

Public Sector Waste Minimisation Campaign Ymgyrch Lleihau Gwastraff y Sector Cyhoeddus

Towards Zero Waste Tuag at Ddyfodol Diwastraff



Welcome to the fifth issue of the PSWMC 2010/11 newsletter. This issue shows what impact food waste recycling can have on diverting waste from landfill, how help from the Campaign has identified significant cost savings, and reveals what impact the PSWMC has had on waste reduction.

Fantastic Future for Food Waste at Oakfield Primary School.

Oakfield Primary School in St Mellons, Cardiff have recently introduced food waste recycling to the school, in addition to the recycling scheme already in place for paper, card, plastic bottles & containers, cans & tins and glass.

Previously, Oakfield had three bins for all their waste, producing an estimated 55 tonnes of waste per year – all ending up in landfill. Oakfield now has four bins for the dry recyclable material, and four new bins for food waste. All food waste from the school is collected twice a week. All this means their general waste bins have been reduced to just one. The food waste is not only collected from the canteen, the canteen staff have worked closely with teachers and pupils to educate the pupils to put their food scraps into a food waste bin.

Not only do pupils recycle their food waste scraps, a food waste bin has been placed in the staff room for the teachers and staff, ensuring that as much food waste as possible is diverted away from landfill.

“It works very well and it’s all very easy, it’s just a case of educating everyone so that everyone knows what goes where and why. We would recommend it to anyone”
(Canteen Staff, Oakfield Primary School).

All this has helped the school to divert an estimated 37 tonnes away from landfill every year.

For more information on introducing food waste recycling at your school [contact your local authority](#).



Be involved and have your say...

The Welsh Assembly Government are in the process of developing the sector plan for the public sector consultation document to support [Towards Zero Waste](#). To help the development of the sector plan consultation a series of meetings are being held to discuss key considerations for the public sector.

The meetings in Cardiff will focus on:

8 February: Performance, factors monitoring and reporting - waste reduction outcomes

11 February: Food waste - the path to elimination.

15 February: Engaging users of public services and spaces

18 February: Hazardous and clinical waste

Numbers attending the meetings will be strictly controlled. If you would like to register interest in attending [contact us](#)

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Canteen 'cups for life' the way forward

A 'cups for life' scheme provide staff with reusable cups to reduce the volume of waste disposed of to landfill through the consumption of single use cups. When used at canteens a 'cups for life' scheme could be introduced in a simple way; the following are suggestions on how to implement a scheme and some simple rules to incentivise people to use the scheme:

- Provide staff with one branded 'cup for life'
- Use a loyalty reward scheme, e.g. 6 uses gets a free drink
- Introduce discounts for re-use e.g. 5p reduction when used
- Introduce penalties - such as replacement charges for lost cups

As part of introducing the scheme, posters could be used to promote it, these need to be catchy, bold and attract attention to the scheme –slogans could be used such as *"Don't be a mug use your cup"*. The posters could also include employees in the posters which will help personalise the scheme. Competitions could be initiated or a league table set up for the amount of "cups for life" used whereby free hot drinks etc could be issued as a thank you for using the cup and reducing and minimising waste.



PSWMC - what you think...

We recently asked organisations who have been receiving information from the PSWMC over the last few years what impact the PSWMC has had for them. Out of 68 responses, 81% of organisations stated that they had made improvements to waste management in the last 2 years.

These improvements included introducing new recycling schemes, awareness raising campaigns and waste reduction initiatives. 70% of respondents stated that the PSWMC was partially, mostly or fully responsible for these improvements. By working together we have been responsible for 92.81 tonnes of waste being diverted from landfill due to increases in recycling, and a further 355.22 tonnes from waste reduction. Well done everyone.

For examples on how public sector bodies have made changes [visit our website](#).

If you need more information on the Public Sector Waste Minimisation Campaign, contact us on public.sector@envirowisewales.org.uk or visit the website [PSWMC](#).

Working with Dyfed Powys Police (DPP)

Working with Dyfed Powys Police (DPP), PSWMC has identified potential savings of almost £25,000 through opportunities to reduce waste and divert waste away from landfill.

Opportunities include:

1. Introducing a dry mixed recycling system, collecting paper & card, plastic bottles and cans across all four of DPP divisions.
2. Setting up a food waste recycling scheme - through working with local authorities food waste can be collected for recycling.

In total opportunities were identified to divert 80 tonnes of waste away from landfill each year. Implementation would help DPP to achieve a 70% recycling rate by 2025 - a great step in supporting the targets set in the new Waste Strategy for Wales.

For more information on how your organisation can reduce waste and make financial savings, visit our [website](#).