

Calling all green volunteers the Partnership Council needs YOU!

Hyson Green based charity; the Partnership Council is looking for volunteers to get involved in a day of community gardening this Sunday, 29th June from 11am - 4pm.

The event is being held at the Community Garden on All Saints Terrace, off Walter Street, close to the Arboretum, and is being organised by the charity's 'Sprout' project. Sprout was launched in January 2008 and aims to get more young people, aged 16-25, involved in environmental volunteering.

As well as holding regular volunteering events throughout the year, like the community gardening day, Sprout has also helped several young people to set up their own environmental projects in Nottingham.

The Community Garden was developed last year by people living locally, with help from the Partnership Council and funding from the Nottinghamshire Community Foundation. Before it was transformed into a Community Garden, the area was a neglected wasteland, and a haven for drug users and other anti-social behaviour.

Jabran Ahmed, from the Partnership Council, says: "the idea of the community gardening day is to encourage more young people and people from the local community to get involved in caring for the Community Garden.

We'll be weeding, mowing the grass, planting new flowers and shrubs and most of all having fun. You don't need any knowledge of gardening to join in, so it's a great excuse to spend the day outdoors. Everyone is welcome of course, you don't have to be 16-25 to join in!"

The Partnership Council is also providing volunteers with a BBQ lunch.

Anyone interested in going along should meet at the Partnership Council, 47 Gregory Boulevard on Sunday, 29th June at 10.30am. Alternatively, volunteers can make their way to the Community Garden on All Saints Terrace.

For more information please contact Jabran or Rachel on 0115 970 8200. To get in touch with Jabran or Rachel on the day of the event please call 07528 481510.

The Partnership Council is involved in many environmental activities and runs a programme of environmental activities for children and young people citywide, throughout the year, as well as the 'Sprout' project.

Plants for the community gardening day have been donated by Nottinghamshire City Council's Street Scene team and Nottingham in Bloom project. 'Sprout' is funded by the national charity, vinolved, which aims to get young people involved in volunteering.

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