

Press Release

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Lloyds employees from Large Corporate Gatwick & South East are making a difference at Broadfield Community Centre and giving back to their local community!

Broadfield Youth and Community Centre had a make-over with the help from Lloyds Banking Group, Large Corporate Gatwick & South East team this summer as part of Business in the Community Employee Volunteering scheme in the South East.

Volunteers from Lloyds chose the Charity run Centre for a two day employee volunteering event on the 12 and 13th August. Around 20 dedicated employees who are locally based gave up their two days of their time to revamp the Reception Foyer areas and tidy up the gardens. The day was organised by Rebecca Maher - Lloyds Banking Group, through the Business in the Community (BITC), one of Prince of Wales Charities mobilising business for good that has a unique partnership with the Centre Staff.

The Community Centre, which is home to two preschools, adult education classes, coffee shops, Swallows over 50's club, mother and toddler groups and many more local groups, is now in its 30th year and volunteer days like these are helpful in keeping the Centre in good condition.

Centre Manager, Julie Waghorn, stated 'We are really grateful to Marina and BITC and really look forward to days like these, having Lloyds with us was great, the Centre is a big place and very busy, it is always in need of a lick of paint somewhere in the building'.

Marina Hennessey, Bitc South East Area Manager said: “Employee volunteering is one of the most important and effective ways that companies can increase their positive impact in the community and leverage a key resource beyond cash. We were delighted to work with BYCC and to match them with support from our member businesses. If you are a business or a charity and want to find out how you can get involved please visit www.bitc.org.uk “

Lloyds Banking Group also had over 1000 employees take part in the Give & Gain day on July 9th, this year, the only National Employee Volunteering day in the country, organised by Business in the Community, which saw over 6800 employees from the corporate sector give up their day to make a difference to the local communities around the country. The Give & Gain day benefited 55,440 lives through 202 community and schools based projects.

The Centre has been helped out before by Lloyds Banking Group when staff painted two of the halls in August 2007. Virgin Holidays, GlaxoSmithKline and Barclays have also held volunteer days at the Centre to complete different projects around the building. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the Centre please contact Julie or Tracy on 01293 531337 for more information.

Lloyds Banking Group would also like to extend a special thank you to their customers who have supported them in helping their local community by providing the following:

Britannia Crest Recycling – provided a Skip

Haskins Garden Centre – plants & Gardening materials

Parker Building Supplies – paint and painting materials

Their generous support has made a huge difference to the Broadfield Community Centre!

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