

Press release

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Red2Green encourages pre-Christmas clear-out

People are being urged to do a pre-Christmas clear-out in aid of leading Cambridgeshire disability charity, Red2Green ⁽¹⁾. The charity runs the Cambridge Online Auction Shop where learners with disabilities auction items on eBay for members of the public while also learning retail skills to prepare themselves for employment. The Auction Shop is holding an open day on Saturday 8th November to welcome customers to its new premises on Newmarket Road ⁽²⁾.

Rachel Newell, the Auction Shop's manager, explains how it works: "The public bring in items they want selling on eBay and Auction Shop learners manage the whole process including greeting customers, photographing items, writing winning product descriptions and answering bidders' queries. In the run up to Christmas we'd love it if people could bring their unwanted items for us to sell; it's a great way for learners to boost their CVs while raising funds for Red2Green".

If the item sells for over £30, customers get 70% of the final sale price. If the item sells for less than £30, the Auction Shop takes £10 or the final sale price, whichever is less, to cover processing costs

The project is holding an open day to welcome existing and new customers to its new premises in Eastern Court on the corner of Newmarket Road and Coldhams Lane. Visitors are welcome to come and talk through the auction shop process, meet staff, learners and volunteers.

More about the Auction Shop can be found at www.cambridgeonlineauctionshop.org. Anyone interested in taking the retail course at the Cambridge Online Auction Shop should contact 01223 365955. The Cambridge Online Auction Shop is a joint venture between Red2Green and Cambridge Regional College.

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⁽¹⁾ Red2Green runs projects across Cambridgeshire providing leisure, educational and work opportunities for over 600 people with a wide range of disabilities and those facing

disadvantage, including mental health problems, learning disabilities, sensory impairments, physical disabilities and social communication disorders.

(2) The Auction Shop's open day is on Saturday 8 November, from 11am to 2pm. The address is Unit G11, Eastern Court, 182-190 Newmarket Road, Cambridge, CB5 8HE.

- To arrange an interview with Rachel Newell, call Samantha Sherratt, Red2Green's Acting Chief Executive on 01223 811662.



The Cambridge Online Auction Shop is a Red2Green social enterprise, run in partnership with Cambridge Regional College

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