



Reuse Repair Recycle

Community Resources Network Scotland

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# CRNS REUSE CONSORTIUM

Providing quality used furniture to Community  
Care Grant customers.



# THE STORY SO FAR

- The Reuse Consortium formed in 2016.
- Its aim being to provide a sustainable and affordable reuse choice to local authorities and their customers, enabling them to:
  - ✓ Reduce waste tonnage to landfill
  - ✓ Reduce CO2 emissions
  - ✓ Reduce the amount of new furniture purchased

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- The reuse consortium comprises 17 furniture reuse social enterprise organisations
- All fully Revolve (or equivalent) reuse quality standard accredited
- The consortium can service 24 Scottish local authorities
- Provide 34 essential furniture, and other household items, to CCG recipients, thus helping sustain tenancies

# TIMELINE

- The reuse consortium steering group (6 members) formed January 2016
- The full consortium (17 members) established April 2016
- Tender document submitted May 2016
- The reuse consortium on DFF framework from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016

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- First order from Fife Council 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017
- Aberdeen City Council 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017
- Renfrewshire Council 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017
- 5 consortium members currently provide direct services, 4 providing indirect services
- 6 other local authorities have expressed an interest

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- 2377 items diverted from landfill
- 100 tonnes diverted from landfill
- 265 kg's of CO2 emissions saved



# SOCIAL IMPACTS

- 918 families / individuals supported
- Reuse becomes the “norm”
- Reduces stigma of furniture identified as being CCG

# ECONOMIC IMPACTS

- £281,240 trading income for consortium members
- £17,246 spend with other consortium members
- Substantial savings to local authorities, extending their CCG budgets – Fife Council have “saved” £128,513 in six months
- Strengthened relationships between local authorities and third sector consortium members

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- Local authority spend stays within local communities
- 9.5 new jobs created
- Additional training and volunteering opportunities for local people

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- Strengthened the reuse brand across Scotland
- Proof that a collaboration of third sector organisations can deliver on a public sector contract

# TESTIMONIALS

"I started volunteering with the Castle Furniture project over a year ago, at that time I was out of work and spent most days indoors doing nothing. I was feeling low and worthless and I needed something to get out of the slump I was in ...

A (paid) position at Castle became available within the CRNS side, cleaning and refurbishing white goods and I was asked by Gail if I would like the position. I immediately said yes; it was a great opportunity not having worked for a long time, it gave me a boost to my self confidence and allowed me to feel worthwhile. Castle through the CRNS contract brought meaning back into my life and working with Castle also allows me to help others who need a little help."

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“I was unemployed for 3 years and suffering with depression and anxiety, I felt so low and really quite useless. My wife was fed up with me moping around the house and there were days that I didn’t even know what day it was. I joined Castle Furniture 6 months ago to do some volunteering work and within a few weeks I could feel the difference in my well-being and so could my wife and family.

6 months on and I am now employed with Castle sorting, organising and cleaning the furniture for the CRNS contract. I work 18 hours each week over 5 days. I really do feel like a completely different person and just last week I came off all medication....”

**THANK YOU FOR LISTENING**

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