

PROJECT RECIPE



REPAIR CAFE

Throw it away? No way!
All over the world

INGREDIENTS



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PEOPLE WITH
A RANGE OF
USEFUL SKILLS

BROKEN
OBJECTS

TOOLS FOR
REPAIRS

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WHAT IS THIS PROJECT?

Repair Cafes are all about repairing things together. In the place where a Repair Cafe is hosted, there are tools and materials for repairing. People bring broken items from home and repair everything from clothes, furniture and electrical appliances to bicycles, crockery, and toys. They do this together with people who have a range of skills.

It's an ongoing learning process. If you have nothing to repair, you can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, or you can lend a hand with someone else's repair job. You can also get inspired at the reading table - by leafing through books on repairs and DIY.

WHAT DIFFERENCE IS IT MAKING?

Lots of people have forgotten that they can repair things themselves, or they no longer know how. Knowing how to make repairs is a skill quickly lost. Society doesn't always show much appreciation for the people who still have this practical knowledge. Their experience is never used, or hardly ever. The repair cafe changes all that! People who might otherwise be sidelined are getting involved again. Valuable practical knowledge is getting passed on. Things are being used longer and don't have to be thrown away. This reduces the volume of raw materials and energy needed to make new products.

The repair cafe teaches people to see their possessions in a new light and, once again to appreciate their value. It also helps change people's mindset. This is essential to kindle people's enthusiasm for a sustainable society. But most of all, the repair cafe just wants to show how fun repairing things can be, and how easy it often is.

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