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#KeepITinHalton



## Keep IT in Halton

Canopus Solutions are delighted to announce the launch of Keep IT in Halton.

The scheme to securely re-use and re-home IT equipment from small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to benefit the voluntary, charity, community and social sector in Runcorn and Widnes.

Many organisations in the voluntary and community sector are using computer equipment that is as much as 10 years old. They will benefit significantly in terms of efficiency, budget, reliability and security by having access to newer equipment.

All businesses can help by making the decision to donate PC and laptop equipment (including associated peripherals) that they no longer require to create a 'community stock pool'. This scheme is primarily aimed at small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Halton, though larger organisations from any region would be welcomed should they wish to take part.

### Donors

- Compliance with WEEE directive for disposal of electrical equipment
- Supports responsible business policies
- Secure, certificated data removal (to HMG IAS No.5 Higher Overwrite standard)
- Avoids potential disposal to land-fill and complies with waste legislation
- The names of organisation donating to the scheme will be supplied to recipients
- Opportunity to nominate potential recipients and avoid having to arrange this in-house

### Recipients

- Access to newer IT equipment at minimal cost for replacement or expansion
- Improved security from running more up to date operating software
- Ability to run more up to date applications allowing more efficient or effective operation
- Opportunity to have a relationship with the original donor organisation based on their responsible business aims.

### How it works

- If you are a donor you just need to call the number below, verify that the equipment is suitable for donation and make arrangements for collection or to drop it off.
- If you are a potential recipient, again you just need to call the number below discuss what it is that you need. If it is available you simply need to verify your organisational status and arrange collection or delivery.

The scheme was created through cooperation between Canopus Solutions, based in Runcorn, Business in the Community (BITC) and Cheshire Connect to help address the need and demand for IT equipment in the community and voluntary sector in Halton.

If you would like more information, please contact [info@thinkcanopus.co.uk](mailto:info@thinkcanopus.co.uk) or call us on 0844 4127541

What people are saying about the scheme

#### Donor: Mark Reynolds Solicitors

*"We fully support this scheme as it provides us with a perfect opportunity to donate IT equipment knowing that it is securely and professionally managed at a minimal cost.*

*The process is easy, supports our responsible business aims and most importantly it will benefit community organisations in Halton and the Halton community which we serve."*

Mark Reynolds, Director

#### Recipient: Nightstop Communities Northwest, Widnes

*"We required PC equipment to allow us to have pc availability for young people to support them on their Practical Housing Units into gaining their own tenancy as we are supporting homeless young people in Halton. Having additional Pcs makes it easy to do the basic administration, access the internet and e-mail. Once we knew the equipment was available we received it very quickly with minimum fuss."*

Terri Kearney, CEO

#### Canopus Solutions

*"Canopus Solutions believe in prioritising the re-use of IT equipment. Our secure data destruction allows businesses to support this scheme knowing their confidential data has been removed. This scheme takes our approach to the next level, ensuring that local community groups will benefit from this environmentally friendly approach to IT recycling."*

Adrian Fillingham, Project Manager

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