

Groundwork West Midlands

Groundwork UK is made up of charitable trusts in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, whose purpose is to build sustainable communities through joint environmental action. Groundwork's projects aim to improve:

People - creating opportunities for people to learn new skills and take local action.

Places - creating better, safer and healthier neighbourhoods

Prosperity - helping businesses and individuals fulfill their potential

These aims are targeted through 6 themes of work:

Business-Community-Education

Employment-Landscape-Youth



Community Task Force


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What is involved in the CTF programme?

CTF is the work experience element of the Young Person's Guarantee. The placements offer up to 6 months work experience within the community and increases clients employability skills by providing more experience, build on the client's confidence and skills and also provide a reference at the end of the placement.

The placements also benefits the community in a number of ways; decreasing unemployment in the area and ultimately ensuring that people take pride in their community.

Each client will work on a placement for 13 weeks at 25 hours per week. An extra 5 Hours a week will be set aside to focus on improving communication skills, creating CV's , completing application forms,, interview techniques etc.

Who is eligible for CTF?

All 18-24 year olds who have been on Job Seekers Allowance for 6 months are eligible.. Signing on to the Community Task Force is voluntary until 26th April 2010, after which it will be mandatory.



Community Task Force—With The Community in Mind!

What does CTF offer clients?

- Access to current placement opportunities
- Involvement within the community and local projects
- Supported Job Search activity and learning
- Travel Payments (Subject to Terms and Conditions)
- Support for Childcare arrangements
- A fortnightly Training Allowance to the value of Job Seekers Allowance plus £15.38 per week

What sort of placements can young people do?

- Accounts/Administration/Clerical work
- Catering
- Labouring
- Painting and Decorating
- Landscaping and Parks
- Retail (Charity Shops)
- Graffiti Removal
- Anything Community Based!

Groundwork will strive to make the transition into work as smooth as possible by providing support for both the individual and the placement provider

Throughout the 13 weeks placement, the Groundwork Placement Supervisor will be providing continuous support to both the Client and Placement Provider.

There will be regular review meetings to discuss the Clients progress, and also offers an opportunity for Placement Providers to raise any concerns they may have with a Client, or even to inform us of their hard work and effort!

Groundwork are here to support our Clients and Placement Providers every step of the way!

E x t r a S u p p o r t

Groundwork has excellent links with local organizations who can provide support, advice and guidance on a variety of issues that can become a barrier to work. Including issues linked to drugs and alcohol, childcare, debt management, basic skills, spoken language, anger management, housing, training etc.



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