

About Us

Welcome to New Start Highland. Established in 2000, New Start Highland is a local charity serving communities in the Highlands by providing support and assistance to the most vulnerable in society, including people who are moving from homelessness, long-term unemployed or otherwise experiencing social exclusion. Our aim is to support people to realise their potential as they work towards a sustainable future - for themselves, their families and their community. New Start's range of services includes furniture reuse, employment training, housing support, and supported volunteering opportunities.

How We Can Help We provide the household items necessary to set up a home, as well as valuable training to develop the confidence and skills required to enter employment and become more independent, whilst working towards zero waste in the Highlands. In 2008/09, New Start delivered furniture to over 2,500 houses, supported 231 people to maintain their tenancy and develop skills, as well as diverting over 650 tonnes from landfill.

Opportunities to Help - Donating - Volunteering New Start offers ways to help create opportunities for people in our communities through donating any items that can help make a house a home, including domestic appliances and furniture. There are also opportunities to join our dynamic volunteering team who enhance New Start's work.

Providing Support to Vulnerable New Tenants We also provide a housing support service to help people during the initial challenging time of taking up a new tenancy. If you would like to take advantage of this, please contact us direct or ask for a referral from Highland Council or other partner agency.