UniGreenScheme Expanding Pilot Trial Across Bristol Early results show significant space and staff time savings



Bench Microscope from University of Bristol now listed for resale by UniGreenScheme

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The Asset Resale Service For Universities

"Traditionally, academic culture is to hoard equipment, and that is often because staff don't want out-dated but working kit to go to waste."

-Anna Lewis, Sustainable Labs Officer

The University of Bristol has thousands of laboratories and workshops across its campus. Anna Lewis, Sustainable Labs Officer has the challenging job of making these resource intensive facilities run as sustainably and efficiently as possible.

A common problem she encounters is the accumulation of outdated and unwanted equipment on bench-tops and in store-rooms and cupboards.

In July 2017 Anna organised the launch of a pilot trial of UniGreenScheme - an equipment resale service - to target this problem.

UniGreenScheme collect, store and sell surplus equipment for universities, and return a share of the profits to the research department.

Having completed just four collections from the Bristol campus so far, UniGreenScheme has already made a substantial impact and is now being expanded across the university.

Impact So Far:

100+ Items Collected

£3-5k Expected Rebates

50+ Staff Hours Saved 1.5t Waste Prevented 4.89t CO2 equivalent The pilot initially began in the Biomedical Science Department.

On 13th July UniGreenScheme arrived on site and made collections from two different buildings and five different floors rounding up over 800kg of unwanted equipment which included pumps, microscopes, nitrogen tanks and lab cupboards.

The range of equipment collected is diverse.

"The UniGreen team are always happy to site visit and give us advice as to what equipment will sell and give us an estimate of what might be achieved. On each visit to date the team continue to surprise us with the wide plethora of items that they will take for re-sale which has the extra benefit of creating space here in the Faculty."

- Steve Gaze, Faculty Technical Manager

So far, the department has already received over £750 in rebates but are **expected to receive** £3,000-5,000 over the course of the project.

Rather than all this equipment being stored indefinitely (and likely going to disposal) it is now seeing second lives in other deployments.



This Statebourne Cryostore now being redeployed at the University of Bath

"UniGreenScheme provides an efficient way for assets to find a second life, mainly because our model facilitates reuse at other institutions and businesses across the UK and makes it very easy for university staff"

- Michael McLeod, Managing Director of UniGreenScheme



This Leica Microtome is now listed for resale by UniGreenScheme



This set of 7 lab cupboards have been sold to a small biomedical research company who needed to build a 'mobile sequencing lab' whilst their building was being refurbished.

Following the success of UniGreenScheme in the Biomedical Science Department the service is now being rolled out across the campus.

UniGreenScheme has already visited several key departments and large quantities of surplus equipment has already been identified for collection and resale.



Surplus equipment in the Department of Life Sciences

"What is amazing about the University of Bristol is the incredible engagement of the departments and the staff. There is a real energy for re-use and sustainability so we expect some great results in the next few months."

- Michael McLeod, Managing Director of UniGreenScheme



Surplus equipment in the Department of Chemistry



Surplus equipment in Southmead Hospital

How UniGreenScheme Works:



WE COLLECT YOUR ITEMS

Quickly, efficiently & safely



WE STORE THEM OFFSITE

Within our facilities



WE ARRANGE THEIR SALE

HEIR

SALE
With reputable buyers



WE SHARE THE REVENUE WITH YOU

Based on a fair pricing structure



WE GIVE YOU A REPORT ON THE METRICS

Reducing your carbon footprint



UniGreenScheme are experienced with specialist equipment removal and bring all the appropriate equipment to the site

"UniGreenScheme offer the perfect solution to the problem of surplus equipment. With barely the lift of a finger, universities can free up space, re-purpose the equipment to a good home, and receive some money back at the end of it all. UGS are personable, professional and efficient, and I'd highly recommend them."

- Anna Lewis, Sustainable Labs Officer, University of Bristol

"The collection team on each visit have been extremely helpful bringing enough manpower and lifting equipment to suit the task of removing the kit from a complex and busy building.

The UniGreenScheme back office has been very accommodating and flexible when planning in visits/collections from us and has kept us up to date with the progress of sales of our assets.

Their project/asset management systems allow us to manage the expectations of our Faculty well allocating the monies accrued from sales to each School correctly."

- Steve Gaze, Faculty Technical Manager

UniGreenScheme can help you realise the value in your surplus equipment, recoup space and boost your environmental credentials.

To find out how contact us using the contact details below.

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