funded by the Government's Future Jobs Fund. The Fund is a national initiative introduced by the Government to help unemployed people back into work.

Susan Barker

My name is Susan Barker. I work for the Partnership Council's Sprout project as an Assistant Environmental Community Worker.

Before joining the Partnership Council, I studied towards an HND in Graphic Design at New College Nottingham (NCN). After struggling to find a job, I got involved in volunteering. For example, I volunteered at my daughter's school and also volunteered at Heri-Kwetu (a community organisation that helps refugees and asylum seekers).

I'm really enjoying my new role and am happy to be working in a team doing something worthwhile in the local community, whilst supporting young people.

Joanna Beck

My name is Joanna Beck and I started out as a Sprout volunteer before I got the job here as an Assistant Environmental Community Worker.

I have lived in Nottingham for just over a year now and began volunteering in order to get to know the area I lived in and to do something positive and constructive with my time whilst I wasn't working. Having a job here is really boosting my confidence, plus of course it's rewarding doing something positive within the local community.

