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Setting up a recycling hub within the Edinburgh College of Art

## Why I became a Sustainability Champion

Sustainability has always been an interest of mine.

When I joined my current team, it became part of my duties so I could finally put it in action!

I wanted to try to improve the circular economy in ECA and go further than the basics planned by the waste department. We secured a small budget and all that was left was the fun of planning and setting everything up!

## My sustainable project or actions

- *How did your project or actions contribute to social responsibility and sustainability?* With this new Recycle Hub, we are engaging even further in the University's circular economy.
- *Did you measure the impact?* The Recycle Hub was only set up back in February 2020. We haven't been able to properly measure the impact yet, but the first results left us optimistic! Some of our streams were full after a month only (snack packet, batteries...) Many boxes of snack packets coming from ECA will soon be recycled!
- *Are there plans to build on what you've done so far?* We keep a look out on the different free recycling programs on offer. If a new one that fit our needs is created, we will add more boxes in our Hub! We also want to create several other recycling hubs in our off-campus buildings.

