

CRNS 6th ANNUAL AWARDS – NOMINATION SUMMARY

AWARD: INNOVATION AWARD

ORGANISATION: Changeworks Resources for Life

LA AREA: City of Edinburgh

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REF NO: INN01

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REASON FOR NOMINATION

Scottish households waste £1 billion of food each year, £430 for each household (WRAP 2009). Changeworks is working with 3,000 households, generating an average reduction of 40%, nearly 300 tonnes of waste diverted per year. Kitchen Canny is an innovative food waste project piloting in the Lothians and Borders. It is funded by INCREASE III, City of Edinburgh Council and Scottish Borders Council. The project runs until March 2011.

The aim of the project is for households participating using a Kitchen Canny Action Kit giving them the tools to look at their own kitchen, the waste it generates and how they might reduce this. The kit has been praised, “An eye-opener”, prompting statements like “I now realise I do waste food when I thought I didn’t” and “... saved us so much money”. The participants have used words such as “fun”, “thought-provoking”, “great for getting the whole family involved”. The recruitment of households for this project is led by community organisations across the area. Changeworks partners with these groups, providing training and support. This has raised the understanding of food waste in a number of communities whilst gaining fantastic insights by working with a wide range of knowledgeable community representatives and volunteers.