



Birmingham Civic Society – Citizenship Committee

Centenary Spaces – A New Initiative to Celebrate 100 Years

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 or improve. 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.

We will pair the school/group with a business who will provide a minimum of five members of staff who will help on two consecutive days, and £250 worth of materials.

What is the criteria for Centenary Spaces and how will this be assessed?

Your project must be feasible to complete within two days, with support of five external members of staff. You must be able to lead the activity and be able to prove that you have the correct insurances to do so. We need to know how your project is sustainable, and how it will make a contribution to your school or local community in years to come. We will assess each application on its feasibility and sustainability and this project must be undertaken in May/June 2018.



If you would like to apply to take part in this programme, please complete the application form, and submit it to amelia.ladbrook@leonardcurtis.co.uk. The Citizenship Committee will then assess your application and give a decision within seven days.

A small commemorative plaque will be placed in the green space in order to acknowledge the help of all contributors, and that the renovated space 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.

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.

Please note the deadline for applications is Monday 16th 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.