



# Annual Report

April 2012 to March 2013



**FRP is a not-for-profit social enterprise with environmental and social aims. We engage with organisations and communities in North East London through a range of practical initiatives to reduce, re-use and recycle waste, and help people live sustainably. Based in Walthamstow in East London, we have been in operation since 1989. All our work and activities are supported by volunteers.**

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England and Wales no. 2427258**

**FRP is VAT registered no. 548 9174 00**

**FRP is a registered waste carrier no. GTL/369248**

**Registered office as above**

*Photos courtesy of Alan Husband, FRP volunteer photographer*

## 1. CHAIR'S REPORT

FRP is in its 24th year of existence and we continue to help make the local environment better and assist people to play a part in caring for their environment through reducing, reusing and recycling waste. We have grown from our original roots in Walthamstow and now operate across North East London.

As well as being an environmental organisation, we play a significant social role through community engagement, volunteer development, and helping people obtain goods and products that they would otherwise be unable to afford. Through our combination of social and environmental aims, we are seeking to make Waltham Forest and London more environmentally and economically sustainable.

In this past year, FRP secured £105k of funding over multiple years to help grow The Paint Place, our paint re-use project; the aim is to enable more Londoners to donate left-over paint as well as access low-cost, quality reclaimed paint. This is one example of a great FRP project: it addresses a need in the market (both environmentally and socially), provides a number of volunteering opportunities, and is developing a new business model for a previously wasted resource.

I would like to thank everyone who continues to help make FRP a success.

***Matthew McKeague***  
***Chair***

## 2. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

**Environmentally:** FRP managed to save a total of 162 tonnes of re-usable goods and materials from going to landfill across all activities, which translates into at least 252 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> saved. We engaged with communities about waste and climate change in a variety of ways to further increase our environmental impact.

**Socially:** Our The Paint Place and Give or Take projects enabled people to save more than £210k through providing access to low-cost or free goods. We engaged with communities and individuals, to build people's confidence, reduce social exclusion, develop skills & experience, and make a positive contribution to the environment and society.

**Financially:** The poor economic climate posed a challenging financial environment in which to secure sufficient overall income, resulting in a £8,187 deficit. Despite this, we managed to increase our turnover by about £10k to £224,035. Our income continued to be a mix of self-generated income (55%) and grant funding (45%).

I would like to thank our funders, the Management Committee, staff and volunteers for their continued commitment, input and support. It is a privilege to be a part of it.

***Nicole Muris***  
***General Manager***

### **3. KEY ACTIVITIES**

#### **The Paint Place**

FRP collects surplus, leftover paint from Re-use & Recycling Centres and commercial companies. The paint is then sorted, quality-checked, re-mixed if need be, and sold as a sustainable, low-cost alternative to new paint, including for lower income customers, community groups, charities and not-for-profit organisations.

#### **Give or Take**

FRP organises community-based waste exchange events for London boroughs, social housing providers, residents groups and other partners. These money free events enable people to give away re-usable things they don't need or take things they do; they encourage community engagement and divert re-usable goods from going to landfill.

#### **Green Office**

FRP collects office paper for recycling from small businesses and not-for-profit organisations within the London Borough of Waltham Forest and adjoining areas. Both a normal and confidential waste paper collection service is provided. We also collect small amounts of cardboard, and sell 100% recycled, A4 white paper for everyday office use.



*Green Office volunteers at work*

#### **Volunteering**

All FRP projects are supported by volunteers. We provide volunteering opportunities for adults with all levels of skills and experience. FRP is immensely grateful to all its volunteers for their time, commitment, work and enthusiasm.

## **KEY OUTPUTS**

In 2012-13, FRP involved 111 volunteers, 9 members of staff (6.4 full time equivalent) and 10 Management Committee volunteer members in the delivery of our services across North East London.

FRP managed to save a total of 162 tonnes of re-usable goods and materials from going to landfill across all activities, which translates into at least 252 tonnes of CO2 saved (based on WRAP/ REalliance carbon multipliers, June 2010).

The Paint Place collected about 58,000 litres of paint (82 tonnes) from 8 Re-use & Recycling Centres and several commercial companies. A total of about 48,000 litres were distributed to 159 organisations and 1,997 individuals, translating into 67 tonnes of paint saved from going to waste that year. Our annual paint membership scheme included 52 members on 31 March 2013. Assuming a saving of £4 per litre, The Paint Place saved the community about £192k. An estimated £34k of landfill disposal costs was avoided based on a conservative estimated cost of £500 per tonne.

FRP coordinated 15 Give or Take events in partnership with 10 clients across 4 London boroughs. About 2,400 people attended (average of about 150 per event). An estimated 23.4 tonnes of furniture, goods and bric-a-brac were re-used via these events (average of 1.6 tonnes per event). FRP also enabled the local community to re-use an additional 17 tonnes outside of these events.

FRP provided a Green Office paper recycling service to 65 local businesses, public sector organisations and community groups, collecting a total of 54.5 tonnes of paper.

A total of 111 volunteers plus people with Community Payback Orders joined in with our activities giving a total of 11,969 hours of their time. Additional time was offered by our Management Committee volunteer members. Assuming a London Living Wage of £8.55, these hours translate into a monetary value of about £102k.

Anecdotal evidence indicated that for many people, access to a well-established local project that promotes re-use and recycling as a means of addressing environmental and social issues, enabled them to take positive action for their environment and community.

## **4. KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

FRP won a £30k Santander Social Enterprise Development Award and also received £75k of funding (half grant/half loan) from London Re-use Limited to expand our paint re-use project.

FRP decided to seek charitable status (to be secured in 2013-14). A review of FRP's projects and governance drew attention to the charitable nature of FRP's activities and the scope for registration with the Charity Commission and resultant benefits to the organisation. Charitable status also creates a more accurate public perception of the nature of FRP's work and ethos.

FRP and its partners Waltham Forest Council, Ascham Homes and ReStore Community Projects received several national awards for its Furnishing the Future initiative where FRP provides referred social housing residents with free or discounted paint:

- MJ Local Government Achievement Award 2012, Winner of Innovative Procurement
- National Recycling Award 2012, Winner of Efficiency Initiative of the Year
- National Government Opportunities (GO) Excellence in Public Procurement Award 2012, Winner of Procurement Innovation or Initiative of the Year Award
- Crème de la Crème Award 2012, Winner Outstanding Business Achievement.

FRP worked in partnership with Groundwork London to paint a series of murals in community spaces. Working with FRP volunteers and local residents on the design, employing local artists, and making use of reclaimed paint that was heading for landfill, supplied through our Paint project, enabled us to create inspirational transformations and increase environmental awareness.

For a period of five months, FRP ran a market stall at Walthamstow Market as part of Waltham Forest Council's initiative to revitalise the St James Street end of the market. At our stall, we sold reclaimed paint, second-hand furniture, retro/vintage items and upcycled products. A key function of our stall was to promote re-use, in particular of paint, informing people where to donate surplus paint and buy reclaimed paint.

FRP organised 'Get Upcycling', a furniture recreation competition to excite people by the possibilities and environmental benefits of second-hand, re-use furniture and highlight the need to be resourceful with waste materials. The competition saw entries from across London with pieces temporarily exhibited at The Mill community space in Coppermill Lane.



*Upcycled chairs on display at FRP*

## 5. FINANCE REPORT

### Summary statement of our financial activities:

	<b>2012-13 Unrestricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>2012-13 Restricted Funds (£)</b>	<b>2012-13 Total Funds (£)</b>	<b>2011-12 (£)</b>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Voluntary income	26,124 (1)	99,784 (2)	125,908	88,074
Activities for generating funds	90,238	-	90,238	126,104
Investment income	39	-	39	78
Other	7,850	-	7,850	-
<b><u>Total incoming resources</u></b>	<b>124,251 (3)</b>	<b>99,784 (4)</b>	<b>224,035</b>	<b>214,256</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Cost of activities	136,971	93,484	230,455	206,866
Governance costs	1,767	-	1,767	1,814
<b><u>Total resources expended</u></b>	<b>138,738</b>	<b>93,484</b>	<b>232,222</b>	<b>208,680</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) for the year</b>	<b>(14,487)</b>	<b>6,300</b>	<b>(8,187)</b>	<b>5,576</b>

#### Notes:

(1) Donations

(2) Grants

(3) 55% of our income is self-generated (compared to 69% in 2011-12)

(4) 45% of our income is through grants (compared to 31% in 2011-12).

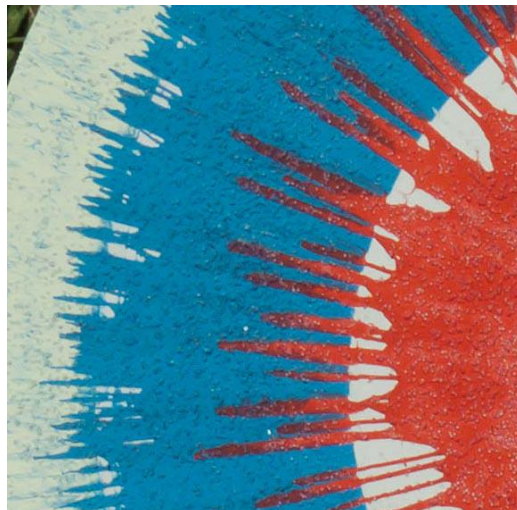
## 6. THANK YOU

FRP thanks the following for their support in 2012-13:

- Our funders:
  - Big Lottery Fund: Local Food
  - Community First Dalston (with Arcola Theatre)
  - Groundwork London: Transform
  - Arla Foods (with Hornbeam)
  - London Borough of Waltham Forest
  - London Cycling Campaign: London's Community Cycling Fund
  - London Re-use Limited (LRL)
  - Mind: Ecominds
  - Mayor of London: Team London
  - Santander: Social Enterprise Development Award
  - Walthamstow & Chingford Almshouse Charity

- Council officers and councillors in the London Boroughs we work with, particularly Waltham Forest, for their encouragement and support
- Organisations who use and promote our services
- Community and environmental partners, in particular Hornbeam, OrganicLea and HEET
- Local residents and workers who support the work we do by getting involved and taking action to reduce their waste
- The Management Committee, staff and volunteers who together make up FRP.

<p><b>Management Committee directors:</b></p> <p>Ben Lumley          Brian Kelly (also staff member)          Janet Bowstead          Matthew McKeague          Michele Haffern          Robin Childs          Roger Gillham          Steve Lambert          Sue Murray-Johnson          Zubaria Lone</p>	<p><b>Staff members:</b></p> <p>Adam Paul          Alice Cunningham          Alison Rudd          Brian Kelly (also director)          Leslie Nicholas          Nicole Muris          Poppy Flint          Roger Skipper          Tina Kirby</p>
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*Detail of a spin painting made out of reclaimed materials and paint*