

Volunteering on the menu for Compass

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Compass Group UK & Ireland is continuing to deliver social value to the communities it operates in, with teams of colleagues going above and beyond to volunteer in doing good.

Compass enabled a team of helpers to volunteer at Church Farm Bungalow, a residential care home providing support for people with learning and physical disabilities. Based in Chertsey, near the Compass headquarters, the day was a true demonstration of supporting the local community.

Led by Carol Sommerville, Compass Group UK & Ireland's Chief People Officer and Laura Neville, Compass Group UK & Ireland's Head of Social Value, the team worked hard to help refresh the residents' garden for them to enjoy this summer. Tasks ranged from tidying the outdoor area, planting flowers and herbs and upcycling garden furniture. To finish the day the residents and volunteers enjoyed games and refreshments together.

Foodbuy UK&I's team recently took on the task of a beach clean and Compass' Finance team had 30 volunteers supporting a Scout Camp, by gardening, clearing paths and painting.

This Volunteering Week (3rd – 9th June), examples of activity include Compass One taking on a beach clean on Ogmores-by-Sea in partnership with Marine Conservation Society and the team at Compass Scotland will continue their partnership with The Larder by launching a bespoke volunteer programme.

This activity supports Compass' Mission to a Million pledge, which aims to positively impact one million lives by 2030. The volunteering delivers social value, as well as helping colleagues and benefiting their own wellbeing.

Laura Neville, Head of Social Value for Compass Group UK & Ireland said: "Through Our Social Promise we have committed to improving the lives of one million people by 2030. A key element of this is supporting

local communities through initiatives such as volunteering. Giving time will make a huge difference to the charities we support and communities we live and work in, generate social value and gives the opportunity to have fun and team build along the way.”

Karl Atkins, Managing Director at Foodbuy UK&I said: “Participating in the beach clean was an eye-opening experience. This volunteering initiative not only highlights our support within local communities, but also reinforces our commitment to sustainability and educating others.”

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