

YSP UK held its second Service Project with Cosmeston Lake

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YSP UK held its second Service Project with Cosmeston Lake this past weekend, relocating over 200 young trees.



On Saturday the 25th, a group of members of our WWW and River South communities participated in a Service Project organised by Youth and Students for Peace UK (YSP UK) in partnership with Cosmeston

Lake. The volunteers took the day to help out re-locating whips, a name used for young trees, to a better place.



The participants dug up around 202 future trees and planted them along a fence to create a hedgerow which in the future will be used by the animals in the area to travel without being seen. These hedgerows are a common technique used to provide shelter and a tunnel for ease of traveling unseen by predators to small animals like mice, squirrels, foxes, and others. Many questions about the project, tree planting and nature were answered by the Park Ranger, satisfying the participant's curiosity to know more about the world we live in.

After a hard day of work and successfully beating the record of the previous volunteering group, the volunteers all gathered together for fellowship at the café with warm snacks and drinks. Many thanks to everyone who invested in this project and made their own contribution to the landscaping of the wonderful place.

To read Tanya's testimony, [click here](#). For more information, check out their website www.yspuk.org.





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Wales is a place where you can meet great people, see beautiful architecture and visit interesting places, but just as importantly, this place pleases the eye with pure, unspoiled nature. The beauty of this place inspires and fills people with strength, so we, as people living on this earth, want to help preserve this beauty.

On March 25th, 2023 our YSP team from Wales and London gathered at Cosmeston Lake, where we had a wonderful discussion on topics such as: how can we improve our skills through volunteering, what can we give through this work, why is it important for each one of us, etc. Divided into groups, we shared our thoughts, which helped us gain strong camaraderie and determination to give all we can. There were people of all ages present, from the very young to the elderly. This gives confidence that volunteering is something that anyone can do.

After that, passing through the wet earth, dirt and grass, we came to the field, where the park Ranger told us about the purpose and process of our work. Our task was to move trees from one place to another. We were told interesting facts about planting trees and were inspired to learn something new.



Our team divided into two groups, one continued to remove trees from the ground, and the other went to plant them along the road. This is necessary so that the animals can safely move around the space. We were shown the planting technique and we plunged into work. Everyone put a lot of effort in this project, and in the end, our team was able to plant 202 trees. When we finished our work, we applauded and thanked each other.

We encourage and inspire everyone to join this greening project, which, although may seem dirty or boring, is necessary for people and nature to live in a safe,

healthy world. After finishing the work, we were filled with joy and satisfaction. This day ended with a snack, a warm conversation and a game with a soccer ball.

After that, we said goodbye and look forward to seeing each other next time on a new project.

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