

Furniture4Reuse

The last three months have been extremely busy for the Furniture4Reuse team, but also very rewarding! We have experienced record levels of demand for our service; in the first few weeks of the academic year, we had queues of people out the door and down the corridor.

Highlights of the last 3 months have been

Charity Fashion Sales



We have held three charity clothing sales at the Furniture Store, raising over £750 for local homeless charity Barnabus

Theatre productions

We have supported four student theatre productions, all which played at the Students Union.

Beyer Building Stationery Amnesty



Working in close partnership with House Services we ran a stationery amnesty in the Beyer Building. I am happy to say it has been a success, we have already reused large amounts of the stationery via the Furniture Store.

Zochonis Building Refurbishment

The Zochonis Building is undergoing a major refurbishment. In an effort to reuse as much furniture as possible Furniture4reuse collaborated with Matt Ellmore (Project Manager) and Emma-Louise Cullen (Senior Administrator – Divisional Operations).

We held two open day events in Zochonis, whereby staff could visit and select furniture for their departments.

Reserved items were then transported from Zochonis to their new homes on campus. Buildings who benefitted include CTF, Kilburn, Simon Building, Crawford House, Arthur Lewis and Stopford.

New Charities and Community Groups

In the last three months we have donated items to several new charities:

- **Spectrum Gaming** – An autistic-led UK based charity that supports autistic young people.
- **Hospice at Home Carlisle and North Lakeland**: A registered charity providing high quality, palliative care and support to patients, family members and carers affected by life limiting illness.
- **Feed My City**: An emergency food charity which provides dry food bags and hot meals to those in most need.
- **Harpurhey Alternative School**: A charity commissioned predominantly by North Manchester Secondary Schools to offer something different for these students. We strive to engage and re-engage students and families into enjoying their education.

New Monthly Record

- In October, we reused 9,697kg of furniture. The value of that furniture was £70,952!
- We saved the University, staff and students £59,472
- We donated £11,840 worth of furniture to local schools and charity!

We hope everyone has a fantastic Christmas!

Many thanks from the Furniture4Reuse team.