

## BEST PRACTICES:

ReTuna Återbruksgalleria is the world's first recycling mall, revolutionizing shopping in a climate-smart way. Old items are given new life through repair and upcycling. Everything sold is recycled or reused or has been organically or sustainably produced.

The mall opened its doors in August 2015 and is located next to the Retuna Återvinningscentral recycling center at Folkestaleden 7 in Eskilstuna. It is easy for visitors to sort materials they are discarding into the containers and then drop off reusable toys, furniture, clothes, decorative items, and electronic devices in the mall's depot, called "Returen". In the depot, staff from AMA (Eskilstuna Municipality's resource unit for activity, motivation and work) perform an initial culling of what is usable and what is not. The items are then distributed to the recycling shops in the mall. The shop staff then perform a second culling, where they choose what they want to repair, fix up, convert, refine - and ultimately sell. In this way, the materials are given new life.

## FREECYCLE!

Give things that you do not want to other people to use instead of throwing them away, especially when this is arranged using the internet. Freecycle is run by volunteers and day-to-day decision making is made by grassroots local groups, encouraging local members to use their group sensibly and safely. Each group is run by local Moderators who check messages and help members. These are volunteers who give up time to help run groups - they're not paid. Join a Freecycle

Network: <https://www.freecycle.org>.

When cleaning your wardrobe you do not know what to do with unnecessary clothes? First of all, don't throw anything away. Your clothes and shoes can help those in need.

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It is estimated that the Polish market of textile waste is about 2 million tonnes annually. An average Pole throws away about 30 kg of unnecessary clothes every year, which could be used by another person. This problem was noticed by the creators of the first in Poland fundraising portal [ubraniadooddania.pl](http://ubraniadooddania.pl). What is it all about? Anyone who has unnecessary clothes can pack them in a garbage bag and write about it on the platform. The courier will collect the bags free of charge at the chosen place and time. At the same time, you should indicate the organization you want to support with your actions. For each kilogram of unnecessary clothes, the indicated organization will receive 1 zloty. Where does this money come from? The collected clothes are sold to specialized companies. Thanks to this, the clothes go to new owners or are processed in an ecological way, instead of going to a landfill. It is estimated that the Polish market of textile waste is about 2 million tonnes annually. An average Pole throws away about 30 kg of unnecessary clothes every year, which could be used by another person.

