



Sustainable Development Awards Nomination

Crawley Furniture Donation – Making a difference

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Introduction

- As part of the re-densification project in early 2017, 150 staff were relocated from our adjacent site to our main Crompton Way building. Prior to the removal of Annex buildings, approximately **600 items** of ‘good as new’ surplus furniture were removed, catalogued and **temporarily** stored on site.



- To avoid third party cost of collection, or far worse disposal as landfill waste;** the facilities team with Natalie Goodchild and Richard Gibson developed a plan to redistribute the furniture to maximise the benefit to our UK operations and in particular to our local community.



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Project Plan Overview

- Initially furniture was upgraded in the Crompton Way building.
- After this all UK operations were contacted with ***four sites taking almost half of the furniture made available.*** Our offices in North Wales requested enough furniture to fill a 40 foot artic lorry (shown right). This included chairs, desks, tambour units and pedestals.
- For the remaining furniture we then embarked on our plan to distribute within our local community to schools and organisations that could benefit most.



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CGG reaches out to make local community donations

- Working in collaboration with Natalie’s links into **STEMSussex** (an organisation committed to encouraging young people to actively engage in Science & Technology in schools) and **Crawley Voluntary Services** (a hub focal point for many local charities helping our local community), and through our **employees**, we were initially able to link up with many institutions.
- A mini-brochure was prepared & sent, outlining all of the furniture available (example shown right) and through our collective efforts over several months, we were able to finally connect with **50+ schools** and many local charities to distribute our furniture

The response was overwhelming


Furniture for Donation

Due to business changes CGG are pleased to be able to offer to local schools/charities the following office furniture.


It is all used but in excellent condition.


Please send natalie.goodchild@cgg.com an email with your requirements by Friday 28th April (at the latest) and your requested furniture **must be** collected from CGG (RH10 9QN, Crawley) **Friday 5th May**.

DESKS

Size	Number available	Photo
1200 x 750cm	118	
1800 x 750	26	
1500 x 740	28	
1800 x 750	10	
900 x 1000	3	
1800 x 1000	56	

BOOKCASES

Size	Photo
End of Desk	
Normal	



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The donations meant so much

The many 'Thank you' emails and stories of lack of school funding and the exciting ways the furniture was going to be used made the whole project so worthwhile and a great CGG **CSR** initiative

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for the furniture which we will be integrating into the school this term.

With funding in schools at such a poor level at the moment, any support we get from local businesses is very much welcomed as resources are very low and we are unable to develop anything without that additional bit of help.

From Judith Mcmanus – Ifield Community College

Thank you so much for the furniture. It was very generous and thoughtful of you to offer it to schools. The fact that it was already in the loading bay and ready to be put in the van was extremely helpful as well.

The school can't thank you enough for the donation, especially in these times of hard cuts to school.

Mark Warwick, Assistant Head – Gossops Green Primary School

- We managed to donate **~328 items** of furniture to these organisations and was a great success story. The gratitude made us very proud and **it feels great to make a difference**

"Thank you for your very kind donation of furniture. It will be used to convert an Art room into an IT classroom over the summer break."

From Alex Melmoe - IT Manager at Imberhorne School



It should be noted that this couldn't have happened without the tireless effort from our facilities team who sorted, packaged, lifted and helped load donated furniture in to vehicles over several weeks

