

RECYCLE IT NEWS

Summer Recycling Newsletter 2018

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Recycle IT are delighted to share our Summer 2018 Newsletter . We hope you can take some time to read about eco work in the community, initiatives and tips on how you can reduce, reuse and recycle.



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Plastic Free July 2018



In July 2018 people all over the world are aiming to exclude plastic bottles, straws, disposable cutlery, fruit packing, coffee cup lids and other common plastic waste items from their daily life, opting instead for reusable containers or those made from biodegradable materials like the paper straws pictured. What a great initiative....Read more [here](#)

Working for Reuse



Recycle IT were delighted to worked with a customer in early July to ensure up to 50 desk chairs were offered for reuse. Our customer approached us to collect old electrical equipment and metal chairs. We asked for some images and approached our network to see if they could be reused. Recreate a social enterprise working with educators immediately replied and accepted the chairs all of which will find new homes in schools.

Glass to the rescue



As this summers weather is some of the best in recent times we noticed the usage of plastic water cup and bottles increase in our warehouse and office. This created additional plastic waste which we know is not good for the environment. This challenge was addressed during July with a visit to the local charity shop to purchase glasses for reduce and reuse. As an organisation we are currently trying to reduce plastic packaging used both in our operations and canteen facility.

Dublin City University Master Programme

Papers, projects, and presentations are great opportunities for students to demonstrate their learning and investment in a course. Students typically welcome such assignments when they come with the opportunity to engage with real challenges in real organisations. Recycle IT worked with a team of masters students during 2017/2018 to enhance our online activities. The team help us change and update aspects related to our online experience in what was very worthwhile partnership and one which other organisations should consider.



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WEEE Ireland Powering ahead in 2017



Ireland's largest electrical and battery recycling scheme, WEEE Ireland has had very successful year in 2017; in fact the best in it's history. It's annual report revealed that WEEE Ireland recycled 35,708 tonnes of e-waste and 874 tonnes of waste batteries from Irish householders, consumers and businesses last year. In further news the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten TD reapproved WEEE Ireland to continue operations as a WEEE compliance scheme for a 5 year term. Read more [here](#)

Free Mattress Recycling in Dublin August 2018

Have you an old mattress you want to dispose off? If so you can bring it to [Ballymount Civic Amenity site](#) in South Dublin on Saturday August 11th 2018 (9am - 5pm). This is a one day only opportunity for householders to recycle old mattresses. Please note the offer is not open to commercial operators and does not include furniture and bedding but all clean, dry mattresses will be accepted at no cost. This initiative is supported by South Dublin County Council



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South Dublin County Council

Residents Associations - avail of Free Electrical Recycling Collections



If you are part of a residents association you can benefit from a free community service to collect and recycle all old, damaged or unused electrical, electronic and pure metal items. You can find full lists [here](#). Over the last few years our team has helped 1000's of homes recycle safely. Before you recycle **determine if a free recycling collection is an official recycling collection.**

International Women's Day 2018



The day was celebrated first in 1911 and is now celebrated each March. International Women's Day seeks to promote women's achievements, as well as act as a catalyst for change when it comes to gender equality. 25% of the Recycle IT workforce are female and with the organisation lead by Una Lavelle since 2007. Recycle IT where possible try to encourage younger girls to consider "Eco Enterprise and Recycling" as a career paths and have supported visits too and by schools to learn more about WEEE recycling and green.. Read more [here](#)

About Recycle IT

Recycle IT is an [award winning](#) not for profit social enterprise providing a collection and drop off services for all types of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE). During 2017 Recycle IT offered drop off and collection services to 90,000 homes, communities and businesses across Dublin and surrounding areas collecting a range of WEEE which includes thousands of white goods, computers, cables, monitors, microwaves and TV's.

Recycle IT services are provided in partnership with WEEE Ireland. Recycle IT are supported by Department of Rural and Community Development, Pobal, South Dublin County Council and authorized by the National Waste Collection Permit Office and the local authorities across Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow

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