

Young volunteers wanted for 'Green Saturday' three environmental events for NG7

Sprout, an environmental project run by Hyson Green-based charity the Partnership Council, is giving young people the chance to get involved in caring for their local environment this Saturday - with three events designed to give NG7 a 'green' makeover.

All three events are taking place on Saturday 11th October 2008 from 10.30am to 1.00pm in NG7.

Sprout is looking for young volunteers to get involved in transforming the grounds of Hyson Green Library on Gregory Boulevard in Hyson Green, including weeding and planting new shrubs and plants.

In addition, Sprout is also looking for young volunteers to revamp the Partnership Council 'courtyard' at 47 Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green, including planting new hanging baskets and a planter, tidying up and painting outside walls.

Finally, Sprout is also keen for young volunteers to get involved in helping to clear a community allotment at the Whitemoor Allotments situated just off Wilkinson Street in NG7.

This community allotment will then be open to young volunteers and local people who would like to get involved in looking after an allotment on an ongoing basis, especially those people who would not be able to afford or maintain an allotment of their own.

The allotment clearing event will involve jobs such as weeding and hedge trimming.

Sprout was launched in January 2008 and since then the project has helped young people throughout Nottingham to get their own environmental volunteering projects off the ground. In addition, Sprout has also held several events aimed at encouraging young people to get involved in caring for the environment and their local neighbourhoods.

Local people of all ages are also welcome to join in any of the three NG7 events this Saturday.

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The Sprout events are being supported by a team of 15 volunteers from UPS (United Parcel Service) based on Castle Boulevard, Nottingham.

Philip Laughlin, a manager at UPS says:

“Every October we offer our staff the opportunity to get involved in volunteering to help our local community. This year we’ve chosen to join in with the Sprout events in NG7 because we really believe in what Sprout is doing, in terms of helping and encouraging this generation of young people to get involved in looking after the environment. It should be a great day and hopefully the three events will make a real difference to the quality of life in the area.”

Ruth Greenberg, Chief Officer at the Partnership Council agrees:

“We’re delighted that UPS are joining our Sprout events on Saturday and their involvement shows just what an impact Sprout has had on Nottingham since it started in January.”

Saturday’s events are also being supported by Nottingham City Council.

Sprout is one of 152 similar projects across the country, which are being funded by vinolved, a programme backed by £75 million worth of funding, with the aim of inspiring half a million more young people to volunteer in England.

To find out more about ‘Sprout’ please visit: <http://sproutnottingham.org.uk>

Alternatively, please contact Rachel or Jabran at the Partnership Council on 0115 970 8200 or email rachel@partnershipcouncil.co.uk or jabran@partnershipcouncil.co.uk

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