

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY DAYS

GROUNDWORK YORKSHIRE

ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTEERS



ABOUT GROUNDWORK YORKSHIRE

The background of the slide is a photograph of a residential street. On the left, there are green trees and bushes. In the center, a building with a brick facade and a white door is visible. To the right, more greenery and a black metal railing are seen. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter. A large, faint, diagonal watermark reading 'GROUNDWORK' is visible across the center of the image.

Groundwork was founded over 40 years ago in the North of England. It was at a time of political, social and economic challenge. It was an experiment. To help communities cope with change. To work together. To make their lives and neighbourhoods better. That spirit of enterprise and innovation have never been more needed.

In every community – however disadvantaged – there are deep reserves of pride. People with the passion and ideas to improve their circumstances and surroundings. Groundwork exists to harness that pride. To unlock that passion. Our services, projects and programmes change people's lives. They can also make our communities more resilient for the future.

Groundwork is an organisation that embraces transformation. We positively change places and people's lives, in partnership where we can.

We use these values to work with various organisations on their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) days to do just that. We offer tailor made packages to help you make a positive impact to the communities around you.

CSR DAYS WITH GROUNDWORK YORKSHIRE

We will help you every step of the way to plan and run your CSR day. We have various sites to choose from, suitable for different group sizes and with tasks to be completed in all weathers.

Before beginning to plan your CSR day, think about the following:

- The size of your group; most sites can accommodate 20-50 volunteers.
- The types of tasks you wish to complete; does your organisation have specific aims and values?
- Weather conditions; CSR days usually take place between March and October. They take a lot of planning and will go ahead in most weathers.



FIRST STEPS

Contact us to talk about the different sites we currently have available and the type of tasks you wish to complete.

TASKS

As the majority of CSR volunteers are office based and not manual workers, we do not use power tools; our tasks tend to be completed with hand tools such as spades, forks, shears, paint brushes, etc. We can also adapt certain tasks to accommodate specific accessibility or other requirements of volunteers. If in doubt get in touch.

We typically won't carry out work higher than head height while standing on the ground. We will only consider work that needs to be done at higher levels when there is a safe way to do so.

CSR days will go ahead in all weathers. Volunteers can carry out the cutting back of overgrown areas and weeding when it's raining and colder whereas tasks such as painting and planting are more productive on sunnier and warmer days.



FIRST STEPS

CHOOSING A SITE

We will send a list of potential sites which have been assessed for health and safety and suitability for CSR days.

Choose a site that would fit the size of your group of volunteers and tasks which match your organisation's needs and aims.

We will continue to offer a site until the work has been completed so you could return at a later date with the same or a different group.

CHOOSE YOUR PACKAGE

We offer a range of packages which can be tailored to suit your organisation and budget.

We will always celebrate your achievements on social media and, depending on the situation, inform local media of the tasks taking place.



YOU'RE IN SAFE HANDS

When you join us for your CSR day you can rest assured that you are in safe hands.

All of our Groundwork staff are trained and experienced in carrying out the activities and are also First Aid trained and DBS checked. Groundwork Yorkshire hold full insurance to host CSR days on behalf of the site host.

In preparation for your day, we will visit the site and complete checks to ensure it remains safe, suitable and free of any hazards.

If you have any concerns or questions, get in touch.





PACKAGES



Packages start from £1,500*, for 25 people, and include the following:

BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choice of venue from our approved sites• Bring your own lunch or use local amenities• Day is task focused• Hot and cold drinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choice of venue from our approved sites• Buffet lunch provided• Includes a team building exercise suitable to the venue (<i>eg. bird box building, planter making or a team exercise.</i>)• Hot and cold drinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choice of venue from our approved sites• Premium lunch provided• Additional team experiences can be arranged dependent on budget and venue• T-shirts and bag for all participants• Hot and cold drinks

* We have a range of plans to suit all budgets. Get in touch to discuss what works for you.


YOUR CSR DAY

Once you have chosen your package, the site and tasks you want to work on, you will be sent a document with all of the details of your day which can be circulated to all volunteers and staff involved.

This includes;

- > A background of where you are going and why
- > An agenda that sets out the tasks to be completed including timings of the day
- > Information on the Groundwork and site staff in attendance and dedicated first aiders
- > Practical arrangements for parking and facilities
- > Guidance on suitable clothing and footwear and anything else volunteers need to bring

A typical agenda looks like:

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| 09:30 | Volunteers arrive at site to meet Groundwork staff |
| 09:45 | Welcome, introductions and tool and site safety briefing |
| 10:00 | Tasks begin |
| 11:00 | Break |
| 11:10 | Tasks resume |
| 12:00 | Lunch |
| 12:30 | Return to site and brief about afternoon tasks |
| 14:00 | Break |
| 14:10 | Tasks resume |
| 14:30 | Site clear up |
| 14:45 | Participant feedback |
| 15:00 | Depart |

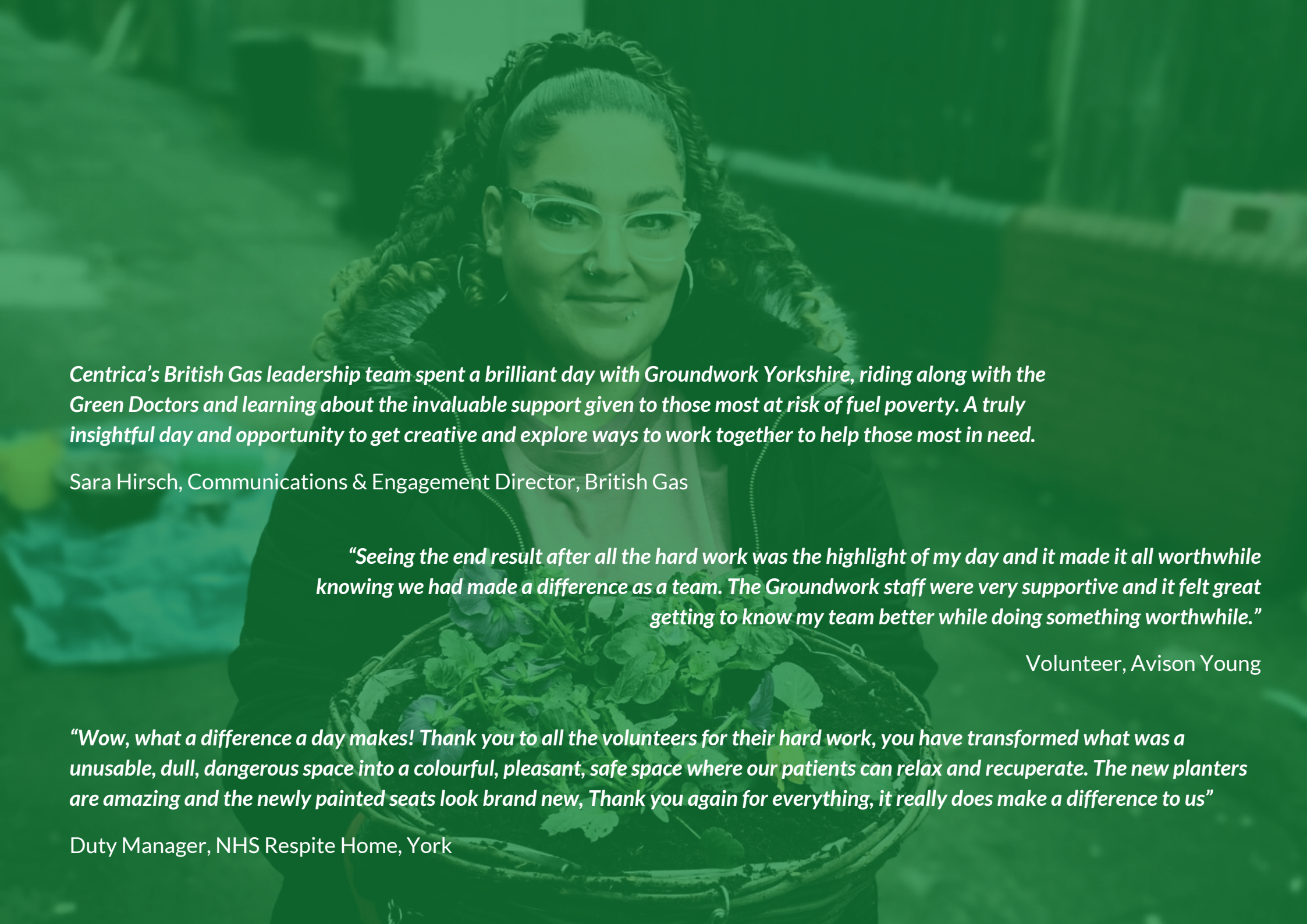
FEEDBACK

Keep sending us your ideas and tasks.

At the end of your CSR day we will ask for feedback on the tasks and overall experience and we welcome ideas and thoughts on what could help enhance future days.

- ✓ What you enjoyed
- ✓ Any new skills you learnt
- ✓ Thoughts on the site and tasks
- ✓ Would you take part again?
- ✓ Anything else you'd like to tell us!



A woman with curly hair and glasses is holding a large basket filled with various green plants and purple flowers. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

Centrica's British Gas leadership team spent a brilliant day with Groundwork Yorkshire, riding along with the Green Doctors and learning about the invaluable support given to those most at risk of fuel poverty. A truly insightful day and opportunity to get creative and explore ways to work together to help those most in need.

Sara Hirsch, Communications & Engagement Director, British Gas

"Seeing the end result after all the hard work was the highlight of my day and it made it all worthwhile knowing we had made a difference as a team. The Groundwork staff were very supportive and it felt great getting to know my team better while doing something worthwhile."

Volunteer, Avison Young

"Wow, what a difference a day makes! Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work, you have transformed what was a unusable, dull, dangerous space into a colourful, pleasant, safe space where our patients can relax and recuperate. The new planters are amazing and the newly painted seats look brand new, Thank you again for everything, it really does make a difference to us"

Duty Manager, NHS Respite Home, York

GET IN TOUCH

To enquire about getting involved in a CSR day with Groundwork Yorkshire, get in touch!

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Working in partnership with public, private and community stakeholders, we improve, protect and enhance our local communities, partners and environment. A wholehearted **THANK YOU** is extended to all the organisations and people we have worked with.



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