Groundwork Greater Manchester partnership opportunities & services for business

April – June 2025







Working with Local Businesses

We work in partnership with local businesses to deliver a range of highquality services and funded programmes which create a greener, stronger & fairer future for Greater Manchester.

As a charity, we rely on in-kind and financial support from local businesses to deliver our mission.

This document details the opportunities available to new and existing business partners in **January to March 2025**.







Help a young person find their path







We work with young people who have faced barriers to learning, whether due to personal challenges they have faced in life, or if they have struggled to achieve in previous learning environments. We believe that everyone deserves the support to become their best.

- > The Prince's Trust TEAM programme is a 12-week course for young people aged 16-25 who are currently not in employment, education or training
- > The course is led by a great set of tutors who build confidence, develop soft skills and coach young people towards their career of choice
- The programme includes interactions with the working world; with mock interviews, work experience placements and community events. Wherever possible, we like our business
 partners to be part of this process







Help young people learn life skills outdoors

Forest School provides opportunities for children who don't engage well in a traditional setting to learn new skills & experience the natural environment. Our Level 3 qualified Forest School practitioners partner with local schools to arrange provision for those who need it the most.

- > Forest School is a long term intervention, working with young people one day a fortnight for a full academic year
- > Forest School is delivered in small groups of no more than 10 young people
- > Young people work towards achieving a John Muir award, completing tasks and learning new skills throughout the year

CURRENTLY OPPORTUNITIES AT:

- > Trafford Ecology Park, working with Canterbury School
- > Boarshaw Clough, working with St John Fisher School











Help a young person reach their potential

Groundwork's youth workers deliver bespoke 1-2-1 support to young people aged 11-18, providing them with the skills and confidence to reach their potential.

We work with young people who are disengaged, or at risk of disengaging, from education or other mainstream services for around 24 weeks.

Several of our funded programmes come to an end in 2023, however several of the young people we are supporting require further support.

Can you help extend 1-2-1 coaching with a young person for another 24 weeks?













Help someone access emergency heating

Groundwork's Energywork's team support households in Greater Manchester to move out of fuel poverty, so everyone can live warm and well in their home.

Green Doctor's often encounter homes with no fuel or heat source, meaning residents are without heating, hot water and cooking facilities.

Although we work with utility partners to fast track these homes back into full use this process can take several days. To minimise the effects during this time we provide small measures such as oil filled radiators, kettles and air fryers.

With your support we can ensure more homes have the emergency measures they need.









£250 PROVIDES EMERGENCY MEASURES TO 5 HOUSEHOLDS £500 PROVIDES EMERGENCY MEASURES TO 10 HOUSEHOLDS £1,000 PROVIDES EMERGENCY MEASURES TO 20 HOUSEHOLDS



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Working Wardrobe provides employment advice and a capsule wardrobe to people who are entering employment.

- Spend half or a full day sorting, selecting, processing and organising donations of clothing, shoes and accessories ready for appointments with Working Wardrobe clients.
- > Driving to clothing collection points to pick up donations of clothing.
- > Support contacting businesses and retailers who may be interested in donating shoes or clothing.



Share your insights & provide opportunities to people on our **employment courses**



We deliver a range of employment programmes to groups of people who are struggling to find employment, including young people, care leavers, veterans and people with a criminal record.

Real world insight and opportunities make courses impactful and can also provide a number of work-ready employees.

- Deliver careers advice or an industry insight sessions sharing what working in your organisation or sector is like.
- Host a site tour at your premises, helping bringing the working world to life.
- Take part in mock interview sessions in person or online.
- Develop a pre-employment course as a partnership.





Community Action Days

We support community groups to create and develop their local green spaces so that everyone has fair and equal access to nature and all the benefits it brings. Our Community Action Days bring together community volunteers and our corporate partners.

We'll make sure the day runs smoothly; coordinating plans with the community groups, arranging tools, supervision and refreshments for everyone involved.

Up to 5 - £250 + VAT 5-10 - £500 + VAT 10 - 20 - £1,000 + VAT 20 - 30 people - £1,500 + VAT









Community Action Day - Medlock Valley

We are working along the whole of the Medlock Valley from Oldham to Manchester City centre to improve habitats and accessibility for communities.

Join us for practical volunteer sessions doing woodland management, meadow creation and litter clearances including getting in the river to remove litter and debris.

We are working across the whole valley so can be flexible on location but suggested areas include: Lees Brook Nature Reserve Oldham, Sunnybank Vale Tameside, Clayton Vale Manchester, and Pin Mill Brow Manchester.

Activities are taking place on a variety of days and can accommodate of groups up to 20.

Please contact <u>francesca.sullivan@groundwork.org.uk</u> with the following information if you are interested in taking part:

- Organisation name
- Number of volunteers
- Three potential dates you're available to volunteer



Community Action Day - Wild About Stockport

Wild about Stockport is bringing nature back to Stockport Town Centre. Join us for bulb planting, gardening and sprucing up spaces to improve the town centre, create wildlife havens in the city and improve people's wellbeing.

Planting days are taking place on 14th and 16th April 10-1pm and can accommodate groups up to 25.

Please contact abbie.williams@groundwork.org.uk with the following information if you are interested in taking part:

- Organisation name
- Number of volunteers



Community Action Day – creating Newbold Community Growing Together

Newbold Community Growing Together in Rochdale recently secured the keys to a former tip area on an industrial estate last year and have since been transforming it into a community food growing space. They have big plans to create a series of raised beds, fruit trees and a wildlife pond and have secured funding from Andy Burnham's Green Spaces Fund but could use some helping hands to bring this to life!

We need volunteers to help build and fill raised beds, build a composting toilet, dig out and create a new pond and plant lots of trees and shrubs.

Volunteer dates are typically on Friday's and can accommodate up to 30 people at one time.

Please contact <u>Abbie.Williams@groundwork.org.uk</u> with the following information if you are interested in taking part:

- Organisation name
- Number of volunteers
- Three potential dates you're available to volunteer



Community Action Day – West Gorton Postcode Gardener

Our Postcode Gardeners are local gardening experts who work with residents to co-create and care for spaces local to them – from hosting volunteering and training sessions and teaching growing skills – they bring people together and bring back nature to urban environments.

This project covers Ardwick, Gorton and Longsight. Activities include:

- Planting trees, bulbs, perennials and wildflowers to improve biodiversity attracting bees, butterflies and other insects
- Carrying out pollinator surveys and bioblitzes to identify plants, insects and understand more about the nature around us
- Creating and maintaining spaces to grow food and provide places for local communities to come together
- Greening streets and alleyways for community use

Please contact <u>lizzie.meade@groundwork.org.uk</u> with the following information if you are interested in taking part:

- Organisation name
- Number of volunteers
- Three potential dates you're available to volunteer





Help make a school more nature friendly

Groundwork's Landscape Architects re-think school grounds so that children have more opportunities to experience the natural environment & learn more about climate change.

By sponsoring improvements at a school you're helping improve health and learning outcomes for children. Where possible (available in non-term time only) we encourage businesses to take part in the build process so their employees can get involved volunteering as part of a local project

CURRENTLY OPPORTUNITIES AT:

- > Seymour Park Primary School in Old Trafford need help to create a sensory garden area to improve biodiversity and teach children about nature. Sponsor this project for £5,000+
- > Hollingworth Primary School in Tameside need help to create an outdoor classroom with a green roof. Sponsor this project for £10,000+
 - Alternatively, if you have a local school in mind which you would like to improve, we can engage them in a re-design process. Our community engagement leads and landscape architects will engage pupils and staff to develop ideas of what the space could achieve. Prices start from £1,000











Nature Away Days







Groundwork Greater Manchester own and manage over 22 hectares of land within Greater Manchester across 5 nature sites.

Greenspaces are essential assets in urban areas, helping improve the health and wellbeing of local people, providing refuge for native wildlife and helping manage the effects of climate change.

However, maintaining 22 hectares of land to remain accessible to the public year-round and a safe space for native species is a challenging task.

> We rely on the support of our corporate partners to keep our greenspaces thriving. Through a combination of financial donations and the help of volunteers on our Nature Away Days we can ensure these greenspaces thrive.



Nature Away Day Seasonal Activities

Over the next few months volunteers will help us:

Enhance Our Woodlands

By participating in ivy removal, volunteers will help our trees grow more effectively. This creates a more diverse and resilient woodland structure, allowing ground flora to flourish with increased sunlight.

Create Dead Hedges and Wildlife Habitats

Volunteers will help build dead hedges, creating essential habitats that provide shelter and nesting spaces for birds and mammals, as well as food for insects. As the hedges decompose, they enrich the soil, benefiting the entire ecosystem.

Restore Pond Ecosystems

Through volunteer efforts in pond management, such as removing overgrown plants and debris, aquatic life is given the opportunity to thrive, maintaining a healthy ecosystem throughout the year.

Revitalize Our Nature Sites

Volunteers will assist in clearing scrub and overgrowth around the sites, making the area more accessible and promoting healthier growth, ensuring a successful nature haven for wildlife and people.

Improve Fishing Pegs and Boardwalks

Volunteers will play a crucial role in maintaining fishing pegs and boardwalks, ensuring our nature sites remain safe and accessible for all visitors.



Nature Away Day - Schedule

BOARSHAW CLOUGH, MIDDLETON

Wednesday 9th April

TRAFFORD ECOLOGY PARK

Wednesday 14th May

IRKSIDE, ROCHDALE

Wednesday 11th June

NOTE: Dates/locations maybe able to be switched but cannot be guaranteed



Nature Away Days







Events run for a full day, with your team meeting on site at 9.45am and wrapping up just after 3.30pm.

Take part in a day of nature improvements and enhancements, supported by our team of experts

PRICING = Up to 20 - £1,000 + VAT 20 - 30 people - £1,500 + VAT 30 - 40 people - £2,000 + VAT 40 - 50 people - £2,500 + VAT



Interested in supporting our work?

Contact us to discuss how we can work together.

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