



# National Recycling Week

## More Than a Bin

### Embedding Sustainability through Meaningful Action

Recycling sits at the heart of all 3 dimensions of sustainability: environmental, social and economic.

In ECEC, we often approach recycling through tokenistic displays or one-off collection tables that rely on someone “championing” the initiative to keep it alive.

**But what if we saw recycling as an opportunity to deeply embed sustainability in line with our approved learning frameworks?**

Small acts of thoughtful recycling can spark lifelong values of sustainability and community contribution.

### Conversation Prompts

Spark meaningful chats with children and families:

Who in our community might enjoy something we make from recycled materials?

How can using recycled items help the environment?

How does sharing materials with others make us feel connected?

What could we reuse instead of throwing away?

### Family and Community Invitation Message

Copy this for your newsletter or noticeboard:



**“We are starting a sustainability project and need your help!**

We’re collecting to repurpose into a meaningful creation that supports environmental care, community connection and resourceful use of materials.

If you can collect and bring some in, you’ll be part of something special!”



### Educator and Team Member Reflections Guide

Use these to reflect with your team:

**01**

How does this project reduce waste and promote environmental responsibility?

**02**

In what ways are children building community connection and contribution?

**03**

How does reusing materials reduce spending and encourage creative resourcefulness?