# Invest Northern Ireland

# **Resource Matching**

Improving productivity through efficient resource management



## Acquisition and Transformation

Empty since 2006, the Bishopsgate Hotel in Derry was acquired by the Inner City Buildings Preservation Trust (ICBPT), the historic buildings restoration arm of the Inner City Trust group. With a vision for restoration, it was transformed into a 30-bedroom luxury hotel, creating approximately 70 new jobs and acting as a catalyst for wider development in the immediate area. In 2016, the awardwinning Bishop's Gate Hotel emerged as a luxury boutique hotel, strategically located within the historic city walls at the heart of Derry City's Cathedral Quarter.

#### Sustainable Disposal Challenge

Following recent upgrades at Bishop's Gate Hotel, several items became available for disposal, including pillows, duvets, crockery, and redundant pop-up banners. With limited space to store these resources onsite, the hotel's finance manager, upon a recommendation from a RMS member, reached out to the resource matching team. They sought a timely and sustainable disposal solution that aligned with their responsible practices.

### **Innovative Solutions and Collaboration**

Various solution providers were contacted, including Hope for Youth Ministries, who expressed a need for supplies to send to Ukraine, supporting victims displaced by the war. They gladly collected the pillows and duvets from the hotel. Additionally, BM Promotions found a valuable purpose for the crockery items at their catering outlets. The redundant pop-up banners found new potential use in the hands of local artists, who incorporated them into their craft and training projects. These collaborations resulted in cost savings for all parties involved and successfully prevented landfill disposal.



# The Role of Sustainable Reuse in Responsible Hospitality

This case exemplifies the significant role of sustainable reuse in responsible hospitality. It showcases the benefits of a facilitated Resource Matching (Industrial Symbiosis) Service, which is staffed by knowledgeable practitioners. Such services provide access to a vast network of solution providers capable of devising innovative and timely solutions. These types of synergies result in win-win outcomes for all stakeholders involved in the process.

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