

PLARN

What is it good for?

To answer that question, we need to start with PLARN:
what is it?

Plarn is plastic yarn made from single-use plastic shopping bags. Some states and municipalities have banned the use of these bags because they pollute the environment and harm wildlife. But — until they are banned in our area, we can turn these bags into sleeping mats (or water-resistant mattresses) for the homeless in Kensington and other areas in need.

Our project began in 2019 at the Free Library of Phila's Andorra Branch as a collaboration with the library, local residents and several charitable organizations. For various reason, the project had to move. So, we stepped-in and now are weaving thru Byberry and Upper Dublin Friends Meetings, making mats for donation to "The Sleeping Mat Project". The SMP then delivers the mats to such organizations as "AIM — Angels in Motion", a charity that is supporting those affiliated or affected by opioid addiction.

Want To Help?

There are several ways to you can help!

1. Donate your bags (we will take them anyway you want to donate them), but BY FAR, the most helpful is to have each bag flattened and folded into a small square. Better yet...
2. Turn the bags into plarn to be weaved on one of our looms. We can show you how!
3. Volunteer to weave bags. We can help you find a date/time to join us.
4. Donate funds to help purchase more looms for weaving. The price of the looms varies depending upon the availability of the woodworking volunteers... check with us for a current price.

Email us at either UpperDublinQuakers@gmail.com or ByberryQuakers@gmail.com. We will help you find a convenient time and place to drop your plastic bags or to join us for a weaving party.



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