

Scottish Gas employees are up for a challenge



Earlier today more than 350 people who work with Scottish Gas took up a volunteering challenge across the north of the city.

They worked with a number of local groups including :

- **MyAdventure:** a social enterprise which runs outdoor experiences
- **North Edinburgh Arts Centre:** a local community space for art exhibitions, live performances and classes with gardens, a music studio and cafe.
- **Early Years Centre, Craigroyston High:** a centre which offers childcare and parental guidance to young parents
- **Granton Community Gardeners:** an initiative developed to tackle local food poverty
- **Waterfront Nursery:** a local childcare centre
- **Millennium Centre:** a local community hub offering classes and events
- **PYCP (Pilton Youth and Children Project):** a local youth club
- **PEP (Pilton Equalities Project):** provides essential services for older and other vulnerable adults in North Edinburgh



They improved play areas at local nurseries, helped MyAdventure with their mountain bike track at Gypsy Brae, did some heavy work in the community garden at North Edinburgh Arts and worked on preparing garden plots for Granton

Community Gardeners.

This is all part of their Summer of Volunteering Challenge when they hope to provide 7,000 hours of community support in 100 days, and it was being undertaken today just ahead of Volunteers' Week which begins on 1 June 2016.

Lesley Avinou, Head of Customer Service, at Scottish Gas in Edinburgh said:

"It was a brilliant day. We worked with more than 10 amazing organisations that make a difference to the lives of people across Edinburgh.

"Our Craigroyston Community Partnership, now in its third year, helps to support the community by volunteering. We want to help not just young people but their families too."



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