

Waste reduction project looking to expand in Staffordshire

Garden Organic is delighted to be continuing to collaborate with Staffordshire County Council to help reduce the region's waste through the Waste Savvy Staffs campaign.

Volunteers have been recruited from across the region over the last two years, but the project is now looking for more passionate people to meet the increased demand for stands at events and talks in the community, which will in turn have an even greater impact on the region's waste and emissions.

The next recruitment day is Thursday 19th May at Veolia's Energy Recovery Facility in Four Ashes, Wolverhampton, where much of Staffordshire's residual waste goes to be converted into electricity. Attendees will be provided with free training on food waste reduction, composting and recycling in particular, but will also be made aware of other sustainable waste schemes in the region. Following a complimentary lunch, there will be a tour of the facility, as well as engaging in some additional discussion about engaging with communities to reduce waste.

Volunteers do not need to have had any prior experience of waste or public engagement, only need to commit to a minimum of 30 hours of volunteering over the year and can be reimbursed for any travel costs. The only requirements are that individuals live in, or near, Staffordshire, are comfortable talking to people and are passionate about supporting their community to reduce the impact that poorly disposed waste has on our environment.

Most of the volunteer activity will be engaging with the public at events across the region, such as countryside shows, garden/flower festivals, sustainability events and fun days. If you're a confident public speaker, you might also be interested in delivering talks and workshops to schools and community groups.

To keep up to date with events and waste reduction information from the County Council, follow the campaign on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wastesavvystaffs.

If you have an interest in reducing, reusing, recycling or composting, and enjoy sharing your knowledge with others, this is the volunteering opportunity for you!

If you would like to sign up or find out more, please contact whitehouse@gardenorganic.co.uk.