

Practice Case Study: ApparelXchange

ApparelXchange is a social enterprise dedicated to the re-use of school uniforms. It works with schools and families to provide quality pre-worn uniforms at low prices and with young people and families to empower them to understand the environmental and social impact of clothes and school uniforms.

ApparelXchange has been working in 10 schools across Glasgow, organising donation drives of unwanted school uniforms and then sorting, washing and preparing uniforms for re-selling at low cost at school sales.

Uniform is also resold in pop-up shops, with a full diary of sales happening throughout the year to support families.

Jackie McIver, Headteacher at Castleton Primary in Castlemilk, Glasgow, said:

"We are delighted to be working with ApparelXchange to give all our families the opportunity to purchase preloved school uniform. At Castleton we have been discussing and reflecting on The Cost of the School Day report and have, for the last couple of years, been working towards reducing the number of financial demands on all our families. Working with ApparelXchange really helps support our goal of reducing costs and in addition helps us understand the impact of clothing on the environment and society. We have shops in the school to make sure all families can access the uniform. We are looking forward to working more closely with ApparelXchange on the educational aspects of clothing production and how our pupils can be even more responsible citizens in Scotland."

Further information can be found at www.apparelxchange.co.uk

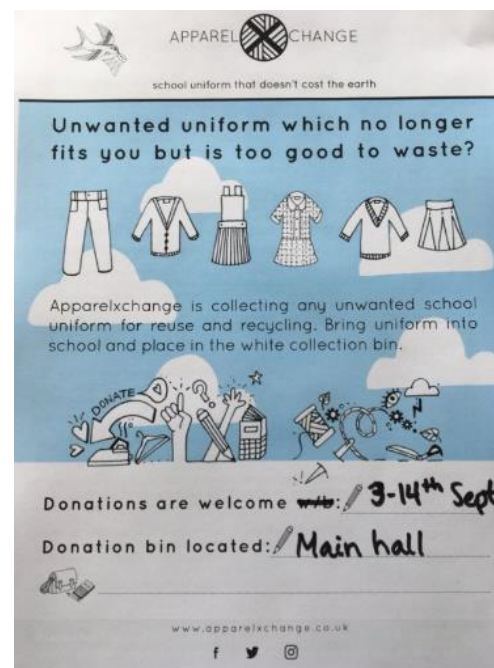


Figure 1 - Donation drive poster at Langside Primary, Glasgow