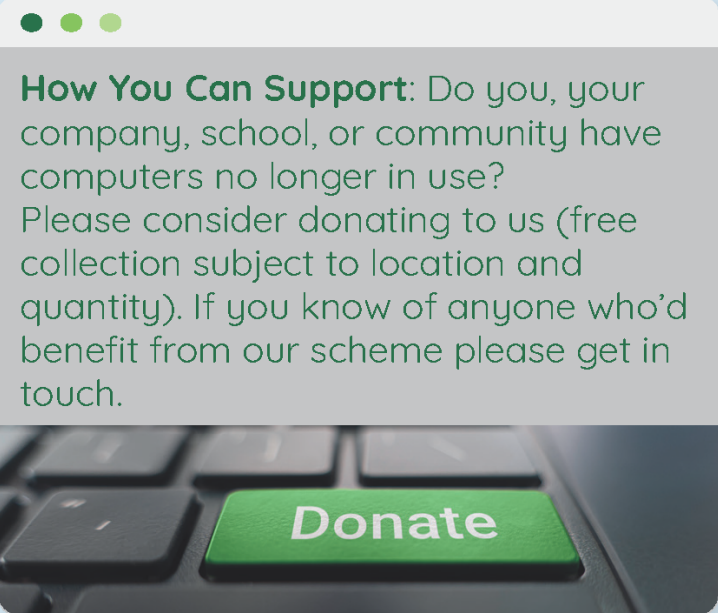2ECOND CHANCE.co.uk

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Bridging the Digital Divide and transforming lives through technology. At 2econd Chance, every computer has a story and every individual has an opportunity.

➤ **Computer Refurbishment**: Using donated devices our qualified teachers provide IT refurbishment training to people with disabilities and those who have faced prolonged unemployment.

➤ **Bridging the Digital Divide:** Once refurbished, 1 in 4 devices are donated to those in need whilst others are sold at affordable prices.

➤ **Data Security Assurance:** No need to worry about data security. All devices undergo secure data wiping with certificates issued for peace of mind.

➤ **Device Donation Criteria:**2econd Chance relies on donations of working desktops, laptops, tablets and phones up to 8 years old.

How You Can Support: Do you, your company, school, or community have computers no longer in use?
Please consider donating to us (free collection subject to location and quantity). If you know of anyone who'd benefit from our scheme please get in touch.

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Who We Are & What We Do

- 2econd Chance is a Not For Profit, Community Interest Company.

- Our expert team provide an accredited IT Refurbishment Training for NEET (not in employment, education or training) adults & young people aged 16-25 with an EHCP (Education Health Care Plan).

- We then use refurbished devices to help bridge the digital divide.

Our 3 Main Objectives

- Reduce the amount of e-waste going to landfill by promoting the safe recycling of unwanted devices.

- Bridge the digital divide by providing access to low-cost refurbished machines.

- Steppingstone towards employment through a skills-based training program.

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Circular Economy Model

- Unwanted devices (working laptops, desktops and tablets up to 8 years old) are donated and used by our staff to teach IT refurbishment.

- Every trainee learns how to independently refurbish a machine including how to wipe data, physically destroy hard drives, partition disks and replace RAM and hard drives.

- To help bridge the digital divide, completed machines are sold at an affordable price with 1 in 4 of every machine we refurbish being donated back into the community.

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Informal Training Programme

- In 2.5yrs, 2econd Chance has grown from having one person on our training scheme to now welcoming 35 people each week – with the view to continue our growth.

- Voluntary and community sector organisations refer individuals with an interest in IT to complete our informal training.

- To support young people in formal education we have developed links with local SEND schools to provide training for young people aged 14-19yrs.

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Certified Qualification

- Together with key stakeholders (Borough of Barnet and the DWP) 2econd Chance has developed a 50-hour entry level qualification covering 5 key areas which we hope to roll out early 2024:

1) Hardware
2) Software
3) Customer Service
4) Digital Inclusion
5) Life skills

- The Course has been accredited by the British Computer Society (BCS), the recognized body for IT in the UK who seek to raise the standards of IT education, professionalism, ethics and practice.
- Our long-term ambition is to deliver 3 levels over an academic year. As a member of BASE (British Association of Supported Employment) we will also be looking to develop reverse career fairs to support our trainees into employment.

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What Happens to Donated Devices

- We identified a need for supporting the most vulnerable with free access to devices.

- Thanks to funding from Barnet Together and North London Waste Authority we created a bank of machines which local organisations can refer individuals they support.

- Should any of our corporate partners want to support specific causes, we are happy to use the refurbished machines for this.

- Cadent Gas are one of our corporate partners. 25% of all their donated devices have been used to kit our community centers they have built in deprived parts of the UK.

- Aiding the digital divide, 75% of devices are sold at affordable prices. Money generated goes back into the organisation to fund the training programme and to purchase specific items e.g. hard drives and chargers for laptops that were donated without these essential components

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CSR Goals

- 2econd Chance contributes significantly to companies CSR goals by addressing multiple social and environmental challenges through our training programme.

1. E-Waste Reduction
2. Digital Inclusion and Bridging the Digital Divide
3. Skills Based Training and Employment Opportunities

- By supporting 2econd Chance you are contributing towards:

1. Empowering People With Disabilities
2. Skill Development
3. Affordable Access
4. Community Impact

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Becoming a Corporate Partner

- 2econd Chance are always looking for more devices.

- The more received the more people we can support.

- Donate your companies redundant devices and support our growth.

Device Specification & Data Wiping Certification

- We accept working devices up to 8 years old – laptops, tablets, desktops (preferably with charging cables but not essential)

- Dependent and quantities and location, we offer free collection.

- We wipe devices or crush hard-drives and issue certification giving complete peace of mind.

- Should you prefer, you may wipe beforehand or even donate without hard drives.

- UK waste laws don't apply, as we don't collect WEEE waste since everything is reusable. As we re-use and devices do not become waste, they are classified as 'Used Electrical and Electronic Equipment (UEEE).

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Just a handful of our partners ....