

The Reuse Room in Haga

The Reuse room in the district of Haga in Gothenburg is a meeting point where old things can be given away and find new owners. The Reuse room is operated by the municipal housing company Bostadsbolaget and serves 85 apartments. All tenants can leave or take furniture and other useful things that otherwise risk to be thrown away. All tenants have easy access to the Reuse Room by using the laundry room key. The Reuse Room started when a designer wanted to test a concept of shelves that are specially designed to easily display various items. The opening ceremony was held in April 2014 and it has been a success since then. Similar rooms have already opened in other parts of Gothenburg by Bostadsbolaget and other municipal property managers, and more are planned.

The concept makes it much easier to reuse furniture and other things for tenants thanks to its proximity to the room and its pleasant interior. The concept can serve as a model for how waste from households can be reduced and hopefully become standard in residential areas. The Department of Sustainable Water and Waste Management has made a brochure which explains how to start and run a Reuse Room.

More information:

Brochure about how to start and run a Reuse Room (in Swedish):
<http://goteborg.se/wps/wcm/connect/75bc4303-283b-47af-b797-33e8b7f79462/Bytesrumsfolder.pdf?MOD=AJPERES>



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