



## **Birmingham Civic Society – Citizenship Committee**

### **Centenary Spaces – A New Initiative to Celebrate Our Centenary**

We are really excited to announce that the Birmingham Civic Society is planning to establish a new initiative called 'Centenary Spaces'. The objective is to promote and enhance active citizenship within primary schools and community groups from across Birmingham.

#### **What is the Centenary Spaces initiative?**

The programme aims to create small urban green spaces in locations that may be neglected. Types of spaces include (but not exclusively) school play areas or existing gardens needing improvement. These spaces could then be used to hold regular primary school and community events.

The Centenary Spaces initiative is FREE to five selected Birmingham Primary schools and community groups and is a project-based programme which aims to develop pupils' skills in team-working and problem solving, and helps the pupils in Birmingham to become active citizens that contribute positively to future of our city. The programme also enables community groups to do something that they may have been putting off due to lack of resources.

The idea is that a Primary school or community group, will identify a location that they want to develop. This location MUST be owned by the school/group and proof of permission will be required. Ultimately, the Centenary Space project will be led by the school/group who will tell us what they want to achieve and how we can help them get there.

#### **How can you support Centenary Spaces?**

We are looking for businesses, as part of their corporate social responsibility (CSR) mission, to provide resources and people power to create an improved green space. This will include:

- A minimum of five members of staff who will help over two days (May/June 2018) (this can be discussed on a case by case basis should different timings/numbers be required by you)
- A £250 donation for materials
- As much engagement with the school/community group as you would like.

All applications from primary schools and community groups will be assessed by the Citizenship Committee on their feasibility and sustainability. The programme wants to establish a legacy so that all partners can keep using the space.



A small commemorative plaque will be placed in the green space in order to acknowledge the help of all contributors, and that the programme celebrates the centenary of the Birmingham Civic Society. The scheme will be highlighted on the Citizenship pages of Birmingham Civic Society's web site, Centenary documents and all marketing communications.

We would be delighted if you were able to participate and support us this year.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you require any further information about the programme or to arrange a meeting, you can reach us by email on [amelia.ladbrook@leonardcurtis.co.uk](mailto:amelia.ladbrook@leonardcurtis.co.uk).

Please note the deadline for applications is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April Please note the deadline for applications is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April, however should we receive a high volume of applications we reserve the right to bring the deadline forward so please ensure you get your applications in ASAP.