

ReStore will be launched in Warsaw by Habitat for Humanity Poland – a nonprofit organization which has been operating in Poland for 25 years and is part of Habitat for Humanity, an international network of housing organizations.

While working on the launch of **ReStore** in Warsaw, Habitat Poland is making use of thorough knowledge and experience gained by other members of the Habitat for Humanity network. It is referring to the know-how developed primarily in the US and Canada as these countries have over 800 of such enterprises. ReStores offer a wide range of low-cost building materials and tools, household appliances, furniture and other home accessories, both new and gently used. All products are donations made by companies and individuals. Proceeds earned by each ReStore go to the local Habitat for Humanity organization which is responsible for its operations. With this sum of money (totaling up to 300 million dollars per year), the organizations can realize their mission more effectively and help more people living in poverty housing, for example by carrying out renovations and construction works.

Habitat Poland will promote the idea behind **ReStore** as a nonprofit home improvement store where everybody can contribute to helping others through:

- **donating** furniture, household appliances and building materials;
- **volunteering** or doing an internship, leading workshops;
- **buying goods** at discounted prices, being sure that proceeds go to Habitat Poland and enable the organization to help more people who are in need of better housing.

ReStore in Warsaw will be much more than just a store. It will function as a center where craft workshops, educational activities and cultural events will be organized as well as creativity and professional development will



be fostered. A fully equipped workshop will appear there in order to provide a place for upcycling, carpentry, upholstery and locksmith classes. Both adults and children will be allowed to use the facilities, including local students whose schools will be invited to join a partnership program. Every visitor will be encouraged to use the space for pursuing their own creative projects. In addition to that, ReStore will strive to offer work placements for

members of various disadvantaged groups, e.g. young people entering the job market, people with disabilities and long-term unemployed. Elderly people will be invited to volunteer and lead workshops, which will contribute to making them more active and will open communication amongst generations. Workshops will be also led by local craftsmen and employees of nearby companies as Habitat Poland will promote the idea of business responsibility through ReStore.

Thanks to providing space not only for workshops and work placements but also for other initiatives related to social business, ReStore in Warsaw will bring members of the local community together. It will be based on the idea of cooperation and will be open to any initiative being of benefit to the neighborhood and its residents. For example, its facilities will be shared with those who will need space for running a small café, selling handcrafted products or exhibiting their artwork. The general objective will be to create a place where everybody is encouraged to be creative and feels welcome. A space where everyone wants to come, even if it is just for taking a cup of coffee and working on their laptop.

ReStore will also support city revitalization in its social, cultural and architectural aspects.



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