

Implementing a Recycling System at Leeds University Union



Problem Identified

The University of Leeds is one of the largest and most popular universities in the UK with over 30,000 students. Leeds University Union, founded in 1938, has approximately 30,000 members and attracts up to 15,000 students each day. The Union amenities available for students consist of bars, restaurants, cafes, shops, an activity/resource centre and an advice centre.

Staff and students decided to implement a recycling system within and around the Union building. Numerous recycling points were required for the collection of different types of waste.

Solution

Leeds University Union had previously purchased Glasdon products and requested a site visit by a specially trained Glasdon representative. The Nexus™ 50 recycling unit was demonstrated and subsequently chosen, because of its many features and benefits.

Nexus 50 is an eye-catching and stylish unit, which is ideal for use in any location. It has a compact design and small “footprint” to fit neatly next to desks in office environments or against walls in busy public areas. Units are easily identifiable with colour-coded apertures and signage. Nexus 50 is easy to clean and empty with a front-opening, removable door.

Resulting Benefits

Using Nexus 50 units, the 150 union staff started to segregate their own waste for recycling, as the first stage of the scheme. Due to the success of this, it was then decided to introduce recycling points into the more “public” areas of the union. The level of recycling by staff and students has since increased considerably. Leeds University Union now recycle 65% of their waste.



What the Customer Says...

“ The style of the Nexus units really fit in with our vibrant building and they have been a great success with members and staff. They also reflect one of Leeds University Union's core values of 'responsibility', helping us to be a more sustainable organisation. ”

Alan Hill, Facilities Manager at Leeds University Union.

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