

Success

Cothrom ReStore group leads the way in encouraging re-use with a national certification

Scotland's re-use revolution is driving forward, with Cothrom ReStore the latest organisation to achieve Scotland's national re-use quality standard.

The Revolve quality kite-mark, operated by Zero Waste Scotland, aims to increase re-use by improving professionalism, customer experience and visibility of re-use organisations. There are now 124 Revolve certified stores across Scotland.

Every year, thousands of re-usable items needlessly end up in landfill in Scotland, yet by choosing to buy from or donate to re-use stores people can help keep valuable products and materials in use for longer.

The Cothrom ReStore, based in South Uist supports learners from all areas of the community. The centre offers recycling and upcycling services in furniture, textiles and household items, and recently moved into a purpose built premises that houses a new shop, wood workshop, textiles and paint workshop.

Cothrom ReStore currently provides learning opportu-



nities for 16 students and has seven volunteers who attend weekly and contribute to all areas of the ReStore project.

Nick Crowe, ReStore Development Officer at Cothrom Restore, said: "Cothrom ReStore has been running since 2006 and was created to cater for learners who wanted to focus on developing practical skills. We did this by using donated furniture as workpieces which, once repaired, were placed for sale in the shop.

"The Revolve Certification has aided Cothrom ReStore to implement better quality standards, an improved shop-

ping experience and new customer service skills.

"These have helped Cothrom ReStore to improve its services to customers, who have more choice and better information, and also to our learners who benefit from working to the re-use guidelines and safety standards and working within a workplace environment."

Andrew Pankhurst, Re-use Campaigns Manager, Zero Waste Scotland, said: "It's fantastic to have Cothrom ReStore on board, joining more than 100 Revolve certified re-use stores across the country."

