

Case Study – Fo Guang Green Action Group

The group are committed to turning Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple of Buddha's Light International Association (B.L.I.A) into a more sustainable place. They are planning to raise awareness of sustainability among the people who come to the Temple for Services, Children's Classes, Dharma discussion and cultural events. They are going to promote better recycling and water saving practices, and minimising use of plastic bags. They also intend to join other groups activities, such as Fair Trade Old Trafford and War on Waste Old Trafford, and plant some trees!

The group worked with AfSL Local Project Manager for City Centre and for Old Trafford.



'I have really enjoyed the tree planting, it feels nice to work together with other members of FGGAG. After we do this, we have other projects to run: recycling at the Temple and reducing the use of plastic bags.'

Joy, FGGAG Member

'Trees for Cities was delighted to be joined by members of the FGGAG and is extremely grateful for all of their hard work.'

Emma Burley, Trees for Cities

Fo Guang Green Action Group:

- A recycling bin scheme has been set up at the Temple. Old Trafford Council collects the bins weekly.
- Young members accepted a challenge to collect three Sustainability Pledges each by February 2007.
- Eleven members volunteered with the charity Trees for Cities on the 26th of January. Together with other volunteers, they planted 500 trees at Cringle Fields Park, Levenshulme.
- The Old Trafford LPM delivered a workshop to 80 people in the temple about how they could reduce their impact on the environment, be responsible business owners by recycling, not wasting energy and minimising the use of plastic bags. This presentation was translated into Chinese.
- The AfSL pledge form has been translated into Chinese by a volunteer