

Gardening & Painting With PWC

Community venue profile

The community centre is based in North London and aims to work with local communities to provide educational and leisure opportunities. The centre also looks to increase the well being of physical and mental health in local people of all ages.

Aims of the day

The objectives of the volunteering day were decided prior to the day between Volunteering Matters and PWC. They focused on team building and making a difference.. The team leader opted for a practical task for 25 volunteers, something related to young people and close to central London. The community centre had an area that they wanted the team to refurbish to make it usable for young people in the local area.

What Happened?

The PWC team arrived on site at 10am and received an extensive health & safety briefing, as well as an introduction to the centre. After this the team split into groups and worked together to complete the tasks. The tasks included wood varnishing, painting railings and clearing overgrown areas. The day finished at 4pm, when the team received a debrief from the venue and got to meet some of the young people who would benefit from using the space.

Employee Team Feedback:

“It was a good team experience and I thought it was fantastic. I did not know how much went on in my local centre and to actually be there, meeting the staff, meeting the community, was great. We all enjoyed attending, and I felt I had really achieved something. I would like to go back” – **PWC Volunteer**

91%
OF VOLUNTEERS INCREASED
THEIR SENSE OF PRIDE IN
WORKING FOR THEIR EMPLOYER

85%
OF VOLUNTEERS FEEL MORE
POSITIVE ABOUT THEIR
EMPLOYER OVERALL

Results and Outcomes

The overgrown space was completely transformed and there was a noticeable difference to the centre. The team felt much satisfaction from their work, and also that team building and communication had improved throughout the day. The venue was extremely happy with the results, as without the team they would not be able to carry out this valuable work.

Venue Feedback:

“It was a great day. The team did a fantastic job; they were friendly, professional and got everything completed. Thank You!” – **Community Centre manager**



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