



## ENYP's Mission Days

In August 2016 ENYP and St Elizabeth's Church in Earlham joined up together to do some 'mission days' in the Earlham area of Norwich. Our aim on these days was to be a visible presence in the local area and to make a difference in the communities through practical support and projects. The team took part in various social action projects over the 3 days including;

- Gardening for the elderly – over 20 were transformed
- Litter picking key roads in the estate
- Detached work
- Clearing planting beds and litter picking round a local school
- Engaging in vulnerable residents of the area

Young people, volunteers and members of the ENYP team and St Elizabeth's Church worked really hard over the few days in the community. The mission days were also supported by Norwich City Council who were able to help by providing equipment.

**Louise Curtis, Community Enabling Officer for Norwich City Council**, shared "The ENYP mission days are a great way to get local people involved in their community. The litter pick of Cadge Road by young volunteers sends a really positive message on how they feel about their neighbourhood and helping the tenants of Fellowes Close with their gardens is a lovely way to help others and build friendly relationships. The city council is proud to support ENYP with loans of equipment, which is available for community activities across Norwich."

Those involved had some great conversations with local residents, particularly those who were lonely and socially isolated. It was a great time of breaking down the barriers between generations and of building relationships through conversation and practical support. Young people loved the opportunity to do something for other people and were all keen to be part of future projects.

Residents gave some lovely feedback; "you are doing an amazing job – thank you for giving up your time to clear up the area"; "what you are doing restores my faith in humanity"; and "its so kind of you to give up your time – what you have done has been amazing!".

**Danny Doran-Smith, ENYP Director and Pioneer Minister**, said, "it was great to see so many people give up their own time to make such a difference in the community. We're pleased the work received such positive feedback and we look forward to building on this in the future through our Grassroots project".



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