

Appendix A

Recycle for Greater Manchester Community Fund Update 2021-22

15th March 2023

The Recycle for Greater Manchester Community Fund is a joint Recycle for Greater Manchester (R4GM) and SUEZ initiative to support Community and Voluntary sector groups to deliver projects that help to reduce household waste in Greater Manchester. The fund aims to support projects which prevent, reuse, or recycle household waste, and reduce contamination, promote sustainable use of waste and resources, and generate wider social benefits for the communities of Greater Manchester.

The fund is managed by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust (LWT) on behalf of GMCA and SUEZ. The fund is part of the Greater Manchester Environmental Fund (GMEF) funding portfolio. GMEF is a central funding source for projects that work to help Greater Manchester realise its long-term environmental ambitions.

In 2021/2022 the Community Fund supported 21 projects across the 9 districts, the total grant awarded was to the value of £219,142.

Greater Manchester Level Award

This award is for projects that cover more than 1 council area or all 9 council areas (excluding Wigan). The maximum amount is £20,000 per project. The following projects were funded:

Sow the City: Community RePaint. Grant of £20,000

The project offered significant opportunities for social value, directly engaging with hundreds of households, providing low-cost paint to people in need and providing opportunity for volunteering, training, and employment. During 2021 they saved 11,000 litres of waste paint. They also redistributed leftover or surplus paint from retailers to local communities. They opened a Community Repaint shop in Moss

Side in January 2022, which is run by the Boiler House, so far 300 homes have used this service.

Future Directions CiC - Green Superheroes. Grant of £18,500

Future Directions co-developed recycling information projects with people with learning disabilities to become "Green Superheroes". They created easy-to-read information / videos about how to recycle that are fully accessible, inclusive, and easy to understand. They created and delivered training sessions to people with learning disabilities about recycling. They also supported the Alupro 'Every Can Counts' campaign to promote recycling of drink cans by distributing collection boxes across Greater Manchester.

Council Level Award

This award is for projects that will benefit residents in individual council areas. A total of £180,000 of funding was available, maximum amount £10,000 per project. The following projects were funded:

Emmaus Bolton; Textile Sorting & Recycling Centre, Grant of £10,000

Emmaus opened a Scrap Store to sort, recycle, and reuse donated clothing and other textiles, providing low-cost items for sale in the organisation's shops, with revenue used to support the community specifically those who are homeless. They reused 38 tonnes and recycled 12 tonnes in the first year. They also recruited 20 volunteers offering them skills development and qualifications.

The Big Fandango, Bury, Grant of £10,000

This a brand-new project which runs workshops twice a week to combat loneliness and isolation through upcycling, craft and upholstery classes. They make things like birdboxes out of wood, bags out of denim and upcycle furniture. During the project they turned 1 tonne of denim jeans into 50 bags and upcycled 32 chairs.

Manchester Environmental Education Network (MEEN): No Time to Waste, Manchester. Grant of £10,000

This project was awarded the grant to work with 6 eco-schools across Manchester to reduce food waste, introduce school composting, recycle cardboard and paper, glass, tins and plastic bottles. They also encouraged schools to join the Big Battery Hunt, upcycle textiles and repurpose or recycle WEEE. During the project 5 schools installed compost systems, paper and card recycling was introduced in 2 schools. They also successfully worked with 4 schools to recycle waste electricals.

Humans MCR: Community Grocers on Wheels, Manchester. Grant of £10,000

This registered charity runs a food bank on wheels which began in April 2020. They used the grant to support more people to access affordable food by setting up a community grocer on wheels with fresh food donated from supermarkets, Fareshare, Greggs and other organisations to support the local community with high levels of poverty and limited access to foodbanks. They delivered across one area of Manchester per day to keep both costs and fuel waste down.

Brookburn PTA: Brookburn Recycles, Manchester. Grant of £8,229

Initiated by student eco-councilors they used the grant to purchase recycling bins for the school playground so they could separate and recycle waste including food. They created their own compost corner for the school's allotment and delivered an educational program around growing food, incorporated into allotment lessons.

Church of Apostles: The Social Supermarket, Manchester. Grant of £7,600

This social supermarket which is operated at a church in Manchester provides food which is short dated to the community. They also delivered workshops on recycling all types of household waste. The Recycle for Greater Manchester team attended one of the workshops to provide information on what can be recycled in each bin. The grant was also used to train 10 volunteers in level 2 food hygiene and cooking.

South Manchester Library Trail – Manchester. Grant of £1,763

The project reused and recycled wood, paint and other materials including books and created permanent little libraries in Levenshulme, Moss Side, Whalley Range,

Withington, Stretford and Sale to encourage engagement within local communities. They have created 59 little libraries to date. By reusing old books they saved 38,760kg of books from going to waste throughout the year, over 300 books given away at one event alone.

IntraQuest CiC: No Time to Waste, Oldham. Grant of £10,000

This established community interest group works with women from ethnic minorities who have experienced displacement and trauma through domestic abuse and the refugee process. The project aimed to reduce social isolation, improve well-being and teach them new skills in gardening, recycling and home composting. They engaged with 100 volunteers over 10 training workshops which covered food waste prevention, reduction and reuse and recycling of cardboard and reducing plastic.

Vintage Worx: Trash to Treasure – Rochdale. Grant of £10,000

This project is based in the 54 hectare Victoria Park, they manage the café, community rooms and kitchen garden facilities. The grant was used to deliver a programme of upcycling workshops in order to teach community members how to tackle the ‘throw away culture’ and reduce food waste. They delivered seven 6 week long furniture upcycling sessions for 6 people per session, seven 6 week long textile upcycling sessions for 6 people per session. They also delivered 5 eight week long food waste cookery sessions for 8 people.

Social Adventures, The Food Collective, Salford. Grant of £10,000

The group used this grant to complement its existing social supermarket and support the growth of the Food Club set up to support food deprivation in Salford. Over the course of the project they provided 700 reusable containers, bottles and jars to customers to encourage purchase of loose goods i.e. cereals, shampoo, cleaning products etc. to reduce plastic packaging. They engaged with 30 new people every month in the shop.

Paradise Works: A Load of Rubbish, Salford. Grant of £10,000

This is a visual arts project promoting recycling and waste prevention in Salford via 3 focus streams: food waste, litter and repair. They helped residents to build composters and wormeries to educate them about food waste. They also commissioned a wormery which was established at Bridgewater Community Garden. They delivered 3-day skills share workshops with Emmaus to improve residents' woodworking skills and confidence. The artwork created was exhibited at Walkden shopping centre.

Oasis Hub: Sustainable Fashion and Rough Sleepers Projects, Salford. Grant of £10,000

This project aimed to upcycle and reuse clothing with a focus on educating project users on fashion sustainability and local/ethical shopping of clothing. They ran 10 monthly clothes swap events, saving around 1.6 tonnes of clothes going to waste. They also delivered a project with Salford Rough Sleepers Projects to reuse foil crisp packets to make 200 blankets to give to rough sleepers of Salford.

Highway Hope, Stockport. Grant of £10,000

The Project focus was to run the Hope Upcycle, Recycle, Lease and Exchange Scheme (HURLES) for 6 months to allow residents to donate and repair furniture, upcycle and exchange or loan out furniture items on a short-term basis to tenants and landlords with the aim of reducing 20 tonnes of this furniture from going to waste and over 50% in associated costs. The project also provided volunteering opportunities offering educational and transferable skills, activities ran every weekday for 6 months, and they also engaged with Iranian Community volunteers.

Girl Guiding: Get Recycling, Stockport. Grant of £6,780

The Girl Guides held workshops focusing on the recycling of waste collected at each Girl Guiding session/site. They also purchased indoor recycling bins for the 12 guiding properties in Stockport.

A recycling specific achievement badge was designed and created for guides to achieve in this activity, so far 2,000 badges have been distributed. The plan is to scale up this initiative across the Girl Guiding movement. They have already rolled out this out to Trafford.



Renewal Northwest: Community Computers, Stockport. Grant of £10,000

Renewal Northwest are a charity who supports ex-offenders, the homeless and those battling addictions. The grant was used to develop the Community Computers project to prevent and reduce WEEE amongst Stockport residents and increase re-use and recycling of WEEE within households, specifically IT equipment. From September 2021 to March 2022, they recycled and re-used 1,787 items of donated IT equipment through the Community Computers Initiative.

Plastic Shed – Stockport -Grant of £10,000

The project aimed to strengthen community cohesion, educate, and raise awareness of plastic waste and support individuals' health and wellbeing by encouraging creativity with plastic materials. They trained participants in the shredding, melting, and molding of plastics into new things. They ran 16 workshops and upcycled PVC into 30 vinyl banners per month and collected and reused 3,286 tonnes of HDPE, LDPE and PP Milk and bottle lids.

**Made by Mortals CiC, Armchair Adventures: A Compost Adventure, Tameside
Grant of £10,000**

A Compost Adventure was created with 20 older people from Tameside who produced and delivered an interactive podcast, activity sheets and face-to-face workshops for local school children and their families, with the aim of raising awareness of composting and reducing the waste surrounding food. 10 workshops were delivered at the Guide Bridge Theatre in Audenshaw. 20 older volunteers wrote and recorded the script, lyrics, music, and activity sheet. Made By Mortals co-produced a new episode of the award-winning intergenerational podcast, Armchair Adventures.

Emmaus Mossley, Tameside. Grant of £10,000

Emmaus run a large second-hand store with 26 volunteers. They have workshops where household furniture can be repaired and upcycled. This project focused on bulky waste i.e. sofas, mattresses, and other large items, reusing and recycling various components to create new pieces of furniture to generate further income for the Emmaus Mossley community. New equipment, operational procedures and training significantly improved the waste sorting process allowing them to generate income from metal, wood, fabric and electrical waste.

Community Bike Kitchen: Get on Your Bike, Trafford. Grant of £10,000

The Community Bike Kitchen recycle bicycles donated from the public, they also hold pop up bike sites at local schools and other venues. They used the grant to extend this service by recruiting two bicycle mechanics and were able to run additional pop-up bike sites where they provide basic bike repairs and safety checks teaching students how to maintain their own bike.

