The Garden Gang.

The Avalon Group leads the way in supporting people to gain employment and The Garden Gang is yet another exciting Social Enterprise from Avalon working in partnership with East North East Homes Leeds and Leeds City Council, and building on the nationally acclaimed success of Michelangelo's Mates.

The Garden Gang is another great example of organisations with very different aims coming together to benefit their communities.

We provide training and supported employment for people with a learning disability, people with acquired brain injury or mental health difficulties. Anyone coming to us to work in the project will receive on-the-job training leading to a recognised qualification. Some trainees will gain supported employment with the scheme.

We work closely with Disability Employment Advisers at Job Centre Plus, BEST and Leeds City College who recognise the Garden Gang as a unique opportunity for their customers.

The Garden Gang tidies and maintains gardens for disabled and older people living in the East North East area of Leeds (Seacroft, Harehills, Gipton, Chapeltown, Burmantofts, Moortown, Meanwood etc).

To get the Garden Gang into your garden call the ENEHL Helpline on 0800 91 51 600. In return you will get a job professionally done and with the knowledge that you are helping disabled people give something back to the community. You don't even need to be an ENEHL tenant!

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