



New host, the Environment Trust, to continue legacy of putting young people at the heart of communities

Save the World Club (SWC) is pleased to announce that its successful youth led volunteering action programme, Young Place Shapers (YPS) will be taken forward by the long established community led charitable organisation, the Environment Trust.

SWC has had some difficult years trying to re-establish a new base for its work in the context of funding challenges. Consequently, SWC trustees have taken governance and legal advice and decided to secure a new home for its key activities such as YPS in order to protect the charity's legacy. This is taking place with the full knowledge and support of key funders, and SWC trustees, staff and volunteers thank them for their support and assistance.

Mary Graham, Chair of Save the World Club, said "We are delighted that the Environment Trust will be taking YPS under their wing and helping to grow it over the coming years. They are committed to young people's participation which is at the heart of this programme and will ensure SWC's legacy continues".

YPS is funded by The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames and receives donations from other supporters such as Kingston University. It works with a range of partners to involve young people and young adults aged 18-24 in practical action where they get hands on experience and help deliver positive environmental, social and well-being outcomes for individuals and communities. Young people's achievements include creating a bee garden in Canbury gardens and wildflower planting in Kings Passage, Kingston upon Thames for which YPS received a neighbourhood grant from Kingston Council. Through its riverside project 'Bench with a view' YPS helped Kingston win their first ever silver gilt award for London in Bloom in 2014.

John Anderson, Chair of the Environment Trust, said "We are pleased to be able to take forward Young Place Shapers. The project is a strategic fit with our current programme and future plans to create the stewards of the future".

SWC trustees are undertaking a process laid down by both Companies House and the Charity Commission and will make an announcement with regards to the rest of the Charity as soon as they are able.

Notes:**Save the World Club**

For further information about Save the World Club contact Mary Graham at Mary@savetheworldclub.org.

Young Place Shapers

YPS works with young people and young adults aged 18-24 years interested in undertaking practical action to tackle environmental and social issues. The programme aims to provide them with opportunities to apply and further develop their knowledge, skills and confidence to lead and support positive change in the world around them, promoting healthier and more sustainable living. Further information about Young Place Shapers can be found at www.youngplaceshapers.org or call Rachel Monaghan on 07740 869382.

The Environment Trust

The Environment Trust has been looking after the natural and built environment since 1984.

The Trust promotes and supports community involvement in and responsibility for the environment. This is done through a process of understanding, valuing, caring and enjoyment by providing opportunities for learning and volunteering.

The Trust runs carefully selected and pragmatic projects that improve, preserve and protect historic buildings and gardens, ancient monuments, open spaces and waterways, and habitats for plants and animals. The aim is to create a sense of place.

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