

CRNS 6TH ANNUAL AWARDS – NOMINATION SUMMARY

AWARD: MEMBER OF THE YEAR

ORGANISATION: Furniture Plus

LA AREA: Fife

WEBSITE: www.furnitureplus.org.uk

REF NO: MOY05

(198 words)

REASON FOR NOMINATION

During what has been a tough year for many reasons, Furniture Plus has continued to do all it can to assist the people of Fife in practical ways. Operating from 35,650 sqft of warehouse/retail space over 3 sites, it has increased its turnover and taken the chance to consolidate its core ReUse work. It has grown to have 20 full/part-time paid staff; utilised the services of 25 volunteers; and hosted 128 Triage (New Deal) placements. It was pleased to be able to employ 16 Future Jobs Fund Staff (2 are still in post) and retained 4 after their 6-month funded placement.

Using its 7 vans, it has undertaken around 7000 free collections in the last year, reusing 458 tonnes and recycling a further 128 tonnes. It was able to assist around 6000 families through provision of low cost/discounted furniture and household items. This included continuing to work with Fife Council through their Housing Voucher Scheme. Furniture Plus has developed links with other organisations including Recycle Fife, The Shaw Trust, Book Donors, Frontline Fife and Scottish Christian Alliance. These working relationships, together with a strong ethos to help people, will help Furniture Plus grow throughout 2011 and beyond.