

The Salvation Army Furniture Re-Use Project

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Welcome to the latest newsletter from The Salvation Army 40:20 ReUse Project in Perth, Scotland

There's been lots going on since we last sent a newsletter so there's plenty to share with you this time. Thanks for your interest in our work. If you want to know more, click the logo at the top of this newsletter and you'll be taken to our website.

More Awards!



Following on from being named "UK Furniture ReUse Organisation of the year 2009" by the UK Furniture

ReUse Network, we have now received further recognition from The Salvation Army's UK Territory.

At its annual Social Services Awards ceremony held at the Hayes Conference Centre, Derbyshire, the stars of

40:20 on the air!

106.6 Perthfm With grateful thanks to local station Perth FM, our manager had a five minute live interview recently to talk about the recent awards and the ongoing development of the project. You can hear this interview by [clicking this link](#).

New Charity Shop

We have now expanded our ReUse capabilities by opening a general Charity Shop within our existing warehouse. This enables us to deal with clothing, bric-a-brac, ornaments, pictures and so much more. It is open Monday to Saturday 10am to 3pm so pop in and grab yourself a little bargain!

Salvation Army social services work, who go the extra mile to help homeless and older people, were given the spotlight by the church and charity organisation. Normally unsung champions in homelessness services and older people's services received awards from The Salvation Army's Territorial Commander Commissioner John Matear, in a ceremony at the church and charity's annual social services conference, compered by Lieut-Colonel Ian Barr (Secretary for programme) and Major Ray Irving (Director of social services).

Winners from across the UK and Ireland were cheered on by an audience of over 300 social service directors, centre managers, project workers, and service users. Lieut-Colonel Ian Barr said: "This evening is about rewarding excellence and innovation in centres and to thank staff for the gifts, skills and generosity of spirit and faith they bring to working with people during difficult times."

The flagship Perth "4020" Furniture ReUse Project scooped the top award in the Work and Social Enterprise Category, improving on its runner up status the previous year. Project Manager, Daniel Rous, said "the recognition from the Furniture Re-Use Network was great, and celebrated the practical work we undertake. This award from The Salvation Army celebrates why we do it. We are not just about stopping furniture from going to landfill, but about helping people have a better quality of life by having decent furnishings around them. Furniture is only half the story of our work."

Judged by an independent panel of experts in the older people and homeless sector, 97 Salvation Army homeless services (that include 83 LifeHouses), 17 care homes and three day care centres for older people, and more than 1,000 staff in the UK and Republic of Ireland were eligible for nomination by Salvation Army employees, service users, and by independent local community groups in 16 award categories.

Anniversary Party

In July, this project will be 6 years old! To celebrate this anniversary and all our awards, and to say thank you to the community, we will be having a day of celebrations and an early evening reception on Friday 2 July. More details will follow soon but put it in your diary now!

Potential Expansion

Because of the success of our work, we are looking to acquire some extra warehouse space or, ideally, relocate to a larger location in which we can house all we do, and create more opportunities for ReUse and Re-Employment in Perth & Kinross. A move can happen early next year so we are tentatively looking at the moment and have a couple of offers on the table. If you can help in any way, please get in touch.

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