

# Membership Info Pack 2020-21

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**R**euse Network is the UK's only membership body dedicated to charitable and voluntary reuse organisations. We work with our members to reduce poverty, tackle waste issues and offer a brighter and better future for those marginalised in our society. Providing our members with comprehensive help and support, we are a strong and collective voice in the reuse sector and enable our members to continue the work they carry out in their communities in the most effective way.

We can help you to:

- Build your knowledge of the reuse sector
- Achieve continued professional development through training and events
- Network with like-minded individuals/organisations
- Reduce risks within your organisation
- Become more effective and efficient at what you do
- Feel connected and listened to within the sector



## 1 Attend free networking events

Each year we hold a range of national and regional networking events for our members, giving you the opportunity to meet with fellow organisations, share best practices and ideas, and learn of new developments in the sector from the Reuse Network team.

*"They really showed us how passionate they were about their company which I have been able to bring back to the workplace"*

Regional Roadshow 2019 attendee

*"Coming together we can share updates, best practice and lessons learned to take back and use within our organisations"*

Regional Roadshow 2018 attendee

95% of attendees said they were either satisfied or very satisfied with Regional Roadshows in 2019

### Members top 3 reasons for attending:

- Get advice from Reuse Network
- Hear advice from other members
- Network with other members



## 2 Attend our Annual Conference at exclusive members rates

Our conference is the biggest event we hold each year, where we bring together professionals from all paths of the reuse sector to develop strategies, learn from each other, share ideas and best practices.



Not just attended by our own members, we also welcome leaders and decision makers in local and national government, retailers, waste companies, universities, research facilities and more.

Reuse Network members can take advantage of exclusive rates when booking their place. As well as interesting and inspiring content from speakers and presenters, you will have the chance to meet exhibitors too who have range of relevant products and services for your organisation.

*"I was able to meet people who are passionate about making a difference to those in our community who are the most vulnerable. It was encouraging, empowering and enabled me to hear, pick up ideas, be a soundboard for others and feel part of a new family. Everything was a learning experience and the staff from Reuse were incredibly supportive."*

Peter Everett - Lighthouse Furniture Project

*"It seems to get better every year - am curious to see what you come up with next year to beat it."*

Louise Megson - St Vincent De Paul, Bradford.

## 3 Have your stores listed on our dedicated service finder

Our website contains a dedicated service finder which is used by the public to find your organisation - either to donate items or enquire about finding items. Reuse Network members can list up to three stores on our service finder as part of their membership, with the ability to list additional stores for a small fee.

### Donate an item

An overview of how to use our website to find a reuse centre near you or to donate an item. Browse our services and see how we can help you.

#### Find a reuse centre near you

This page search for reuse centres in your area or by region.

Where would you like to go?

Where do you want to donate?

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Our "donate items" page is the most popular page on our website, with a monthly average of 5,000 users per month. Users have the ability to call and email charities directly from our website and currently this averages at 500 emails being sent out per month.

Reuse Network have a Freephone donations line for the public to use, where we will give them the contact details of the charities nearest to them for donating and seeking items.

In addition to the service finder being used by the public, members are also welcome to use the page themselves to discover fellow Reuse Network members in their area.

## 4 Access to advice, guidance and relevant sector information

There are a variety of ways in which you can access information, advice and guidance from the Reuse Network team. We're contactable by phone or email Monday - Friday 9-5.30, to assist with any queries our members have. In addition to this we have a members area on the website which contains a host of guidance on topics such as gift aid, health & safety and social media.



### Resources

Library of information and resources for reuse and organisational activities



### Forum

Message board for all members to share ideas, tips and ask questions with the network



### Workshops

Find local courses and workshops relevant to the reuse and charity sector

Our team can help your organisation with guidance on new business activities, diversifying your current activities and industry specific information. In addition we keep our members informed on policy and legislation, ensuring they are kept up-to-date with any changes and new additions that are made in central and local government.

We also have a members forum where you can post and reply to topics with fellow members, enabling you to share best practices and ideas across the network. Receive email updates when new posts are made by subscribing to the topics that interest you most, ensuring you're kept up to date with network conversations.

## 5 Receive Reuse Network stickers and certificate

Once you have joined the network you will be sent a welcome pack which contains the following:

- Welcome letter
- New member checklist
- Membership certificate
- Reuse Network stickers
- Guidance on using our logo



Our stickers come in both forward facing and inward facing options, so you can display them in your store windows and on your vans to show that you are part of a bigger movement. Let your customers/service users know that you're serious about reuse and help spread the word of reuse.



## 6 Voting rights at our AGM and stand for election as trustee



Each year Reuse Network hold an Annual General Meeting - all members are invited! During the event you can hear about current and future activities of the network, financial statements for the year, and have a chance to network with fellow members.

Have your say on how the network continues to operate with voting rights at our AGM.

All members are informed when trustee positions become available on our board of trustees, which we strongly encourage you to apply for, enabling you to lead the network into new and exciting ventures.

ARC members can also apply to be on our board of directors for Reuse Enterprises. For both Reuse Network and Reuse Enterprise board positions. We believe our members know best when it comes to leading a network of established reuse charities and social enterprises.

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## 7 Access to selected services and suppliers

Reuse Network members can take advantage of preferential prices when accessing a range of services and suppliers. Perhaps you're looking for new beds, mattresses and general household furniture? We have a variety of suppliers to suit your organisations needs, many of whom can deliver to locations across the UK.



As well as our suppliers for new furniture and electrical items, you can purchase refurbished electrical appliances from fellow Reuse Network members (location restrictions apply).

You can take advantage of a range of services such as ePos software, car and van leasing, card payment systems and insurance.



We are continuously working to develop and improve the commercial opportunities that we offer to our members, as we understand that you need to keep your stores filled with stock. Many of our suppliers can be contacted directly through the Reuse Network as well as when exhibiting at our Annual Conference.





## 8 Receive monthly newsletters and updates

Interested in hearing the latest news and information from the sector? We can keep you up to date with a whole host of information, including:

- Reuse Network member updates and information
- Upcoming events and training courses
- New research and industry developments
- General sector specific news
- Updates on policy and legislation
- Funding and development opportunities



### News

News and views from across the reuse sector, including legislation, awards and more.



### Events

Stay up-to-date with reuse-related events from across the country, including our AGM.

Our news is primarily shared through our monthly newsletter, but you can also find updates on our website and social media too - so make sure you're following us!

## 9 Advertise staff and volunteer vacancies on our website

Whether you're looking to recruit new volunteers or take on another member of paid staff, you can advertise your vacancies free of charge on Reuse Network website which is accessible by the public. Simply send us the details of your vacancy and we can upload the post for you and share it across our social media pages and member newsletter too.



### Opportunities

Find out more about volunteering or working with our members.



Our website is one of the top results in search engines when searching for anything reuse related, making it a great place to advertise your vacancies for maximum exposure.



# 10 Copy of the Product Weight Protocol (PWP) weights list

Previously known as the average weights list, Reuse Network worked with members to produce the Product Weight Protocol (PWP). It's a list of 200+ furniture and electrical items and their average weight. You can use your weights list however you see fit - here are a few ideas on how some members use theirs:

- Demonstrate your impact to service users, by calculating how much your organisation has diverted from landfill/provided to low income households
- Report on reuse activities for contractual purposes
- Input into your systems to easily produce reports

LICENCE No. *****		Reuse Network Product Weight Protocol (PWP)	
Category	Product		
Furniture	Bedside Unit (Catalan or Table)		
Furniture	Bench (Birken or garden, solid wood)		
Furniture	Barrel Box, (Dorman)		
Furniture	Bookcase, Shelving unit		
Furniture	Cabinet, Bureau (Shaker & Knotter)		
Furniture	Chair (Birken, Dorman)		
Furniture	Chest of Drawers, Fartboy		
Furniture	Small Desk, Computer Table		
Furniture	Large Desk		
Furniture	Dressing table		

The weights list would usually cost **£300+VAT** for external organisations, however for members it is free of charge as part of your membership.

## Core membership

**£120+VAT** turnover less than or equal to £100,000 p/a

**£180+VAT** turnover higher than £100,000 or equal to £250,000 p/a

**£240+VAT** turnover higher than £250,000 p/a

Includes ten benefits listed

## Core Plus membership

**£300+VAT**

Core benefits + access to national product clearances by hotels, waste companies, educational and care facilities

## ARC membership

**£1,000+VAT**

**£1,400+VAT** for ISO registered members and members with more than 3 sites

All Core and Core Plus benefits + access to major commercial and retail contracts, quality management system and annual audit visit, registration and certification of Approved Reuse Centre

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