POLICY NAME: RECYCLING

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Student Council notes:

Swedish Environmental Protection Agency indicates that, despite rare enforcement of policy starting 1994, households are now a key role in the recycling culture and impact of it in Sweden (SEPA, 2006).

Jenkins & Martinez (2001) concluded that the most problematic waste for households to manage and sort is glass and suggest a local drop off bins. In a study for the Journal of Environmental Economics and Management (2003), they argue that local storage of glass outside of households yields a large amount of recycled material.

Currently, small (Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) is not treated as a priority waste stream in the UK as to meet targets under the WEEE Directive (CEC, 2003c). WEEE is recognised as the fastest growing waste stream in the EU, with estimates of between 14 kg per person per annum and 20kg. Recycling infrastructure is variable throughout the UK consisting of a mix of [...] bin segregation schemes, [...] pick up services, and recycling points in charities. [See item 2].

Student Council believes:

University of Ulster has in total three/four campuses with a total of 27,000 students. While some might stay at home or rent a house elsewhere, there are still many internationals as well as home students who register at student accommodation. By introducing active recycling, the Student Council argues it is necessary to encourage an environmental friendly culture which will not only improve student accommodation but ameliorate the communities of Northern Ireland.

The problem with enforcement can be understandable. However, by creating an incentive for recycling, students, staff, and residents are more inclined to participate [See item 1-2]. Additionally, we can use active enforcement if needed during residential and student inductions [See item 3].

It would provide a lot of incentive to organise with different types of charities a program donating electronic items. Additionally, safer waste management involving class and aluminium need more attention due to the drinking culture of most universities.

Student Council resolves that

Item 1

Incentives for recycling

Involve charities: Rainbow Project, Oxfam, The Rowan, AwareNI

Campus awards in relation to charity

Item 2
Bin disposal services

To be carried out be designated Residential Service Assistant of the day weekly ONLY when waste is properly recycled as shown to residents [Item 3]

If waste not separated, then responsibility shifts from RSA to residents.

Item 3
Recycling video For residents at accommodations inductions

For students at library inductions

References


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