

## New venture for recycling project

Bristol charity the SOFA Project is launching a new business that will see it branch out into office furniture.

The new SOFA Office will be offering quality second-hand office and school furniture across Bristol and the South West. SOFA Project is working on the new venture with Green-Works, an award-winning environmental charity which is involved in the reuse, remanufacture and recycling of office and school furniture.

SOFA Office will sell low-cost office and school furniture which has been donated by large organisations who are looking to avoid taking unwanted furniture to landfill sites.

Schools and communities in Sierra Leone and Ghana will also benefit, as some of the educational and office furniture will be sent overseas by container. All remaining furniture, which cannot be sold or donated, is broken down for remanufacture or recycling.

The organisation's chief executive, Julian Williams, said: "This is an exciting development and will build on our long history of reducing the amount of household furniture being sent to landfill sites. It will benefit small businesses and charities who are looking to furnish their offices at minimal cost.

"Additionally, the new enterprise will create a number of jobs, as well as work placements and volunteering opportunities for long-term unemployed people and for offenders in rehabilitation programmes."

