

## **CRNS 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS – NOMINATION SUMMARY**

AWARD: LOCAL AUTHORITY PARTNERSHIP

ORGANISATION: Renfrewshire Council

WEBSITE: [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk)

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### **REASON FOR NOMINATION**

Project OsKar, operational since September 2010, has already made inroads to achieving 3 main aims; Landfill diversion – On target to divert 100 tonnes waste (furniture, white goods, clothes, paper, plastic, cardboard, metal and wood) from landfill annually via collections from local residents. Employment – we accept those in the community furthest from the job market. Of 15 young people who started in September, 25% of them have already found full time employment elsewhere.

One volunteer became a team leader on Project OsKar Subsidised furniture – partnerships with local Housing Associations and Councils allow us to ensure those most in need receive whatever they need whenever they need it. Sales to the public allow us to support this endeavour.

One specific partnership has developed with Renfrewshire Council. Project OsKar takes void properties, paints, decorates, fits carpets and cleans the property before the hand over to the new tenant. In addition to this venture, the Council also issues furniture vouchers to tenants to allow them to benefit from good quality, subsidised household items. The support the council have given us in pushing through an entirely new partnership has given Project OsKar the best possible start to continuing our work with the local community.