

Re~Cycle

Bicycle Aid for Africa

"Take an unwanted bike from the UK, ship it to a country where it is really needed and teach the local people the skills to fix and maintain it"



www.re-cycle.org

Why Re~Cycle a bicycle?

Millions of unwanted bicycles are rusting in garages or being thrown away in the UK, while in Africa, a four-hour daily walk is common.. Mothers collect clean water, parents trek to the farm, factory or market, and children face a 20 mile walk to school and back. Motorised transport, where available, typically costs a quarter of people's tiny income.

The charity collects unwanted bikes, parts and tools in the UK and ships them to places like Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, and South Africa. There, our trusted and capable partners refurbish and maintain the bikes, to ensure a long life. Many teach locals to repair their own bikes, helping them to improve their lives in a sustainable way.

Re~Cycle's achievements

Since Re~Cycle started in 1998 it has:

- sent over 36,000 bikes, plus tools and spare parts to 15 countries in Africa
- been awarded a three-year National Lottery grant and a multi-year Landfill Tax grant
- won the first ever Upstart Award, run by *The New Statesman* and *Centrica*

Expanding Re~Cycle

Re~Cycle currently operates with a single 'collection hub' in Colchester, Essex; by 2015 we aim to have 10 bicycle collection hubs across the UK.

To do this Re~Cycle needs your help – **volunteers, donations, and gifts-in-kind**, like storage, haulage and shipping.

And we need people to **donate more bikes** to supplement the ones we get from Royal Mail, the police, and cycle shops and manufacturers donating outdated and traded-in stock.

Who benefits in the UK?

Re~Cycle helps reduce waste and landfill

Volunteers donate their time and energy and in return learn bicycle maintenance skills and meet new people

Re~Cycle gives work experience and new skills to people of all ages and backgrounds, including:

- Young offenders, the probation and prison service
- People with disabilities and brain injury rehabilitation groups
- Duke of Edinburgh

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