

## Business Action on Homelessness: Ready for Work fortnight- getting people back into the workplace

### Business Unit:

inspiredspaces, Nottingham

### Date:

4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November 2013

### Location:

Nottingham- various locales

### In Partnership with:

Nottingham City Council & Business in the Community

### Key Contact:

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### Outcome Area(s):

Our People

Community

### Business Benefits:

Employee engagement

Increased productivity through raised staff morale

Aligns with socio-economic objectives and supports our commitment to Nottingham city.

Corporate Social Responsibility evidence

### Community Benefits:

Raising aspiration

Getting people back into work

From 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November, our supply chain partners, Nottingham City Council, hosted a fortnight's work placement for two clients within their 'Street Scene' team.

The programme, facilitated through Business in the Community, aims to get unemployed people back into the workplace.

Aided by their workplace 'buddies' Alan and Dean, Richard Blunt and Ian Peskett were both employed as Public Realm Operative's at Woolsthorpe Depot in the city centre.

During the programme both Richard and Ian undertook a range of tasks, some of which included:

- Gardening and grounds maintenance- including weeding, pruning and strimming
- Working with Neighbourhood Services on a variety of duties
- Working with an array of hand and power tools
- Some training provided on the safe operation of the bin lift refresher truck

Off his time spent on the programme, Ian confirmed that he had enjoyed his time spent with the team and the satisfaction of carrying out a job to a high standard.

Richard added: "I embraced the challenges of the role and was fully supported by my Buddies and team members during the placement."

Both BAOH clients were praised by their buddies for their dedication to their placement and commended for their excellent time-keeping, strong motivation and good communication skills.

Upon completion of the programme, both clients were assessed by their work buddies in conjunction with Business in the Community. Ian and Richard are both now declared as 'Work Ready.' They will now be paired with Job Coaches which will mentor them in their search for a new career.



Above L-R: BAOH client Ian Peskett and buddy, Alan Wright.



Above L-R: Buddy Dean Shakh, BAOH client Richard Blunt, NCC Neighbourhood and Operations Manager Jane Ludlow, Ian and Alan

We would like to wish the best of luck to both clients in their future endeavours and say a massive "thank you" to our partners at Nottingham City Council for supporting the 'Ready for Work' fortnight once again.

