



FRP Receives New Funding From The National Lottery Community Fund

Forest Recycling Project (FRP) is delighted to announce it has received a National Lottery award from The National Lottery Community Fund for community work over the next four years. The NLCF Reaching Communities programme grant is for working with volunteers and developing FRP's unique Green Champions programme. The aim is that many more people can be involved in volunteering for the environment in Waltham Forest.

FRP is an environmental and community charity in Waltham Forest. Integral to its work is involving volunteers from all backgrounds in a supported and sociable volunteering programme, called Green Champions. In the past five years, over 250 local people have been involved in training and volunteering in working with reuse materials, with lots of support and guidance from the team. Everyone is welcome and we are delighted that many of our Green Champions have found us through local services like mental health support service, social prescribing, Mencap, charity partners and most recently the Lime Academy Hornbeam Trust. We believe that everyone can be a champion for the environment and part of the solution to the climate crisis.

The impact of the work of the Green Champions and the charity is that already around 40 tonnes of CO₂ is being saved locally each year through reuse activities - a very positive environmental impact, that we aim to increase further. Most Green Champions also report a marked improvement in wellbeing through their participation, and there have been lots of success stories of people going on to achieve a range of personal goals after taking part in FRP programmes, including a number going into work in the sustainability sector and for local organisations and companies.

As a result of the new grant, FRP will be offering a new structured volunteering programme in carpentry (working with reclaimed scaffolding boards) and textiles (working with reclaimed fabrics) from summer 2022. Volunteers will attend supported, small group training and volunteering sessions once a week, for 2-3 hours, for 12 weeks. The application form can be found on our website and we will respond to applications as soon as possible, and within three weeks. We continue to very much welcome applications by referrals as well.

In early autumn we will launch a big new initiative in environmental volunteering under Green Champions, with the aim of engaging a large range of local people in environmental volunteering roles, including short-term, long-term, occasional and weekend volunteering. Look out for the announcement about this nearer the time.

Anyone wanting to find out more can contact FRP. Our email list will always be the first to hear any announcement and you can also follow us on social media.

Links and contact details:

FRP website: www.frpuk.org

Green Champions / Apply to Volunteer information on website:

<https://frpuk.org/community-work/green-champions/>

FRP email news sign-up: <https://frpuk.org/get-involved/mailling-list/>

FRP facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/frponline/>

FRP instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/forestrecyclingproject/>

FRP twitter: <https://twitter.com/FRPonline>

Contact FRP generally: info@frpuk.org

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About The National Lottery Community Fund

We are the largest funder of community activity in the UK - we support people and communities to prosper and thrive.

We're proud to award money raised by National Lottery players to communities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and to work closely with Government to distribute vital grants and funding from key Government programmes and initiatives.

Our funding has a positive impact and makes a difference to people's lives. We support projects focussed on things that matter, including economic prosperity, employment, young people, mental health, loneliness and helping the UK reach NET Zero by 2050.

Thanks to the support of National Lottery players, our funding is open to everyone. We're privileged to be able to work with the smallest of local groups right up to UK-wide charities, enabling people and communities to bring their ambitions to life.

National Lottery players raise over £30 million each week for good causes throughout the UK. Since The National Lottery began in 1994, £43 billion has been raised for good causes. National Lottery funding has been used to support over 635,000 projects - 255 projects per postcode area.