



Donating Furniture for Reuse

The Second Opportunities Furniture Re-use Model acts as a clearing house, for your donations of surplus furniture. Second Opportunities picks up the furniture and takes it to our Furniture Reuse Centre. We then help furnish homes by working with service users referred to us from their Support Agencies.

As the majority of our clients are experiencing extreme hardship and therefore usually require the household items essential to set up a home, our focus includes:



White Goods

Bedroom Furniture



Suites & Seating



Dining Room Furniture



We Also Take Clothing, Bedding, Steel/Aluminium and Other Household Items

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Second Opportunities

Furniture Reuse & Recycling Centre

"Tackling Poverty



through Recycling"



Profile

Second Opportunities is a Scottish registered charity, set up to tackle the effects of poverty by providing services, which incorporate the concept of recycling.

Originating in the Castlemilk area in 1991, the Furniture Reuse Service has expanded its area of operations to encompass Glasgow and beyond. Since March 2005 Second Opportunities has been running its Furniture Re-use Service from its Furniture Reuse Centre at 302 Broomloan Road in Ibrox. The centre is open to the public helping generate much needed income but for service users referred from a support agency we aim to meet their furniture requirements usually at a discounted low cost rates where they make an affordable contribution or in the greatest hardship cases free of charge.



Organisational Priorities & Objectives

- Furniture Reuse
- Recycling Household Items & Materials
- Tackling Poverty
- Working Alongside Groups Involved in Recycling and Relief of Poverty
- Maximising Disposable Income
- Promoting Economic Welfare



Furniture Re-use Service

The service aims to divert re-usable furniture, donated by the public, which often could have been destined for landfill and instead provides a much needed source of low-cost furniture to those in need. To use the service, Support Organisations, Resettlement Agencies and Social Work Departments will identify clients, usually on limited income and needing access to furniture, then refer them to Second Opps. Often at the same time they will apply for help, usually a Community Care Grant, which can be used to help pay a contribution towards the service.



We Also Do New & Reconditioned Furniture

The Service offers access to substantial savings on both re-conditioned and new furniture. **new two** is established as the commercial division of Second Opportunities to retail and supply new furniture, again discounted to referred clients. This enables the choice of furniture to be widened allowing service users to mix & match new & second hand furniture providing a package tailored to suit their own tastes and budget.



Environmental Benefits

The expanding service aims to reuse furniture which could otherwise end up in landfill. It will, where cost effective, repair and clean furniture so that it is of a usable and acceptable standard prior to being made available to customers. The amount of furniture re-used is carefully logged so that the tonnage diverted from landfill can be accurately recorded. In the last year we recycled 93 tonnes of furniture. This helps provide savings on costly landfill while reducing the environmental impact.



Social Benefits

The Furniture Re-use Service is aimed at enabling people to become involved in furniture recycling and helping service user groups which include the homeless, unemployed, low income, victims of family break-up and those marginalised within society. In the last year we had 1696 people participate in either donating or receiving furniture. Clients have the opportunity to see their furniture in a showroom environment where they will receive both choice and confidentiality thus helping maintain self-esteem.



Volunteering & Training

The furniture re-use service encourages volunteer involvement and trainee placements in all aspects of its operation. This includes:

Office & Admin, Uplifting furniture & delivering to service users, Warehousing, Furniture repair and restoration etc., Design & publicity

In the last year 90 volunteers and trainees have worked with the service. If you would like to

Volunteer then please contact us. [0141 425 1177](tel:01414251177)