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Social Value at Etc.

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What did we do?



Tees Barrage litter pick

There was more litter picking at Tees Barrage with the Canal and River Trust.



Tidy Up Billingham

And there was more litter picking alongside Tidy Up Billingham.



St Benedict's Catholic Primary School

A team helped spruce up the outdoor area at St Benedict's Catholic Primary School in Redcar.



Dogs Trust, Darlington

One lucky group got to spend the day bathing, socialising (and cuddling!) puppies at Dogs Trust, Darlington.

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Why did we do it?

- Giving something back
- Time to do something different

What did we do?

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Low Grange Community Centre

A team of volunteers helped revamp a community garden at Low Grange Community Centre.



Daisy Chain

We helped on the shopfloor and sorted donations at the Daisy Chain Superstore in Stockton.



Maxi's Mates

More volunteers headed over to Maxi's Mates to lend a hand walking the dogs still looking for their "fur-ever" homes.



Redcar beach clean

Our team helped to clear litter from Redcar beach.

How did we promote / deliver the activity?

- Emails
- Microsoft Forms
- Word of mouth

Time for Teesside - an all staff volunteering day



Grant Glendinning

To: *All Staff



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Time for Teesside

Colleagues,

I am excited to let you know that our group is in the process of organising an all-staff paid volunteering day, which will enable all colleagues to participate in local charity projects.

We are calling our initiative '**Time for Teesside**' and I hope that following this founding year, this will become an annual feature of our work together at the Etc.

Time for Teesside will take place on **12th July 2023** and will be an all-day event. We will be partnering with Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation and a range of other local third-sector organisations for opportunities for us to work on a variety of local projects.

What were the results?

What our staff said...

Karina Le Fevre, group marketing officer - commercial
Bathed and socialised puppies at Dogs Trust

"I was grateful we were given the time out of the office to give back. There are clearly lots of great causes out there that are looking for extra hands to help out. The day itself was very fulfilling and something very different to the everyday. We got to help with the puppies which meant bathing them in the sink and carrying out social awareness to get them used to being around groups of people. We also did some outdoor enrichment, throwing toys in the play area – all very serious business!"



Elizabeth Eddy, senior administrator, Bede
Sorted donations at Teesside Hospice
charity shop

"Myself and three colleagues, Chris, Andrew and Lou, spent time at the Teesside Hospice shop in Yarm. We were made to feel very welcome, learned how much more goes into getting charity donations from collection bag to the shop floor than we realised! I would be very keen to see the initiative continue - perhaps more regularly so that more people can experience it. Time for Teesside was meant to give back, but I definitely felt I benefitted from it."

Chris and Andrew pictured helping at Teesside Hospice charity shop.



What our communities said...

Jackie Reilly, centre manager, North Ormesby
Resource Centre

"We have a unit here for people with dementia. The Etc. team worked throughout the day to help us create a sensory garden and what a fantastic job they did. This will now enable our service-users to enjoy the outdoors in a safe and tranquil environment, using touch and smell to hopefully help bring precious memories to them and promote mental health and wellbeing."

Heather Whyman, chief executive officer, MAIN, The
Finlay Cooper Centre, North Ormesby

"We really appreciate everything the team did for us, for giving their time, providing the materials, and fencing off the back of the play area. It was a brilliant day."

Continuation



Darlington College projects included...

Staff rolled up their sleeves, collecting, sorting and distributing food to those in need at local food banks, including St Andrew's Food Bank in Darlington.

And armed with paint brushes and enthusiasm, a college crew transformed a corner of The Well Methodist Church into a vibrant social hub.

College tutors lent a hand to the local Sea Scouts and a team hit the streets, joining Darlington Borough Council Community Champions in a litter pick across the town.



Middlesbrough College Group projects included...

Teams laboured in the gardens at Shaw Trust Enterprises Stockton Garden Centre, walked dogs and cleaned pens at Maxi's Mates dog shelter and supported in the community shop at St Barnabas Church.

Volunteers supported the Stewart Park Run, picked litter in Marske, Redcar and Saltburn, helped at the Baby Bank Project and assisted horse-riding sessions for disabled children at the RDA Unicorn Centre.

Other events included delivering young enterprise workshops for year eight pupils, helping toddler groups at Rhyme Time Redcar and picking and packing food produce at FareShare.

Colleges are working together to make Time for Tees!

A giant effort to help out in the community is stepping up a gear as Tees Valley colleges work together to make, Time for Tees.

In this, Volunteers' Week, the Education Training Collective (Etc.), Middlesbrough College Group and Darlington College are announcing plans to embark on a shared volunteering drive that will see hundreds of staff from across the organisations heading out into the community this summer to give their time to good causes.



"Our aim is to give something back to the communities that we work so closely with every day," said Etc. chief executive and group principal, Grant Glendinning. "What better way to do that than giving our time, rolling up our sleeves and helping out in a real practical way?"

Feedback in 2024

Nikki Thurston, Group Apprenticeships Compliance Manager, Etc.

Friends of True Lovers Walk

"Myself, along with colleagues from the Etc., team took part in Time for Tees. We chose from an impressive list of charitable organisations, to assist with the upkeep of the Friends of True Lovers Walk. This involved cleaning up the area behind Sainsbury's in Yarm, trimming bushes, digging weeds from the pathway and litter picking. We selected this activity as it was a great way to spend some time outdoors, team building and making a difference to the residents who use the walkway. We had a brilliant day, the weather was definitely on our side, but the best part was seeing the difference we made in just four hours. I think Time for Tees provides an amazing opportunity to give back to the community, and I look forward to doing it all again next year!"



What our communities said...

Thanks to our friends at Catalyst Stockton who helped put us in touch with some of the amazing organisations doing great work here in the Tees Valley.

Megan Stevens, Corporate Social Responsibility Co-ordinator, Catalyst Stockton

"It was an amazing opportunity for the charities to have volunteers from the Education Training Collective to support them and for volunteers to see what charities do on a weekly basis. It was so lovely to meet the volunteers and see the satisfaction they got from supporting the good causes and having a day out of the office. Great work and it's good to see different sectors working together to achieve success in Stockton."



Questions

If you'd like to know more about the Time for Tees initiative or other ways Etc. have added social value, please contact me at-

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