



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Young people in Bolsover to benefit from 'Green Generation'**

Young residents of Bolsover are set to benefit from a brand-new green initiative thanks to Bolsover Community and Voluntary Service (BCVS) and funding through the National Lottery Community Fund.

BCVS has been awarded £290,136 to deliver the 'Green Generation' Project which will place young people at the heart of developing a sustainable, inclusive and healthy VCSE sector for Bolsover.

The project aims to involve at least 200 young people between the ages of 16 and 25, in volunteering, improving their confidence, green skills and aspirations.

It will also support Voluntary and Community groups to host volunteering opportunities and support 30 young people to act as 'Green Generation Champions' developing their confidence, connections and green leadership skills.

Recent Linked in research found that 'only 1 in 8 workers have one or more green skill' and that the 'hiring rate for workers with at least one green skill is 29% higher than the workforce average' illustrating what a significant need and opportunity this is for the young people of Bolsover.

Chris Fridlington, Director of Economic Development at Bolsover District Council said 'We are delighted that BCVS have been awarded this funding for a really great project that will not only provide a brilliant opportunity for the District's young people to learn new skills and help organisations do even more within their local communities to make Bolsover a great place to live but also create more pathways into better paid jobs and help us tackle climate change.'

Andria Birch, BCVS CEO commented 'We are absolutely thrilled to have been awarded the funding for this exciting new project which will benefit both young volunteers and voluntary and community groups across Bolsover. Green Generation will be led by young people and will create great new opportunities across Bolsover, increasing the number of volunteer opportunities for 16-25-year olds whilst improving sustainability practice across our sector.

We are looking forward to launching the project on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and would love to hear from anyone interested in working together as part of Green Generation.'

If you would like to get involved as a young volunteer, a local VCSE group or as a supporting partner organisation, please contact [bcvs@bcvs.org.uk](mailto:bcvs@bcvs.org.uk) or drop into our Bolsover Office.

Look out for more updates and information on Green Generation on the BCVS media channels and at [www.bcvs.org.uk](http://www.bcvs.org.uk)



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