

## How to Cope without your Desk Bin

The world is about to change forever, there are questions being asked all over the campus:

*“Do you really expect me to go to the recycling containers every time I make a piece of rubbish?”*

*“Aren’t the bins too far away and getting too full?”*

*“But I’ll just bring in my own bin so what’s the point in taking it in the first place?”*

Many sections of the University of Bradford including the School of Management, Horton and Chesham Buildings and D and F Floors of Richmond have been without their desk bins for up to a year and have coped very well without them. In addition to these areas the Student Union and departments such as Midwifery have removed their desk bins voluntarily, a very pro-active approach! The Students Union is leading the way in many environmental areas at the University of Bradford.

It may take some getting used to but once people do the results of the full recycling system will really start to be seen.

It is likely that many people will replace their bin with some kind of customised receptacle, but this is the whole idea, it’s the changing of the thought processes around rubbish creation. It is no longer someone else’s responsibility when you throw rubbish under your desk. Now the scheme enables you sort it into the correct recycling bin.

There are a number of systems that can be used to make this an easier transition:

- Use the recycling containers when you happen to be passing them e.g. making a cup of tea (many staff don’t have this facility) or leaving your office.
- Store your waste in the lid of a paper box, yoghurt pot or ice cream tub and empty it once a day.
- Group up with some other people and sort your waste into different containers in the office so these can taken to the nearest recycling containers when convenient.

There are likely to be a range of different ways that people can develop – if you’ve got one, let us know so we can share it.

If you are unhappy with the location of the bins or signage then please let us know and we can improve the situation – [ecoversity@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:ecoversity@bradford.ac.uk)

