

AN EDUCATION IN BETTER RECYCLING



Luminate EDUCATION GROUP

HOW MULTI-STREAM SEPARATION HELPED LUMINATE EDUCATION GROUP INCREASE RECYCLING X10.

With a low recycling rate and company Sustainable Development Goals to meet, Luminare Education Group needed to transform its waste management processes. By introducing multi-stream recycling across its campuses, the Yorkshire-based education provider has seen significant environmental and cost benefits.



Improved recycling rate by 10 times



Lower collection costs due to waste segregation on-site



Improved environmental awareness and education for staff and students on waste segregation



Good practice and positive group reputation to all site users

EXAMINING THE ISSUES

Before the project began, waste segregation at Luminare Education Group facilities was taking place at the waste collection service provider's facilities. With waste on-site being collected in a single stream, contamination was inevitable.

Keen to significantly increase their recycling rate, Luminare partnered with waste and recycling experts at Rubbermaid Commercial Products (RCP) to introduce multi-stream recycling across their estates.

"The support from RCP throughout the whole process has been brilliant. From helping us with the planning and pilot stages to deploying the bins, providing the labels, and advising on-site teams on recycling best practices, Ian has underpinned the whole process."

"We are already seeing the impact of our changes on our recycling rates, as well as a reduction to our waste management costs, both of which we're delighted about."

Simon Duarri, Head of Campus Facilities

FIND OUT MORE

If you would like help on how to improve your recycling processes, as well as comply with legislation, please contact RCP.

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WASTE SEPARATION THAT MAKES THE GRADE

By introducing RCP's Slim Jim[®] Vented recycling containers across its sites, Luminare is now able to collect waste in five streams:

- GENERAL WASTE
- DRY MIXED RECYCLABLES
- GLASS
- FOOD WASTE
- BATTERY RECYCLING

The new bins are colour-coded and clearly labelled with instructions to help users segregate their waste correctly. This reduces the risk of contamination and simplifies on-site collections.

Overall, the scheme has resulted in a 10x increase in recyclable waste collection compared to the previous figures. As well as environmental gains, Luminare has also seen its waste collection costs reduce thanks to waste segregation taking place on-site meaning less waste is sent to costly general disposal.