

Student End of Term Waste

There are a number of issues associated with the fast-accumulated student end of term waste: the timeframe in which it must be removed, the cleanliness and quality of items, the range of items, disconnect with private accommodation providers and landlords, and the sheer volume of resources needing to be disposed of or rehomed. This document hopes to hint at some ways to overcome these issues and provide ways to extract the most value from this unique waste stream.

Initiatives

- As most universities are city-based, establishing a **city-wide network** of universities, private accommodation providers and councils offers a powerful platform to portray one message, and saves confusion within households who may be at different institutions
- Providing a reuse or recycle scheme **saves money** for internal accommodations services, estates teams and local councils in waste removal charges
- Partnering with **charities** can be an extremely efficient way of diverting waste from landfill. However smaller charities may struggle to cope with the volume, speed and number of items requiring to be removed
- As the waste in student areas can be a nuisance to **local communities**, is it very important that any initiatives partner with or benefit these communities in some way
- The **British Heart Foundation** is a commonly used organisation who have resources available such as vans and storage to help cope with the nature of the waste
- Local **foodbanks** may be willing to partner if there are quality food items available.
- Involving **support services and students' unions** will be key to spreading the messaging on how to donate and how to buy/get second hand items



Volunteers

- **Student volunteers** can be enlisted to help, whether this be helping with logistics for a charity donation or repurposing resources for reuse the following academic year. However this is difficult around June/July time when most of the waste is created, as students tend to leave the campus/city. Making the most of the volunteers before and after this time is vital to spreading awareness and physical redistributing resources

