

OTHER PROJECTS OF THE WORKING CENTRE

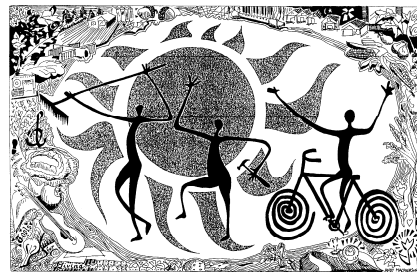
The Working Centre offers a range of other services and opportunities for employers:

- Free advertising for job postings on our website, or more targeted through employment counsellors
- Access to pre-screened candidates with a wide range of skills and qualifications
- Supported casual labour pool for short-term or day-labour jobs
- Sponsorship opportunities through the Mayors' Dinner or our annual Golf Tournament
- Recycle furniture or housewares through Worth A Second Look Housewares & Furniture
- Queen Street Commons Café offers an ideal spot for community meetings and hosted luncheons



THE WORKING CENTRE

The Working Centre is a non-profit, community-based, volunteer inspired venture that seeks to give individuals and groups access to tools and opportunities to become involved in the building of community projects in Kitchener-Waterloo and surrounding areas.



— TOOLS FOR LIVING —

We support people by:

- Creating skill building opportunities through informal and formal learning
- Building relationships where people are real
- Offering access to tools and technologies
- Providing job search support that helps people find work that best suits their skills and interests
- And enabling the helping of others in countless ways

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Computer Recycling Access to Technology

Computer Recycling is a community shop for repairing, testing and refurbishing computers. It provides a lab for repairing computers, opportunities for volunteering and skills building, as well as access to affordable refurbished computers and computer parts.

REFURBISHING COMPUTERS

- We are actively seeking donations of previously used Pentium III and IV computers, hard drives, memory, motherboards and power supplies.
- Donated computers and usable parts are built into workable systems
- Refurbished computers and parts are made available at low cost for people on a limited income through our Access to Technology project
- Computers are repaired, and advice is available for those who would otherwise not be able to afford them
- The price for an entire computer system, including monitor, keyboard and mouse, ranges from \$40 and \$160, depending on the system



Computer Recycling is located at

66 Queen St. S. (entrance off Charles St.) in Kitchener and is open
Tue. to Fri. 10 am—6 pm and Sat. 10am—4pm
For more information, contact Charles McColm
at 519-743-1151 ext.121
or cr@theworkingcentre.org

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY IN A YEAR

- Over 300 computer systems were made available to low-income families. Our newly upgraded recycling facilities allow us to refurbish over 1000 computers per year
- More than 1000 computers were repaired for members of the public
- 4000 pounds of non-metal electronic waste and 2 tons of metal were diverted from our local landfill
- More than 50 volunteers contribute their skills and gain hands-on hardware and software experience each year
- Computer Recycling provided refurbished computer systems to over 50 participants of the Ontario Works Experience Matters Office Worker program
- Refurbished computers were provided to non-profit organizations in Kitchener-Waterloo, as well as in El Salvador, Kenya and Brazil



SUPPORT COMPUTER RECYCLING

You can support Computer Recycling by donating some or all of the computers that you replace when upgrading to a newer system. We are looking for donations of working

- **Pentium III and IV computers**
- **Hard drives, memory, motherboards and power supplies.**

Older computers and unusable equipment will be accepted for a recycling fee that is typically lower than landfill fees.

When considering a donation, please contact us to confirm arrangements and see our website for more details.

By providing us with your reusable computers and parts, you allow us to

- Put refurbished computers back to good use
- Ensure access to technology to low-income families
- Create valuable learning opportunities for job seekers
- Maintain access to free computer repairs and affordable components

To discuss details of your donation, please contact Charles McColm at 519-743-1151 ext.121 or by email at charlesm@theworkingcentre.org.



LEARNING COMPUTER SKILLS

We provide a wide range of formal and informal learning opportunities in a creative and shared environment.



COMPUTER RECYCLING

Computer Recycling provides hands-on training and experience for people learning to repair, maintain and build computers. This creates a unique opportunity for practical hardware training, required for the industry standard CompTIA A+ certification.

SELF-DIRECTED TRAINING

Our full-time and part-time certification courses offer formal computer training that leads to industry-standard testing and certification in IC³, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Outlook, and more. This convenient and flexible learning option includes instructor support, online tutorial courseware, with simulations, exercises and quizzes.

CERTIFIED TESTING CENTRE

The Working Centre is a certified Testing Centre for Certiport and offers certification as a Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS).



MICROSOFT AUTHORIZED REFURBISHER

The Working Centre is a Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher, which allows us to pre-install Microsoft Windows XP and Office 2003 on refurbished computers made available to low income individuals or non-profit organizations.



LINUX AND OPEN SOURCE

In addition to Windows operating systems, we can provide installation of and support for many versions of the open source Linux operating system which does not require licensing. This operating system provides a platform for a variety of free office and home software solutions. The Working Centre hosts regular K-W Linux User Group meetings to facilitate exchange of knowledge and experience with this operating system.

