

Circular economy workplace services



Ministry of
Furniture

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Sustainability definitions

Remanufacturing is not refurbishing. We turn redundant furniture into innovative new products from waste materials!

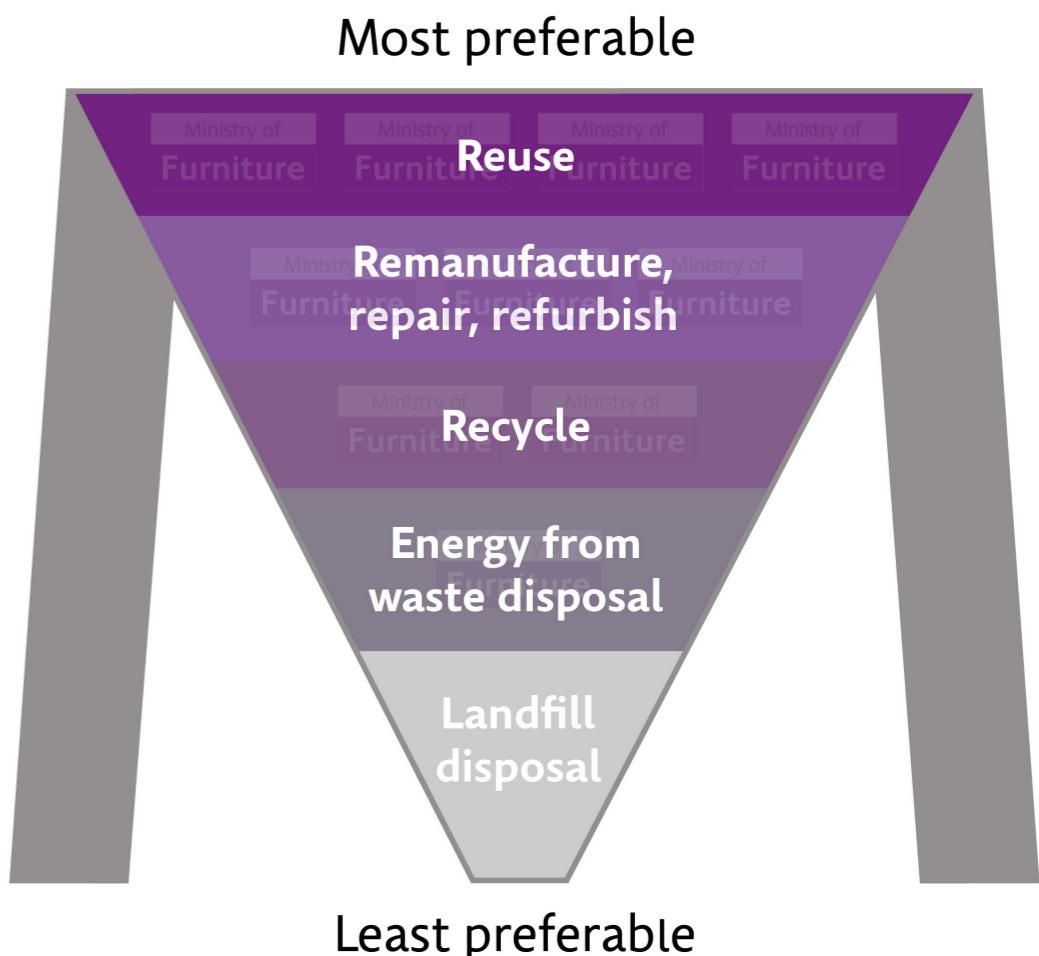
Refurbished furniture might have new upholstery or components but refurbishing does not improve the functionality of the product.

Post pandemic agile and hybrid working has resulted in many organisations requiring less numbers of traditional desking and more collaborative spaces. To facilitate hot desking our customers need lockers and secondary storage away from the desk. We are working with our customers to transform their workspaces.

Unwanted desks and tables contain valuable timber that we can cut down, re-edge band and use as new smaller desktops, modesty panels, storage and planters. We also refurbish high quality office seating using new component parts.



Ministry's contract furniture waste hierarchy



Reuse

The action of using a product again, whether for its original purpose, conventional reuse or to fulfil a different function creative reuse or repurposing.

Refurbish

An aesthetic improvement of a worn product, component or material, which might involve making it look like new, with limited functionality improvements.

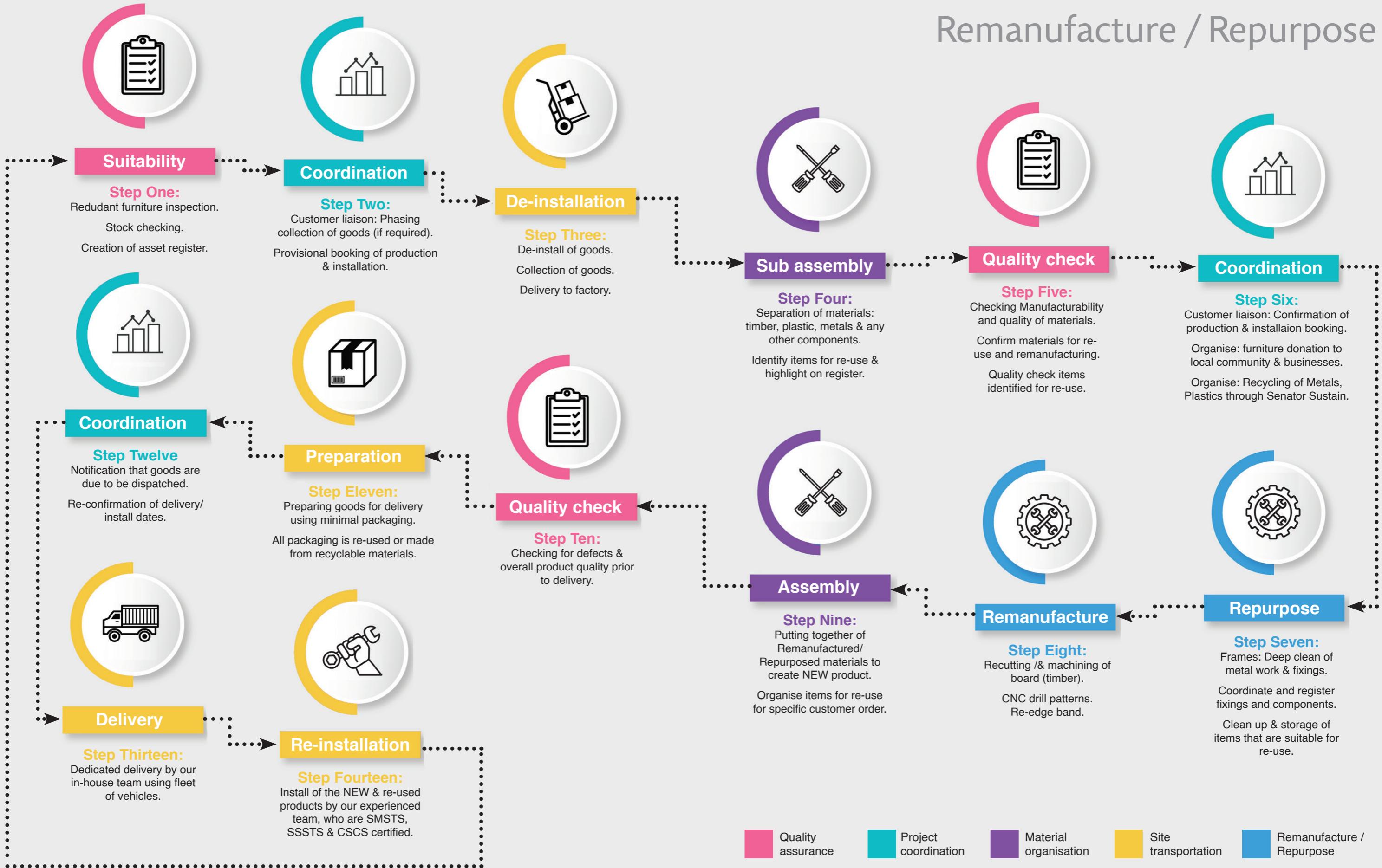
Remanufacture

The process of returning a used product to at least its original performance with a warranty to match. Remanufacturing is an industrial process by which a previously sold, worn, or non-functional product can be rebuilt. Through the disassembly, cleaning, repair and replacement of worn out and obsolete components, the piece can be returned to a 'like-new' or 'better-than-new' condition and will be just as reliable as the original product.

Recycling

Action of processing a used product, component or material for use in a future product, component or material. Recycling involves actions which change the physical and or chemical state of an item. It includes the processing of organic material (e.g. composting cellulose materials) but excludes items used for energy recovery, as fuels, or for back filling purposes (i.e. where waste is suitable to be applied in a process of landscape engineering).

Remanufacture / Repurpose



Circular services

Legacy Audit

Our team of experts are available to visit your premises to inspect legacy furniture, create an asset register and confirm which products can potentially be reused, remanufactured or recycled.

Transportation / Relocation

We can arrange the dismantle and transportation of used products to our production facility or to your new location depending on the requirement. Our qualified and experienced installation teams are fully trained in the latest health and safety guidelines and hold valid CSCS cards. Our teams wear fully branded PPE, are DBS checked and carry identification. We have our own fleet of delivery vehicles ensuring we schedule our deliveries as efficiently as possible. Site Supervisors are also SMSTS / SSSTS qualified.

Remanufactured Products

We have developed a range of established remanufactured products which are designed, manufactured and installed by our own team in Wales. We also have the capabilities to create bespoke, innovative new products to fulfil requirements. We work with our customers to ensure we reuse the maximum volume of legacy materials possible whilst protecting the quality and aesthetics of their project.

Ministry remanufacturing journey



Remanufacturing & Sustainability

Ministry of Furniture is dedicated to supporting the circular economy and is one of the leading businesses in embracing remanufacturing in Wales.

Embracing sustainable procurement can lead to outstanding solutions, reduce waste to landfill, and ultimately have significant impact. We strive to work with suppliers who are entirely focused on their impact and responsibility to the environment.

With the ever increasing squeeze on budgets, Schools, Colleges and the public sector all over the UK are looking to make better use of existing materials. Ministry of Furniture have introduced a new service allowing us to take existing legacy furniture stock and turn it into something brand new and amazing!



We provide a range of re-manufactured and up-cycled products...

- Desks
- Table tops
- Benching
- Lockers
- Seating
- Storage
- Floor tiles
- Ceiling tiles



Lockers & benching

Swansea University

Changing perceptions and environmental processes is also a key Strategy, supporting organisations to do the right thing.

Swansea University changed their views on remanufactured furniture over new. This environmental shift by leading University minds was achieved through sustainable manufacturing over new procurement.

In transforming 5 of their old, dilapidated lecture theatres into a bright airy learning environment, Ministry were able to prove that remanufactured product could at least replicate if not enhance an environment.



Remanufactured benching & seating

Social benefits



Training & Employment

Ministry of Furniture is a limited business with community and social aims at its heart. Backed by our strong heritage, we are committed to giving back to our local community, and to the creation of employment opportunities for disabled and disadvantaged people. Currently 30% of our workforce have recognised disabilities or are disadvantaged. We pride ourselves on being a Disability Confident Employer, member of Social Firms Wales and Kickstart Employer. Our manufacturing and remanufacturing facility provides employment and training opportunities for local people.



Waste Reduction and Carbon Footprint

We provide our customers with full details of the materials that have been diverted from landfill following their project. Remanufacturing reduces emissions and waste, so is recognised with BREEAM, LEED and SKA credits.

We have full chain of custody for all new materials used on our remanufactured products.



Supporting the Community

Furniture that cannot be remanufactured is often donated to local schools, charities, clubs and community groups. We work with several local organisations to ensure they have the opportunity to benefit from unwanted furniture where possible.

Social benefits



Our Partners



We are working collaboratively with **Merthyr Tydfil Institute for the Blind (MTIB)**

to combine our key competencies for the benefit of our customers and our stakeholders. This partnership allows purchasers the opportunity to benefit from simplified procurement, working with Welsh Manufacturers with social aims and with demonstrable expertise in remanufacturing and the circular economy.

Greenstream Flooring CIC

is a social enterprise with a mission to maximise community benefit from the reuse and sales of flooring in the UK. Established in 2008 in response to the number of carpet tiles being wasted and sent to landfill, we recognise the life left in carpet tiles as well as the carbon saved. Carpet tiles are a complex material made with nylon and designed to last for 20 years or more. Reuse was recognised as an opportunity for this material, enabling a more sustainable option when people and organisations were looking for flooring.



Swansea Council

We have been working with Swansea Council since 2018 to update the Civic Centre workspaces.

The brief for this project was to reuse or remanufacture as much furniture as possible.



The offices were refurbished with G64R remanufactured chairs, re-engineered desking and lockable storage made from old desks.

The staff dining area contained dining tables and poseur tables remanufactured from scaffolding planks and poles. Privacy pods and soft seating chairs and sofas introduced a space for relaxing during breaks.





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Welsh Local Government Association

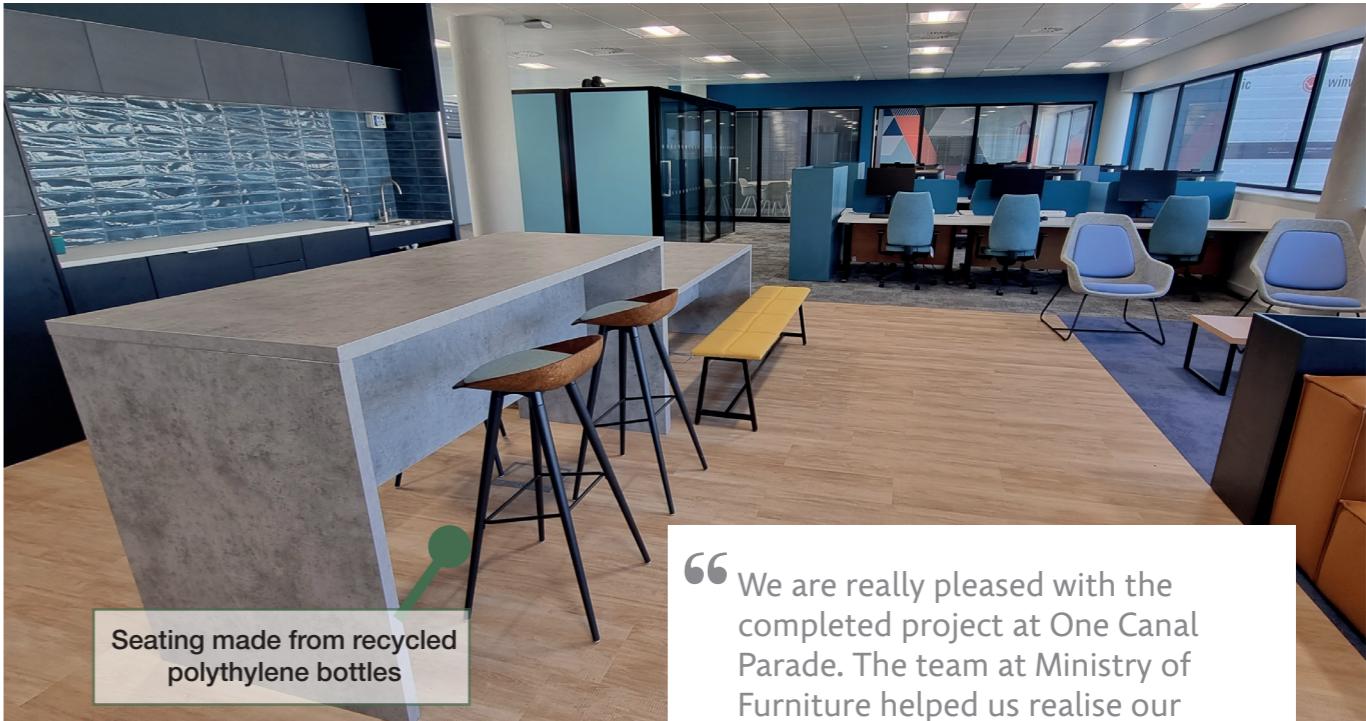
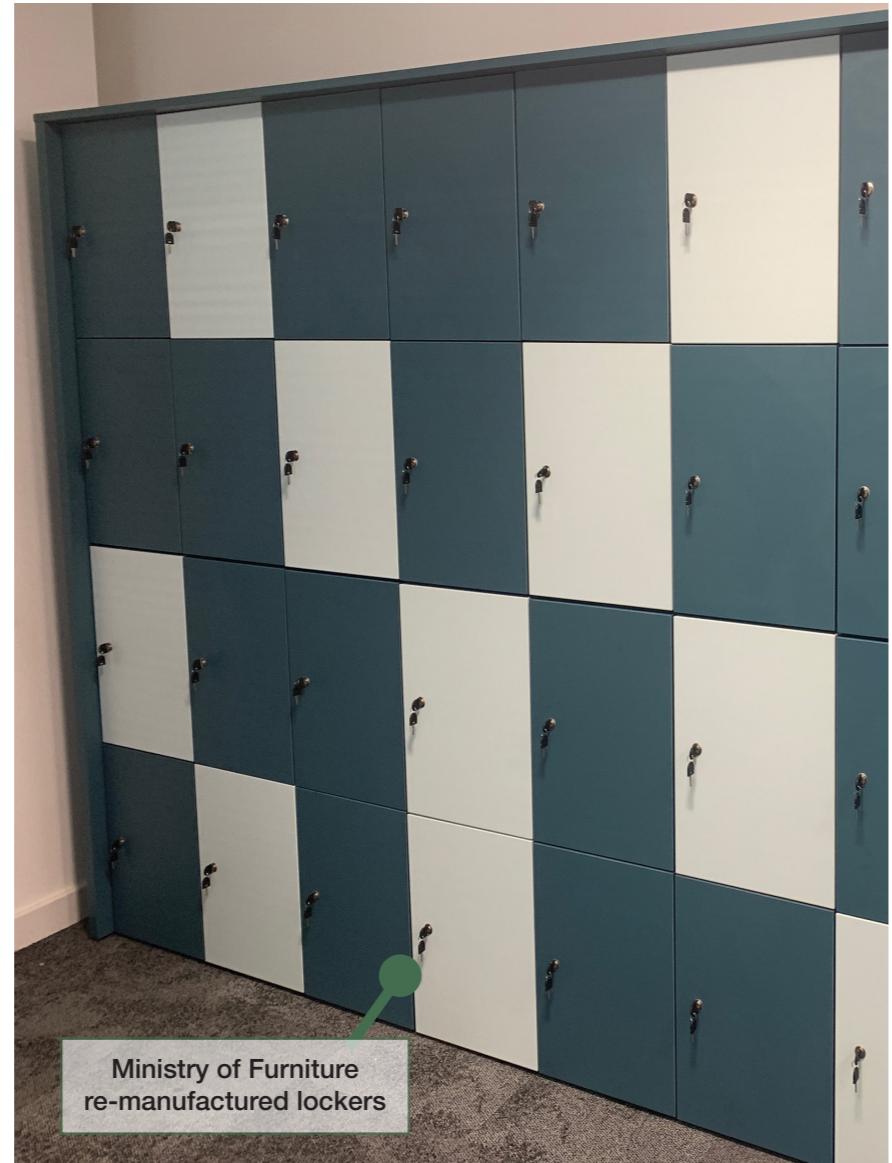
We were appointed to design, specify and project manage the fit out, supply of furniture and graphics for all areas working closely with our client teams and Merthyr Tydfil Institute for the Blind.

The formal meeting rooms feature Moka Felt meeting chairs which are made from recycled PET plastic bottles.

Desking, lockers and planters were made from legacy furniture stock within WLGA and WCVA's current assets with new soft seating and collaborative furniture areas complimenting the overall design.

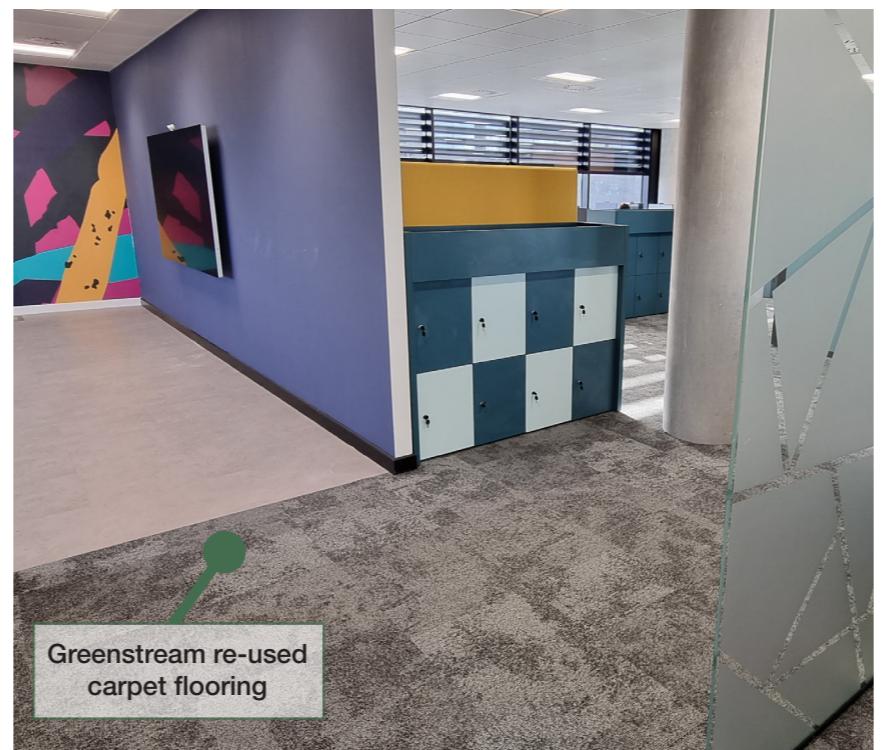
New furniture ranges were specified from Nomique who support MTIB as their primary supplier of soft seating frames. Responsible procurement and supporting the circular economy were highly important to all organisations involved in this project.

Carpet was supplied by Green Stream Flooring who are also a business with social aims.



“ We are really pleased with the completed project at One Canal Parade. The team at Ministry of Furniture helped us realise our vision. It is important to us as an organisation that we support local suppliers with social aims. Ministry's remanufacturing capabilities enabled us to minimise waste from redundant furniture. Our staff love the lockers and desking made from our old desks and they look great. ”

Chris Llewelyn, Chief Executive WLGA



Need additional new furniture?

Most projects require a combination of reuse, remanufacture, refurbish and new furniture requirements. In reality customers are unlikely to have all the products they require for their new scheme in their legacy stock.

When specifying furniture ranges we will always consider remanufacturing potential before proposing a new product from our trusted supply chain. Our approved suppliers are all vendor rated where we verify their chain of custody, accreditations and environmental product credentials.

Where possible we will specify products with strong sustainability details, high recycled content and recyclability at end of life. Some examples:



Humanscale® smart™ OCEAN

SMART OCEAN
designed by Niels Diffrient

The most sustainable chair in the world. Smart Ocean is the embodiment of our commitment to sustainable manufacturing and incorporates almost 2 pounds of recycled fishing net. Featuring the same Form-Sensing Mesh Technology and transparent functionality as the Different Smart chair. Smart Ocean instantly adjusts to each unique user - as if each chair was made for them. With an aesthetic driven by functionality, Smart Ocean has a timeless beauty that's universally relevant in any workspace.

This product is **Climate Positive**, reversing some of the damage done to the climate.

Additional positive impacts
Made with almost 2lbs of recycled fishing net ocean plastic
Red list free, which means it is made with non-toxic materials
Produced in a factory that uses 100% rainwater for production.



nomique

Moka Felt is a unique tub chair which gives "waste" a second life. The self-supporting seat shell is made from recycled PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate) bottles.

Hemp Fine chair is part of the worlds' first collection of chairs created with a uniquely produced shell from biomaterial. Using a locally-sourced hemp and Plantics bio-resin, Nomique were able to produce Hemp High and Hemp Fine.



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Meet the Team

If you are planning a large refurbishment contact us to request a legacy audit. Our team of experts can advise you on what can be reused, remanufactured, donated or recycled.



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