

Appeal to help community project in Stirchley and Brandwood get over the finish line in time for Easter

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A local community grime and ASB hotspot on the Brandwood and Stirchley border is finally in line for a make-over, but is in need of some extra help from local community groups, residents and local businesses to get the project over the finish line and completed during the Easter holidays.



The tunnel running under the train-track dividing the Allens Croft/Brandwood and Stirchley areas has for a long-time been a target for littering, graffiti tagging and ASB much to the concern of local residents and families using the route to get to and from shops and the local schools. Following four years of efforts from Birmingham City Council, West Midlands Police and Network Rail to improve the site through clean-ups, repairs, changes to lighting, additional bollards (to stop mini-motos), a more positive project is planned to transform the

space into something far more pleasant.

Working with a local street artist who has been involved in other local projects, such as the Dads Lane bridge, a plan has been developed to transform the large tunnel space with a street art mural during the Easter holidays. Much of the work and input to the design will be from young people working together with Youth Services to help ensure that it remains a community project for the local community and residents.

In addition to the hard graft and volunteering from local young people, £4,500 has been found to support with labour and materials costs. This has come through the Bournville Neighbourhood Policing Team and Proceeds of Crime Act Funding, Selly Oak District Tasking Group, as well as City Council Community Improvement funding. There is a real effort and support from staff, services and agencies all getting behind the project to get it over the finish line after four years of smaller, unsuccessful attempts.

Despite this support though, due to the scale of the project help is still needed for the final elements and to help with the extensive preparation, painting and protective work that is needed to the artwork once it is completed. We are looking for volunteers and donations of equipment and other items to make sure that this space can finally be transformed. If you are

a local community group, resident or business and think you can help out, please get in touch. In particular we are looking for:

- **Volunteers for 14th-24th April to help with scrubbing, sweeping, cleaning, sanding and painting**
- **Pack-lunches for up to 20 volunteers, especially for the young people already signed up to take part**
- **Various equipment and materials:**
 - **10 x heavy duty wire brushes**
 - **Heavy duty outdoor broom**
 - **10 x 25m rolls duct tape or similar cloth tape with strong adhesive**
 - **5 x Long pile roller heads and handles**
 - **15 x pairs work gloves**
 - **15 x pairs eye protection glasses/goggles**
 - **10 x large paint brushes**
 - **3 x boxes Large vinyl/latex gloves**
 - **15 x particulate and solvent protective masks**
 - **100-150 litres of Masonry paint in good strong colours, white if nothing else and we can mix darker colours in with it.**
 - **14 x 5 litre tins of Graffiti Magic**
 - **Traffic cones and barrier tape**

If you want to help or know anyone who can, please get in touch via:

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