What the bin count shows

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A learning centre counts disposable cups in its general-waste bins for one week. Staff find 120 cups. They put reusable cups beside the water station and repeat the count the following week. This time, they find 75.

The reduction is encouraging, but the counts do not show every part of the situation. Attendance was lower in the second week, and staff did not count cups in the outdoor bins. A learner suggests that the reusable cups might have helped, but says they cannot be the only possible explanation.

The group recommends keeping the reusable cups available and repeating the count for a longer period. They will record attendance and include the same bins each time. This will make the comparison more useful.

Their report avoids claiming that the change reduced all waste by a fixed percentage. The data concerns disposable cups in selected bins during two weeks. A careful recommendation can use the encouraging observation while preserving those limits. The group also asks cleaners which counting method would fit their normal work.

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