

World in Need Clothes Recycling Bank

Context

World in Need have approached us to request we place a Clothes Recycling Bank on our premises in a position that is convenient for the local residents to use. Donations through the clothing bins enable World in Need to raise critical funding for their mission projects around the world, as well as providing an opportunity to recycle clothes that may otherwise contribute to landfill.

Questions this paper addresses

1. Who are World in Need?
2. What are the benefits to us for having a World in Need Clothes Bank?
3. What would the initial costs be and, what are the ongoing costs, workload, and commitments?
4. What do the bins look like and what happens to the clothes collected from the bin?
5. If we wanted to proceed with hosting a clothes recycling bin what are the timescales and processes?

Conclusions

1. World in Need is a UK Christian charity that mainly partners with Churches, Christian individuals, Schools and Christian Businesses to engage in overseas practical mission projects in a compassionate and relationship-based way. World in Need exists for 'Practical Mission'. That is as disciples, they help the poor, the hungry and those in need of education. Having experienced this expression of God's love they then give these people the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus.
2. The World in Need Clothing Banks are a unique way of raising funds for mission that help create a focus on our location in the community and don't compete with our other Missions giving. The Clothing Banks are environmentally friendly and encourage all to be environmentally friendly with their excess clothes. They also allow the Church and local residents to give in ways that are not financial.
3. There are no start-up costs to us, World in Need cover any costs in making and installing the bin and there are no ongoing costs or demands on our time. Once a bin is installed WIN check it regularly and establish a pattern for how often it needs emptying. This could be daily, weekly, or monthly and is adjusted according to the rate it fills up. When the bins are emptied the surrounding area is checked and cleaned if required. If the bin is overfilled before the regular collection, then there is a phone number to call, and they will come and empty it within a working day. World in Need ask for a minimum time commitment of six months but can remove the bin at any time upon request.
4. The clothing bins are approx. 130cm wide x 130cm deep and 190cm high, they are a lovely deep blue colour and are freshly sprayed keeping them looking neat, tidy and professional. Generally, they are made to order, and, in most cases, we will receive a brand-new bin. 94% of the clothes collected are kept out of landfill sites. The higher quality clothes go to poorer countries and the unwearable clothes are recycled and the material re-used.
5. To proceed with hosting a Clothing Bank, we need to decide where it would go and who would be the primary contact for World in Need. Then we need to email winbins@worldinneed.org.uk with the relevant information. WIN will require a photo and address of where we would like the bin sited. From point of order, it can take 2 to 4 weeks to make and deliver the bin. WIN would be in regular communications regarding the siting of the bin.

Further information on the bins can be found at: <https://worldinneed.org.uk/clothes-recycling-bins/>

Input sought

The board is asked to consider the merits of a WIN Clothes Bank, to decide a location and to designate a key contact to place the order with World in Need and ensure a placement of the bin in line with expectations.

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