

# Volunteering and Voluntary Sector Awards

## Winner Story 2024



### About St Andrews Environmental Network & Transition University of St Andrews

St Andrews Environmental Network is a community-led charity working to reduce carbon emissions in St Andrews and the surrounding area by empowering individuals and businesses to take the actions necessary to tackle the climate emergency and fuel poverty. They partner Transition University of St Andrews, a like-minded student organisation in their reuse project.

### Why they deserve this award

St Andrews Environmental Network deliver a reuse project in partnership with Transition University of St Andrews supplying household goods free of charge to families in need throughout North East Fife.

Donations are collected from students and households throughout the town reducing the amount going to landfill. These are then sorted and either given to students or made up into starter packs for families within the area. Starter packs are delivered to the householder and include crockery, cutlery, pots and pans, kitchen ware, electrical appliances, bedding etc.



**Household goods are donated and added to starter packs for families in need throughout North East Fife.**

Every year 10,000 students arrive in St Andrews and purchase thousands of items for their properties. Reuse has been able to reduce the number of items purchased and the packaging associated with these purchases. This year the donations given out by both organisations have resulted financial saving of £62,895 for those receiving items and 31.6 tonnes of CO2e saved from the items being diverted from landfill.