



COMMUNITY UPDATE



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Learn with Levenseat
Pilot - testing the
concept

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Picture: Learn with Levenseat Pilot Launch Presentation

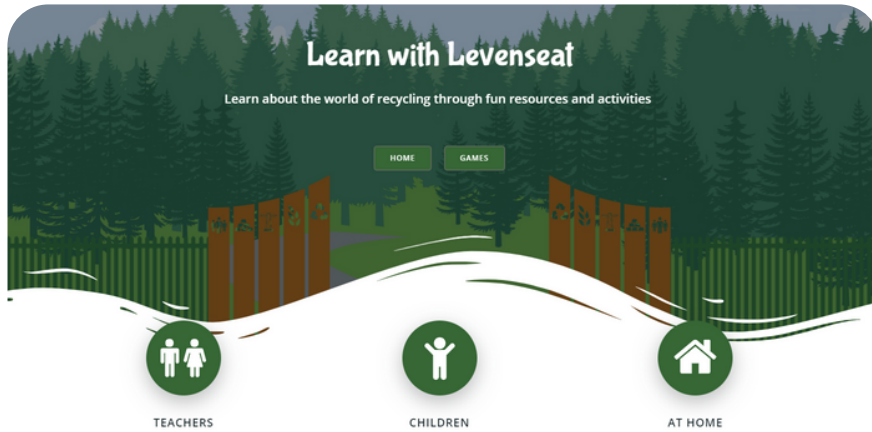
Levenseat have a key role to play in educating the public and our customers on the subjects of recycling and energy from waste, in order to increase recycling rates and maximise diversion from landfill. Teaching the next generation of young people will have a huge impact on our environmental future. Lessons about recycling, sustainability, and eco-friendly practices are incredibly important.

To help bring these important topics to the classroom, we have created an easy to use resource, which introduces the topics of recycling, energy from waste, and sustainability and goes on to reinforce key messages, and encourages young people to really think about the impact they could have by making a few small changes. The resource is a mixture of teacher notes, videos and interactive games.

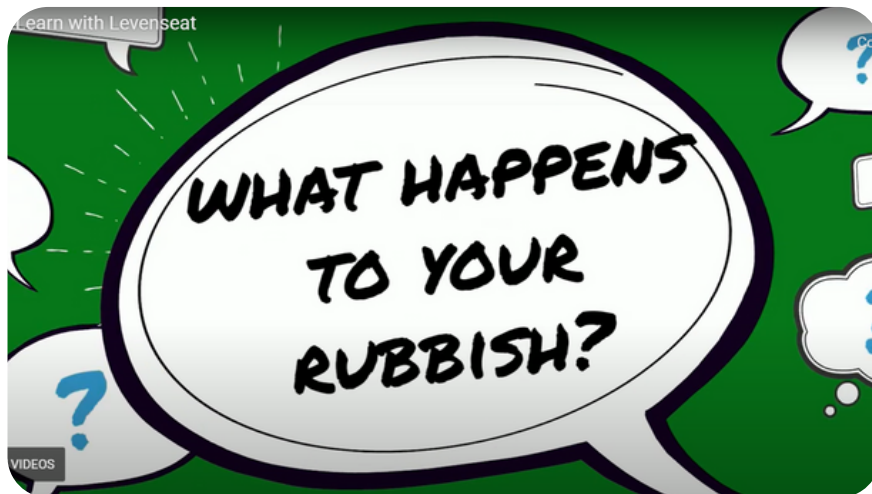
Learn with Levenseat online resource officially reached the Pilot Stage in October 2021. with seven schools taking part. We will be gathering in feedback in January with a view to use and suggestions to improve the resource and help structure the rest of the pack. The official and final version will be ready to go live in August 2021.



LEARN WITH LEVENSEAT SCHOOL RESOURCE

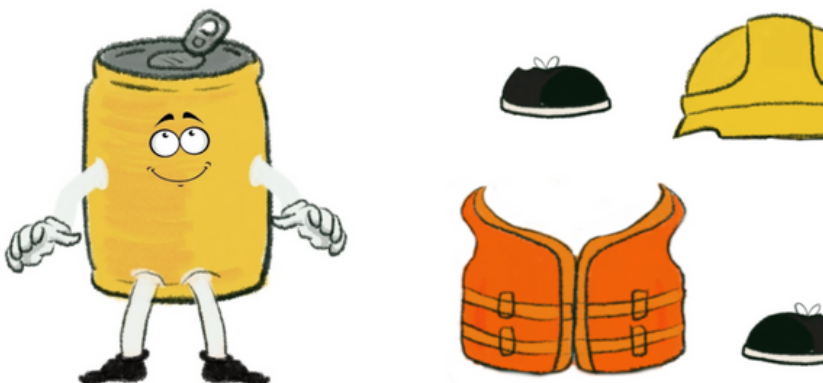


Picture: Website Home Page

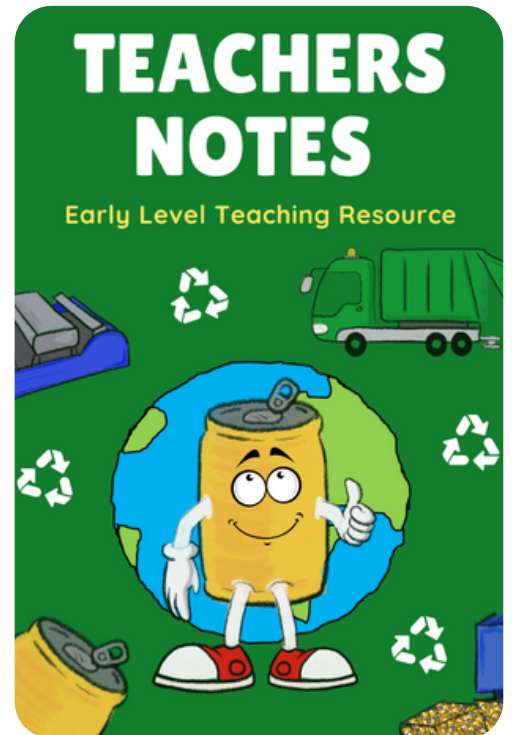


Picture: Video

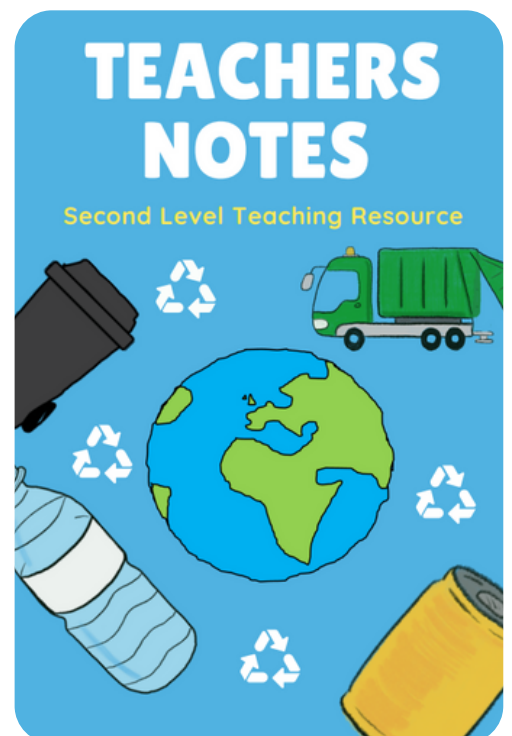
elp All put on his safety gear by dragging the equipment to the right place.



Picture: Interactive Game



Picture: Teacher Notes



Picture: Teacher Notes



SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

After a short period of not being permitted to visit, or have schools visit us, we are happy to announce that we have been back in schools teaching the next generation about the wonderful world of resource management.

Lisa visited Cardinal Winning Secondary School in Glasgow. The class of S5 and S6 additional needs students are keen recyclers and wanted to know more about Levenseat and what our recycle processes look like. In addition to this presentation, they took part in a landfill activity. The plastic container represents a landfill site and the students filled 'the site' with all types of waste items. After their site was full, the children had to consider what they should do with the left over items? Could they have recycled the items that they placed in their sites? This is a physical representation of why it is important to recycle as much waste as possible, to avoid precious recyclable items potential ending up in landfill.

Lisa has also been delivering presentations on the world of work and employment opportunities at Levenseat and about Levenseat as an employer. A key area of focus for the curriculum.

In the new year a key area of focus for Lisa will be on school engagement and we have plans to visit many more schools (virtually and in person COVID permitting)



Picture: Cardinal Winning classroom



Picture: Landfill Activity



MENTORING AT LEVENSEAT

Our community engagement initiatives offer us the opportunity to support local teenagers from difficult and challenging backgrounds. In particular, the mentoring programmes help young people who may struggle or who are not given the chance to move on to a positive destination after leaving school due to socio-economic restraints.

Lisa, our Community Engagement Officer has been taking part in two mentoring programmes, Career Ready and MCR Pathways.

MCR PATHWAYS

MCR Pathways vision is to help young people unlock their potential, no matter their circumstances. Working together with an inspiring mentor, the programme wishes to help young people to realise their skills and progress onto a positive destination. Their vision is for all young people to experience equality of education outcomes, career opportunities and life chances.

Lisa has been paired to with a young person at Eastbank Secondary School in Glasgow.

CAREER READY

Lisa, has been mentoring through Career Ready since January 2021. Career Ready empowers young people by connecting them with the world of work, providing workplace experiences, career insights, and a network of support. Lisa was matched with Terri Marie, a S6 student. As well as regular meet ups and contact via emails, texts and Teams calls offering support, Terri Marie completed a four week paid internship in July, half virtually and half on site.

The internship was an opportunity for Terri Marie to experience Levensat first hand. Terri Marie has an interest in photography and wishes to pursue a career in this field so whilst with us she was tasked to take photos whilst on site for our future records.



Picture: Terri Marie on site



Picture: Photos taken by Terri Marie



TRANSITION STIRLING COMMUNITY DONATION



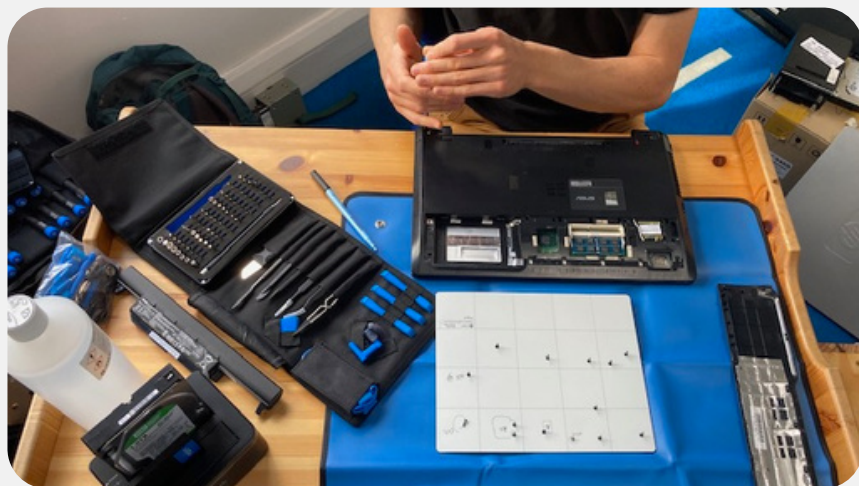
Picture: Nicola from Transition Stirling using the kits

'Transition Stirling is an environmental charity with the aim of raising awareness of, and providing a positive local response to, climate change. They are mostly known for their Tool Library, a library of things where members can borrow a variety of items including tools, gardening equipment, cooking equipment and even sewing machines. Transition Stirling's other projects include a repair service, wood upcycling project, workshops covering upcycling and repair of furniture and textiles, and sessions on sustainable food.

Stirling Council identified digital poverty as being a massive problem in their area and with the extra pressures especially over lockdown, we decided to donate repair kits and supplies for Transition Stirling to continue their excellent work in supporting the wider community.



We are very grateful for the support from Levensat for the fantastic IFIXIT kits for our Reboot Stirling project. These kits will help us upcycle and fix many laptops and phones to share with those in the community for free or low cost in order to close the digital divide in Stirlingshire.



Picture: Refurbished laptop



LEVENSEAT STAFF VOLUNTEER DAY

A few of our team went along to the West Lothian Foodbank to volunteer, we were also lucky enough to go on a tour of their new facility and hear all about the important work they do throughout the year, to help people in crisis by providing emergency food and support.

As well as our commitment to support the cost of running the foodbank over a five-year period, we also supported their reverse advent calendar campaign to help ensure everyone who is supported by the foodbank receives a Christmas dinner.

The long-term ambition of West Lothian Foodbank is to ultimately put itself out of business. As a network, Foodbanks throughout the country want to see more people helped out of crisis and fewer people needing foodbanks in the future. That's why The Trussell Trust and local foodbanks are working together to develop new ways to help people out of crisis.

West Lothian Food Bank officially moved into a larger facility in September, following an increase in demand by 146% since COVID began. They now offer additional services like debt management support and mentoring.



Picture: Reverse Advent Calendar



Picture: Reverse Advent Calendar Donations



Picture: Levensat Staff volunteering

END OF WASTE



Picture: Rob Green, Technical Director



Picture: Rob Green and Jill Farrell, Director, Customer Engagement and Communications, at Zero Waste Scotland

Levenseat has developed a new stream of accredited products that provide a sustainable and lower cost alternative to virgin aggregates used in construction projects. The new products are the first in Scotland to have secured 'end-of-waste' status from the country's environmental regulator SEPA.

Developed by Levenseat's Minerals Division, the low carbon product offering is designed to help construction firms lower their building costs while also reducing their environmental impact by replacing virgin aggregate within concrete – for each tonne of recycled aggregate used, 29kg CO₂ is saved from being emitted.

In 2020 2.7 million tonnes of IBA was produced from Energy from Waste plants in the UK. By processing into recycled aggregates and directly replacing virgin mined aggregate used in concrete, a carbon saving of 78,300 tonnes of CO₂, equivalent to 41,826 car journeys or 36,520 flights can be achieved.

Levenseat's Technical Director, Rob Green, said: "As a company focused on innovative and sustainable solutions, we're delighted to be the first in Scotland to achieve end-of-waste status for these aggregate products. This has been a rigorous process, which included detailed technical and environmental analysis and the implementation of a factory control system to ensure the products continually meet the required specifications.

"The new product range not only offers safe, lower carbon alternatives for the UK construction industry, but it's also significantly more cost-effective compared to using traditional virgin materials. It represents another progressive step for Levenseat in supporting the journey towards net zero."

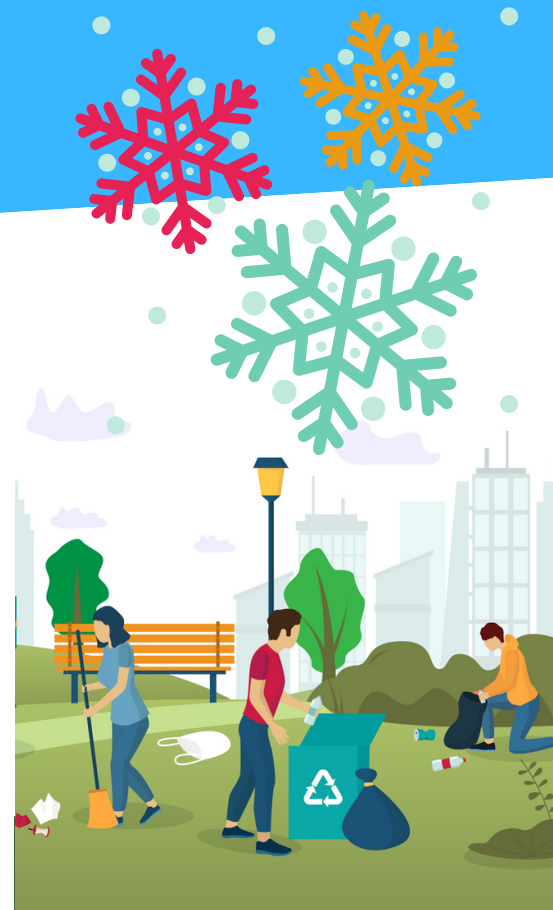
THE HERALD SCOTTISH FAMILY BUSINESS AWARDS FINALIST



Picture: Levenseat at the award ceremony

The Herald Scottish Family Business Awards in association with Business Gateway were back for the ninth year of the awards. The awards continued to celebrate the success of the diverse, dynamic and innovative family business sector, and the contribution which these firms make to the communities in which they operate and to the wider economy.

Levenseat were finalists for 2 Family Business Awards at the Scottish Family Business Awards in Glasgow, Rural Family business of the year and Large Family business of the year.



LITTER FREE

We continue to help our local communities with their efforts to tidy up their villages .

West Lothian Litter Pickers have received funding from Levenseat to continue their tireless work in their local communities. We are working in close partnership with West Lothian Litter Pickers on a future project to help educate and showcase the litter problems in problematic areas in West Lothian.

spot light on



Picture: Levenseat receiving their award

NATIONAL RECYCLING AWARD WINNERS

The results of the National Recycling Awards were revealed on 8 December at the London Hilton, Park Lane, where over 500 of the recycling sector's leading lights came together in-person, for the first time since June 2019 to celebrate the industry's achievements.

Innovative Ash Solutions, Levenseat's Joint venture, has won in the Innovation Category and was praised by the National Recycling Awards expert judging panel.

The judges praised the project for their solution clearly shows the positive steps in utilising waste as a resource, with impressive carbon savings. Achieving accreditation makes this is a game changing solution for a difficult waste stream.

Rob Green, technical Director commented "We are delighted to have won the award for Innovation at this year's National Recycling Awards. To be recognised at an event that celebrates the best of the UK's recycling industry, for a project that will make a significant contribution to the circular economy, we really couldn't be prouder."

With 16 categories, the awards cover every aspect of the recycling and waste management industry, from Food Waste Initiative to Recycling Excellence.

The MRW National Recycling Awards bring together recycling and waste management professionals to recognise and celebrate best practice and innovation in recycling and waste management. The awards provide industry recognition and unrivalled networking opportunities.

Corin Williams, Editor of MRW said: "The judges were bowled over this year by the breadth and depth of the entries. It is amazing to see just how inventive and committed people can be. In the wake of COP26 and a growing worldwide push to conserve, reuse and recycle our resources, the NRAs 2021 winners are showing what can be achieved."