

Punjabi and English and supplemented with pictures so that all of the congregation would be reached by the recycling message.

The Gurdwara President, Vice President, Secretary, a councillor and other temple elders were all present when the recycling bins arrived. They were so enthusiastic that the secretary even fixed examples of what could go in the bins to the outside of them to help get the message across. See picture below:



In addition to providing recycling facilities at the Gurdwara itself, Bexley Council has also installed recycling facilities at the nearby Belvedere Community Centre. The Gurdwara community and Bexley Council for Racial Equality (BCRE) Groups use this centre regularly.

It is estimated that 80 per cent of the waste produced at this Gurdwara has been diverted from landfill and has made the Sikh community in Bexley more aware that they can recycle at home, at work and at school, as well as at the Gurdwara. Its' success has been down to the involvement of the whole Sikh Gurdwara community, and it is being hailed as the greenest Gurdwara in Britain by London 21.

We are now expanding the provision of recycling facilities to other places of worship and community and public halls in the Borough. To date 30 churches and all seven community centres have joined the scheme.



Bimla Lyall, Recycling Focus Group member and Rebecca Goodwin, Recycling Officer, recycling at Guru Nanak Darbar, Belvedere

Service Delivery Tips:

Do:

- make sure all communities in your borough are involved with your schemes in as many walks of their lives as possible i.e. at home, at work, at their place of worship or community group meeting place.
- encourage the community to take part by providing them with all the materials that they need to make a difference.
- offer your time and help during implementation so that they are ready for the scheme and so that all bumps are ironed out easily.
- run negotiations through a contact and the elders so that they take it on and make it work.
- put literature in both English and in the relevant translations so that the whole community and all its generations are reached. Also use as many pictures as possible as they speak a thousand words

Don't:

- put recycling in without the background work above, as it won't be as successful.
- investigate other facilities and groups that the community use so that they can recycle in other places and hear the message via a drip feed effect.
- forget about the scheme after it is implemented - keep revisiting it so that the community links are continued.

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