



Ware 4 Bins & Recycling

Bins, Trolleys, Recycling and Waste Containers

Edinburgh's Telford College

The Brief

Ware 4 were approached by MITIE Waste & Environmental to help them find a complete recycling solution for Edinburgh's Telford College. The system had to be portable to be used at the existing Crew Toll site and not look out of place when moved to the new state of the art site in September 2006

Said Noel Whittingham of MITIE *'We were asked by Telford to work with them to introduce a recycling programme to help them address their waste management in a responsible manner, reduce an ever growing waste bill and make it easy for both staff and students to comply with changes to long established practices. We have worked with Ware 4 in the past and knew that they would think carefully about our needs before making recommendations'*

The Solution

Ware 4 offer a broad range of waste and recycling containers. It quickly became apparent that the Telford management were looking to make a statement which could not be met easily with anything produced solely on the UK market. We spoke with various specialist manufacturers to find the best mix of containers to meet the aesthetic requirements for the classrooms and management offices, as well as meeting all health and safety legislation.

In the meantime MITIE had begun to undertake a comprehensive review of the waste management procedures and practices on the sites, as well as a detailed breakdown and analysis of the waste bills. Within a few days MITIE had a viable solution to present to the facilities team in Edinburgh. This meant the removal of all the waste bins from each desk in the offices, and the deployment of new 'communal' Recycling Centres.

Ware 4 offered a choice of containers, education, advice on placement and visibility of project to ensure that the scheme had the best possible chance of being a complete success. Individual bins needed to be removed, and staff and students encouraged to dispose of their waste in the recycling banks provided. A desk top collector for paper made the removal of the office desk bins more palatable.

In addition to using colour coded bins, labelling both body and lids of the bins ensures significantly less

contamination of the waste streams and less work for the cleaning staff.

Recommendations were based on fit, function, style and life expectancy of bins based on the above, and to accommodate the diverse waste streams at the college—general, paper, cans, glass, confidential, dental and battery waste.

Taking into account the need to re-site the containers in the new building, and for bins that are designed to be hard wearing and long lasting, Slim Jims and Optobins were strategically placed. In addition, wall mounted bins were placed to avoid hazards for the large numbers of people passing through the corridors. Placement was dictated by the number people who frequent each area, and to a degree, the placement of any existing bins.

The facilities management team approved the solution and it was put into action with an education programme to ensure that staff and students understood the reasons for the changes and felt they had an important role in helping Telford play its part in the recycling revolution.

Impact on Clients

Telford now has a solution that meets current health and safety requirements and shows dramatically their concern and attention to their responsibilities. Crucially, there has also been a significant cost saving from their waste bill, which has made the scheme virtually self funding.

"We are delighted with our well implemented recycling scheme and look forward to continuing our successful relationship with both MITIE and Ware 4 Bins & Recycling"

**Ken Vogel, Facilities Manager,
Edinburgh's Telford College**

A Final Word

Ware 4 is founded on the principal that each client is individual. It would have been easy to present a fixed range of products to potential clients. Instead we prefer to meet and discuss the specific requirements of potential customers before offering a bespoke solution to meet those needs. This way we can be sure to provide true client satisfaction.



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