



Ware 4 Bins & Recycling

Bins, Trolleys, Recycling and Waste Containers

Computer Aid International

Ware 4 recently exhibited at the Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC) Annual Conference at Bangor University – you may have seen us there! One of the other exhibitors we met there was **Computer Aid International, a charity who take donations of computer equipment to refurbish and redistribute to non-profit organisations in the developing world.** They provide a valuable service at both the donating end and the receiving end, and could help you to comply with the WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) directive, as well as having even wider-reaching benefits overseas.

Who they are

Founded in 1998, Computer Aid International aimed to redress the balance between developing countries' access to information and the disposal of thousands of UK computers in landfill. It has since provided over 150,000 refurbished computers to non-profit organisations in over 100 countries, improving the lives of millions of people. Specific examples include:

- providing ICT in **Ethiopian** schools
- tackling malaria in **Zambia**
- strengthening Fairtrade organisations in **Ecuador**
- training librarians in **Eritrea**
- supporting sustainable development in **Venezuela**



What they do

Computer Aid International provide a high standard decommissioning service to donors, clearing all data from the machines and accepting full legal liability for any donated equipment. They then deliver these refurbished computers to recipients, helping community organisations across the developing world to share information. During the process, Computer Aid International also develop valuable partnerships with organisations overseas, training users and ensuring the most productive and sustainable use of the equipment.

Benefits

There are many benefits of donating your old PCs to Computer Aid International, both to donors and receivers.

Benefits to you:

- Free data wiping to US military standards
- All legal liabilities covered
- Guarantee your compliance with the WEEE directive
- Contribution to your Corporate Social Responsibility
- Asset tracking allows you to find out exactly where your old PC is being used



Benefits to others:

- 100% of reusable computers are donated to non-profit organisations including schools, universities, hospitals, women's groups and disabled people's organisations
- No equipment ends up in landfill
- Bridge the global digital divide

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive

Government guidelines state that business users are legally responsible for the treatment and recycling of WEEE, but the guidelines urge **reuse** of equipment rather than disassembly or recycling, as reuse is **2000%** more energy efficient. Computer Aid International has been licensed by the Environment Agency to handle WEEE, including computers, laptops, monitors, printer cartridges and mobile phones, solving your waste problems and improving your corporate social responsibility.

Visit www.computeraid.org for more information about donating and recycling your old PCs.

For more information and advice on how to meet the WEEE directive guidelines, contact Ware 4 at info@ware4.co.uk or visit www.ware4.co.uk.