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Nottinghamshire projects offered last chance to apply for a grant from the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle fund

With just one week to go, Veolia (Nottinghamshire County Council's recycling and waste contractor) encourages projects to make an application for a grant from the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle fund before the deadline on Friday 25th June. The Reduce, Reuse, Recycle fund is a community fund designed to support projects that inspire people to think differently about their waste.

The fund is open to not-for-profit community groups, schools and charities based in the county of Nottinghamshire (excluding the city of Nottingham) and grants of up to £1,000 for projects which help Nottinghamshire to Reduce, Reuse or Recycle materials are available.

Funding can be granted for a variety of projects and activities including physical or online workshops, social media campaign support, practical equipment, education activities and awareness raising. This can be anything from swap shop events to repair workshops, community gardens (which make use of reused, reclaimed, or recycled materials), to food growing, food waste reduction initiatives and composting schemes. Campaigns to promote reducing, reusing or recycling can also be included, and those which address contamination (the wrong things being put in the recycling bin).

These projects could be at home, school, place of work, online or at a local event. Veolia is looking for creative and innovative ideas which inspire. From arts projects to recycling bins, the potentials are endless!

Councillor Neil Clarke, MBE, Chairman of the Transport and Environment Committee at Nottinghamshire County Council said: "The Reduce, Reuse and Recycling fund is a fantastic way for communities to make a difference and introduce something new that will spark the imagination and

more importantly the behavior of future generations.

“We know how much interest there is amongst Nottinghamshire residents when it comes to doing the right thing with regards to waste and I would encourage schools, community groups and charities to think about submitting an application for the fund.”

Previous successful projects have included Victoria Repair café who purchased tools to help their volunteers repair broken items and give them a longer life; North Muskham Parish Council who used the funding to buy a ‘green’ shed to house tools for allotmenters to share rather than buy their own; and Alderman White School who bought compost bins and caddies to recycle their food waste on site.

Lea Hawkes, General Manager for Veolia Nottinghamshire said: “Through this fund we are seeking to continue to encourage the Nottinghamshire community to get involved in reducing, reusing and recycling. There are so many projects taking place across the County, it has been fantastic to support the work that has taken place over the last decade. If you have a project, idea or scheme you would like support with please get in touch.”

Could you benefit from a grant?

Applications are considered annually, and the next deadline is the 25th June 2021, the grant information leaflet, application form, terms and conditions and examples of past projects can all be found on the Veolia website: www.veolia.co.uk/nottinghamshire/reduce-reuse-recycling-fund. Please call 0203 567 4391 or email nottsenquiries@veolia.co.uk for further information.

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