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We have just learned that the continuation of the Murdoch University 8-Ball computer recycling project is currently being threatened.

Ruah Community Services (see our website www.ruah.com.au), a non-profit human services organisation working with marginalised people in the metropolitan area, works with many clients who have benefited from the free recycled computer project run by Students without Borders from Murdoch Uni Guild of Students, and we know full well the transformative impact of such a project on the lives of those living with disadvantage! Community groups such as Ruah have been able to access numerous free PCs for clients of their services. This partnership has been very meaningful for participants of Ruah services, allowing many to study/attend courses, improve their work skills, enter the world of email and internet for the first time, thus **breaking down social isolation, and many of the barriers to community involvement**. It would be a huge loss if it were no longer available.

This project does a lot towards breaking down the digital divide in communities both here and in Africa and Asia, as well as having a flow-on environmental benefit - **sustainability in action**, so important to the future of the planet!

Please find a way to allow this project to continue. **It has been a shining advertisement for Murdoch University, a remarkable example of how students can make a difference!!!!!!**

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