



## Green-Works: recycling matters!

### Business Unit:

Nottingham LEP

### Location:

Nottingham

### In partnership with:

inspiredspaces

### Key contact:

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### Sun Diagram impact area(s):

Natural Resource Protection and Environmental Enhancement

Sustainable Communities



Green-Works is an award winning social enterprise and registered charity dedicated to helping the environment by diverting redundant office and school furniture from landfill by providing reused and remanufactured furniture to small business, charities, schools and community groups whilst providing training and real work experience to the unemployed.

In running operations Green-Works is able to provide, employment, training, and volunteer placement opportunities for people from challenging or marginalised backgrounds. Working with physically and socially disadvantaged people in depots throughout the UK helps to achieve the twin goals of zero waste and support in the community.

The Nottingham LEP commissioned 'Green-Works', to remove the redundant school furniture left as a result of the decants into the new Southwark, Bulwell and NUSA buildings. Much of the furniture collected has been included in donations of furniture, musical and IT equipment despatched to projects in Ghana.

The furniture removed from Southwark Primary School has since gone on to help many needy causes including the kitting out of a temporary facility to enable a school in London to reopen to pupils following a fire which completely destroyed the building and contents.

The LEP are now arranging for Green-Works to work with us on many more projects across Nottingham to recycle redundant furniture from vacated school buildings.

In recent months the LEP has commissioned Green-Works again to remove redundant furniture from the buildings which The Bulwell Academy and Nottingham University Samworth Academy (NUSA) had been operating from while their new accommodation was being built. Much of the furniture collected has been despatched to Ghana. With the high levels of recycling and re-use of furniture, over 90% of redundant furniture has been diverted from landfill.