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A 'Motiv8d' Celebration

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Groundwork Hertfordshire – the county's leading environmental regeneration charity has been working with 12 young people from Westfield Community Technology College in Watford as part of an alternative education programme, called **Motiv8**. The project is aimed to give young people a taster of working in the environmental sector and develop their skills for gaining a job in the future.

The young people (a mixture of Years 8 & 10) worked very hard during the 10 week project comprising of two sessions a week, to develop designs for the School's garden. They consulted over 400 pupils about their ideas and then put their plans into action by constructing their designs on the school site. The area was previously an empty space of land near a playground which now has tables, raised plant beds with seating and a unique 'W' designed seating area made from railway sleepers for pupils to enjoy on their lunch breaks.

The end of this very successful Motiv8 programme was celebrated today on Wednesday 23rd April. Certificates were given out to the young people involved and there was a tour of the garden to the families of the Motiv8 group showing the results of their labour.

Chris Dungate, Groundwork Youth Project Officer said:

"I have been very impressed with the young people on this Motiv8 Programme. It is due to their hard work and focus that such a wonderful area has been created for all at the school to use. They should be proud of what they have achieved and I'm sure this experience will benefit them in the future."

Judith Gott the Head Teacher of Westfield said:

“We are absolutely delighted with the achievements of the group. They have created a really lovely space for everyone to enjoy”

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