

Royal Opera House

Suited & Booted and CRUK

At a glance

Location

Covent Garden,
London

Tags

Costume
Reuse
Charity collaboration

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The Royal Opera House are always seeking opportunities to find homes for unwanted items.

In 2019 we were pleased to partner with London-based charity Suited and Booted to deliver almost 2,000 items of clothing. These items were used by the charity to help vulnerable, unemployed and low-income men prepare for job interviews, enter employment and move their lives forward. The items included jackets, trousers, waistcoats, t-shirts and shirts.

We have now continued our efforts to rehome unwanted women's uniform by partnering with Cancer Research UK. We have donated women's jackets, trousers, blouses and skirts to be distributed to their shops to raise money for cancer research, specialist doctors and nurses and cancer support services.

Finding new homes for these clothes has prevented them from being incinerated and saved around 41 tonnes of CO₂e (the equivalent of 13 people flying from London to Perth, Australia and back) from being released into the atmosphere. Donating these clothes is just one element of our many efforts to encourage a circular economy at the Royal Opera House.

Avoiding sending items to waste means they are given a second life, reducing our impact on the environment.

Key Achievements and Outcomes

Charitable donations

Creating partnerships to allow old costumes a second life helping others

Carbon

Preventing 41 tonnes of CO₂e entering the atmosphere