

# How your workplace can support Fresh Start



Fresh Start relies on the support of the community to provide time, funds and goods to help us deliver our services. Workplaces are a key part of that and we strive to build long-lasting relationships with partner organisations and their employees.

There are many ways for your workplace to get involved, please read on for more information!



[www.freshstartweb.org.uk](http://www.freshstartweb.org.uk)

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# Host a Starter Pack Collection



We aim to distribute around 14,000 Starter Packs a year to new tenants, containing essential household items needed to start off your home. This includes pots and pans, crockery, curtains, bedding, towels, toiletries, cleaning materials, food, and small electrical items like kettles, toasters and microwaves. We rely on the donations of these items from the public. Why not hold a collection for these items in your workplace? Pick a week that the collection will take place and encourage your colleagues to bring donations in from home, then drop them off to Fresh Start or reach out to us for a collection!

Items do not have to be new, just in clean, working condition.

We can also provide posters for your workplace!





# Chose Fresh Start for your workplace PAT Testing



PAT testing (portable appliance testing) is the testing of electrical items to ensure that they are safe to use and it is an important health and safety consideration for all organisations, business and private landlords.

Fresh Start's PAT testing business operates as a social enterprise, meaning all profits are fed back into the work of Fresh Start. By choosing Fresh Start to carry out your electrical testing, you are directly supporting those who have experienced homelessness make a home for themselves. You are also assisting us in continuing to fight poverty in the local community and offer practical and emotional support to those affected by homelessness.

Our PAT Testers carry out a nine point safety check on all appliances We are a member of SELECT, the trade association for the electrical contracting industry in Scotland and operate throughout Scotland as approved members of Edinburgh Trusted Trader  
A full report and certificate is issued for all work carried out.

# Fundraise for Fresh Start



We rely on financial donations to allow us to carry out our work. Could your workplace do some fundraising for us? It could be as simple as a bake sale, dress-down/up day or tombola, right through to a bungee jump or a glitzy ball! You could take part in a challenge event to raise money—sponsored cycles, running events or mud runs such as Tough Mudder! It can be great for team-building as well as raising money! A JustGiving page is the easiest way to set up fundraising and some workplaces match funds their employees raise, which is a great way to boost your donations. We have loads of fundraising ideas that may suit your workplace in our “Community Fundraising Guide” on our website.





# Volunteering Days



Fresh Start offers corporate volunteering opportunities for teams of employees from businesses & companies that aim to support Fresh Start long-term. Volunteers are supported by coordinators in each activity.

## Hit Squad Painting Volunteer Days

Our "Hit Squad" decorating service involves teams of volunteers helping clients to paint their new tenancy over the course of a day, helping to make it a home.

## Warehouse Volunteering Days

Tasks may include sorting through donations, quality checking goods, cleaning goods, unpacking food or other items onto shelves and making up Starter Packs of household goods to be distributed to families and individuals moving on from homelessness.

## Gardening Volunteering Days

We run growing spaces for clients & volunteers to work together in a positive social environment and learn about gardening. Occasionally we require some large scale work to be done such as building new growing beds and clearing an area for planting.



# Company Foundations



Some companies have foundations or designated funds to support good causes. We would be hugely grateful if you wanted to apply for a donation on Fresh Start's behalf, or pass the information onto us about any funds that are available. Many companies also match employee fundraising or offer to cover the cost of a corporate volunteering day which is very much appreciated.





# Annual Events

## Ride to the Sun

Ride to the Sun is a thrilling, free to enter, overnight cycling event in June that corporate groups/individuals can take part in in aid of Fresh Start!

[www.ridetotheshun.co.uk](http://www.ridetotheshun.co.uk)



## Kiltwalk

The Edinburgh Kiltwalk in September is a walking event with a fantastic atmosphere, groups take part and get sponsored in aid of Fresh Start and we will have Fresh Start staff walking each route to help out!

[www.thekiltwalk.co.uk/events/edinburgh](http://www.thekiltwalk.co.uk/events/edinburgh)

# Thank you!

We would be delighted to meet with you to discuss in further detail how your company can get involved with Fresh Start. We also offer tours of Fresh Start's Community Hub and warehouse to give you a better idea of how the services run.

If you have any other innovative ideas for support that you would like to share, do reach out!

You can call us on [0131 476 7741](tel:01314767741) or email us at [admin@freshstartweb.org.uk](mailto:admin@freshstartweb.org.uk)

Our Just Giving page can be found at:

[www.justgiving.com/freshstartedinburgh](http://www.justgiving.com/freshstartedinburgh)

Your support will help some of the most vulnerable and isolated people in Edinburgh move forward in their lives after facing homelessness and financial crisis.



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