

Putting the green into Hyson Green charity wins environment award for second year running

Hyson Green-based charity, the Partnership Council, has scooped a prestigious Green Guardians environmental award for the second year running. The charity has won the Green Guardians Partnership and the Environment Award, which is one of two new awards launched by the awards organiser, the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.

The Award will be presented at a special awards dinner and ceremony hosted by the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust on Thursday, 13th November 2008 at the Council House, Old Market Square, Nottingham.

The Partnership Council beat off fierce competition from across the city to win the coveted new award.

Awards organiser Benjamin Cahn from the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust said:

"We were very impressed with the Partnership Council's efforts to promote and protect the environment, and the fact that the charity has won a Green Guardians award for the second year in a row highlights the fact that the Partnership Council is firmly committed to caring for the environment - and encouraging others to do so."

Ruth Greenberg, Chief Officer of the Partnership Council explains:

"The Partnership Council's environmental aim has always been to support and encourage local people in order to make it easier for them to protect and improve their local environment. We work with people from all walks of life too, including children, young people, students, businesses and residents."

Here are just a few of the projects that helped to win the Partnership Council its Green Guardians award:

- The charity helped to set up a residents' group in Forest Fields, Nottingham this year and brought together organisations including the Forest Fields Community Centre, the Pakistan Forum, Ecoworks and the Arkwright Meadows Community Garden team to plant over 200 flowering baskets outside people's homes. Many local residents volunteered to help and learned new skills whilst improving the local area.
- The Partnership Council's Children's Forum, a project aimed at primary school age children in the city, ran three activity days during this year's school holidays involving children in improving and developing their local parks and green spaces in a fun and educational way.

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- The Partnership Council ran a scheme called Greensteps earlier this year, aimed at encouraging and supporting local businesses to become greener. For example, businesses were given faster access to Nottingham City Council's cleaning services as an incentive to recycle more of their rubbish.
- The charity launched a project aimed at young people aged 16-25 this year, providing young people with the support they need to start their own environmental projects or get involved in environmental volunteering. For instance, Sprout has helped to set up a community forest garden in St Ann's, Nottingham and an ipod recycling project in Sneinton, Nottingham.

Ruth concludes:

"We're delighted to have won a Green Guardians award for the second year running, especially a new award. Our success is down to the hard work of local people and volunteers, as well as the Partnership Council's staff, so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to our achievement.

Because our projects are based in the community, they show the depth of feeling that exists in Nottingham when it comes to caring for the local environment, and that's something that we will continue to nurture and encourage."

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