



MEDIA RELEASE Mon 30 Nov 2009 1pm-2pm at Plymouth Music Zone

NO WEEDS ALLOWED AT PLYMOUTH MUSIC ZONE!

A group of young people have battled rain and wind to transform Plymouth Music Zone's garden and are due to celebrate its opening with a free music session.

A dozen Prince's Trust volunteers took a number of weeks to design and complete the PMZ garden make over. It features a gigantic piano painted on the ground, huge artworks, flowers planted inside old guitars and newly built planters with special sensory plants for the disabled children who attend the charity's summer music sessions – oh and not forgetting the garden gnome...

The Team Leader for the volunteers, Laura Killen, says:

"The Team have worked incredibly hard together despite the worst weather ever. The young people chose to do this project at Plymouth Music Zone because the staff here gave them complete freedom and because they knew the children who would use the garden would really benefit from it."

The volunteers are part of an initiative called *Team 155* which is a 12 week programme for 16-25 year olds that sets out to build workplace skills such as confidence, teamwork, motivation and communications skills. The project is delivered by City College Plymouth and backed by Plymouth Argyle. Plymouth Argyle defender Gary Sawyer and Associate Director Captain David Tall have already visited the revamped garden and congratulated the young people on the final result. Team 155 will now be celebrating its opening with a free music session where they will create a special rap with one of PMZ's Music Leaders.

PMZ's Development Director, Debbie Geraghty, says:

"Giving Team 155 a free music session is the very least we could do to thank them all for the hard work and fantastic ideas they've built into our garden. One minute it was a bit of a run down wilderness piled up with leaves and before I knew it they had turned it into a garden with some real touches of creative magic – and they did it in the pouring rain on some days. They deserve a medal!"

Coincidentally, one of the Prince's Trust Volunteers has already gone on to complete a work experience placement at the music education charity and many of them are now keen to explore music further.

The Prince's Trust Volunteers will be at Plymouth Music Zone on **Mon 30 Nov 1-2pm** turning their hand to music in a special session, with the opportunity to photograph the garden and artwork afterwards. Please call Glyn Fuge on 01752 213690 for any further information or for permission to film.

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