

Innovation across the nation!

ESTELLE'S PASSION FOR PPE FASHION

Our Southwark IWMF (Integrated Waste Management Facility) has joined up with charity Reuseful to close the loop on our old uniforms. Named project Re: Form, they're diverting old uniforms and PPE away from landfill to create sustainable items.

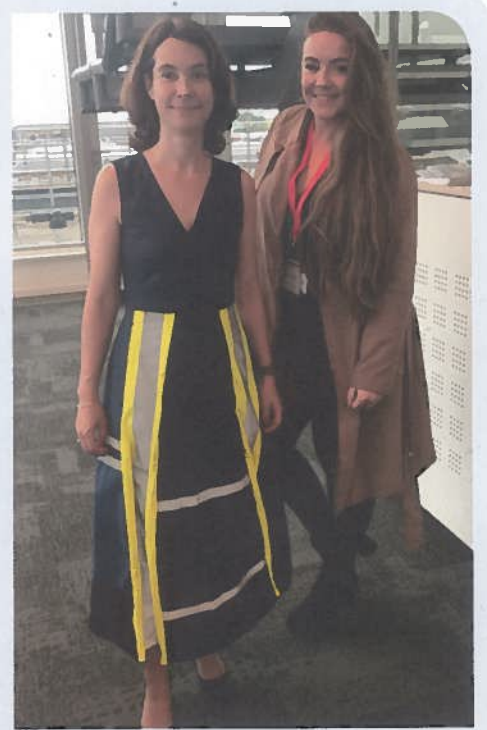
Earlier this year, our Southwark site and Reuseful were nominated at the National Recycling Awards. Although we didn't win, the team stole the show as they were suited and booted in bespoke upcycled PPE evening wear – even Estelle Brachianoff, our Senior Executive Vice President UK and Ireland, commissioned her very own!

Bethany Barnes, a third year design student at the University of Birmingham, has been the creator behind the evening wear. Travelling to our London offices and sites for measurements and fittings, Bethany has been involved with Reuseful and turning the PPE into a piece of art. Estelle then wore her own made to measure dress at the Tangram Season 3 event!

As well as closing the loop on old uniforms, the project also gives back to local communities with its back-to-work

training scheme, which gives hundreds of people new creative skills through sorting, upcycling and reselling the donated items.

Following the success of the partnership, Re: Form is ready to launch around the UK on our sites. If you'd like your site to get involved in the efforts to recycle and reuse 50 tonnes of work wear, uniforms and PPE, contact Patricia Watson to find out more about how you can join the team and set up a collection point to help bring workwear into the circular economy.



The South Downs contract has been seeking new ways to improve the quality of the cardboard received at their HRWS network. To prevent contamination with polystyrene, plastics and wood, the team got inventing!

The 'letterbox' style slot at the front of the cardboard container now compels the public to flatten boxes before posting them into the bin, meaning the other contents are removed in the process. After a trial at larger HRWS, the letterbox has proved a success – with contamination virtually nil. It also means the cardboard is now already neatly flat packed too!

TV recycling turns one!

The TV Recycling Facility in Bridgnorth, Shropshire is celebrating its first birthday. The first of its kind in the UK, the facility has processed over 200,000 televisions and monitors over the last 12 months.

The facility uses a mix of robots and manual operations to dismantle the TVs and monitors, recovering glass, plastic and precious metals from the circuit boards.

