



Dear friends,

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The more I look around me in our society and our local communities in general, the more angry and depressed it makes me. Do you know, that a large portion of donated items to thrift and charity shops in Scotland end up in the wheelie bins after you have parted in good faith with them?

I am glad there are recyclers of clothing and shoes and other products, but what is alarming is the fact that a large volume of very good use able clothing and textiles are being destroyed by recyclers and waste management companies, e.g. Nathans Recyclers just to name but one, who are producing cleaning cloths and other cleaning products from our donated textiles, while in some parts of the world we have fellow citizens (also in Scotland) who cannot afford to buy clothing or shoes. This is a disgrace that we are allowing this to happen in 2012 in Scotland.

I am asking myself this question time and time again, are we ethical allowing this to happen for the sure greed of money? Both thrift shops and charity shops sell their unwanted textiles and other items to these recyclers, and are paid very small sums of money in return. Still the recyclers are mentioning on their websites they are supporting charities in this way, so maybe it is time they really start paying higher sums of money for the products they are purchasing as many charities are struggling in these bad economic times. Above all, some of these recyclers are doing very good business; some have several large shops outside the UK as well as agents overseas.

Humanos aid as well as Blythswood (who are our main transporter) in and outside the UK are well aware of the role the recyclers are playing, regarding textiles, shoes and other re-useable items, which would benefit our local communities as well as international aid.

It is my view that the local authorities and the Scottish Government need to look closely and the practices applied by waste management companies in Scotland, so we can donate more products and re use our resources wisely in this poor economic climate in Scotland as well as overseas.

Humanos Aid would like to play it's part in supporting local communities in Scotland and Internationally regarding waste management of textiles, furniture , stationery, cycles, computers - just to name a few and other re-useable products.

LET'S TAKE ACTION TOGETHER NOW – RE-USE IT !! – RE-CYCLE IT !!

Truly yours

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