

# Partnership Working for Biodiversity

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# Overview

- Me
- How to
- Benefits
- Drawbacks
- Examples



# A bit about me



- Joined CCGBC 2023
- Before that...
  - Belfast Hills Partnership
    - Woodland Officer
  - Lough Neagh Landscape Partnership
    - Volunteer Manager
  - Belfast Hills Partnership
    - Volunteer Manager
  - Lagan Valley Regional Park
    - Volunteer Manager

***I have always worked in partnership***

## *How to...* The Task

- Determine the task needed
- Have there been requests in the local community
- Meaningful warning



# How to...Local Groups

- Local community groups
- Local volunteer organisation
- Local partnership organisation
- Schools
- Businesses



# How to... Organising the Task

- Designated sites
- Liaise with group(s) to be involved
  - Date
  - Time
  - Duration
  - Activity
  - Equipment
  - Risk assessment
  - Registration
- Promotion



The image shows a social media post for a volunteer event. At the top left is the Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust logo and the website 'ccg.ht'. The main text reads 'UPCOMING VOLUNTEER EVENT'. To the right are logos for 'PEACEPLUS Northern Ireland - Ireland' and 'Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council'. Below the text is a photograph of several volunteers in high-visibility jackets working on a large bush. A red banner overlaid on the photo contains the event details: 'REMOVAL OF INVASIVE SPECIES IN CASTLEROCK', 'WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026', and 'MEET AT BLACK GLEN CAR PARK AT 10AM'. At the bottom of the post, there is a call to action: 'ccg.ht Volunteer with us in Castlerock! We've got another volunteering event... more'.

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# How to...Day of Task

- Make sure all signed up are present/contacted if late
- Introduce task – why and what
- Risks of the task and location
- Demonstration



## *How to...*End of Task

- Count everyone back in
- Count tools back in
- Thank everyone – very important
- Tea/coffee and biscuits – most important



# Benefits of Partnership Working

- Do tasks might not to otherwise be able to do
- Gives community sense of ownership and involvement
- Protects the work done
- More done in less time
- Skillset
- Build positive relationships
- Long term benefit



# Drawbacks of partnership working

- More organisation
- Might not get a big a group as needed
- Can be a hindrance if task not completed properly
- Hard to set up from scratch



# CCGBC working in Partnership

- Sea Buckthorn removal with Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust PEACEPLUS Nature & Environment Volunteers (CCGHT Volunteers)
- Tree planting with NIE, The Conservation Volunteers, CCGHT Volunteers and Portrush Primary School P7s





Thank you