

## Npower staff offer Stoneferry Primary a helping hand

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Eight volunteers from npower's Hull offices on Clough Road were given the opportunity to offer a helping hand to Stoneferry Primary School this week. The staff took time out of their working day to help tackle a gardening project with the head teacher in order to improve the school environment for the pupils and teachers to enjoy.

On arrival at the school, donned in npower (<http://thebrighterenergydebate.com/>) t-shirts, the volunteers were first introduced to the whole school in morning assembly. It was here that they had the opportunity to explain to the children where they had come from, their purpose for visiting the school and the aims of the task. After this, the npower staff fully immersed themselves in the project, stopping only for lunch with the children.

The volunteers sowed plants, laid bark chippings, installed a bird feeder and cut back overgrown shrubbery. At the end of the afternoon an area of the playground had been rejuvenated into a bright, vibrant place for children to play in and hopefully attract some wildlife to the area.

Head Teacher Jo Harrison was delighted with the team's efforts, commenting: "Our school is surrounded by industry and the initiative provided a great opportunity for a local company close to Stoneferry Primary school to become involved in community work. We are very grateful to npower and the staff who all volunteered - giving their time and money in making a big difference to our school environment."

Leading the npower volunteering

([http://www.npower.com/web/about\\_npower/in\\_the\\_community/employee\\_volunteers/index.htm](http://www.npower.com/web/about_npower/in_the_community/employee_volunteers/index.htm)) team, Lisa Thompson added: "The team had a fantastic day undertaking their volunteering task and worked really hard in getting the playground more accessible for the children. The challenge was to bring more greenery to the area with various plants and a bird box to attract wildlife. The playground is now a safer environment and we feel this project was a great chance to make a positive contribution to the local school children."

npower encourages its personnel to take on volunteering tasks to benefit local communities and the day was run in conjunction with CSV (Community Service Volunteers), who deliver the employee volunteer programme for RWE npower.

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About npower

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npower is the only utility business, amongst 21 other companies in the UK, to receive this accolade. The CommunityMark is a new BITC standard which has been created to recognise companies that are good

investors in local communities and who have brought about real and positive changes.

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