

# May - Recycling

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# Case Study: Repair Cafes Ireland

<b>Month:</b>	<b>May</b>
<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Recycling</b>
<b>Case Study Title:</b>	<b>Repair Cafes Ireland</b>



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<b>Name of the Climate or Social Enterprise or Activist Group:</b>	Repair Cafes Ireland
<b>What is their Story?</b>	A Repair Café allows people to learn the skills to repair household items, while also reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill. Each Repair Café has tools and materials to help people work together



	<p>with expert volunteers, who can assist them and show them how to repair items. There are currently 2503 Repair Cafes all over the world, and this number is increasing every week. Repair Café Ireland oversees the Repair Cafes that are in Ireland.</p> <p>Repair Cafés help people in the community whose skills may not always be valued to get involved again. It helps people from different backgrounds connect with each other and allows valuable practical knowledge to be shared.</p>
<p><b>Link to the Case Study:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Repair Café Ireland Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/repaircafeireland/">https://www.facebook.com/repaircafeireland/</a></li> <li>● Repair Café Ireland Twitter page: <a href="https://twitter.com/repaircafeire">https://twitter.com/repaircafeire</a></li> <li>● Article on how a repair café works: <a href="https://repaircafebelfast.wordpress.com/2020/06/30/a-bit-of-magic-at-repair-cafe-belfast/">https://repaircafebelfast.wordpress.com/2020/06/30/a-bit-of-magic-at-repair-cafe-belfast/</a></li> <li>● Video on Repair Cafes <a href="https://youtu.be/Ur2DH7wG6BY">https://youtu.be/Ur2DH7wG6BY</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Why is this a Good Example to Follow?</b></p>	<p>Repair Cafes are helping to reduce the amount of waste we are sending to landfill. Much of this waste could actually be easily repaired. The problem is that many people, particularly young people do not have the knowledge or skills to repair things themselves. A Repair Café allows people to learn these skills while also reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill.</p> <p>The Repair Café teaches people to see their possessions in a new light. And, once again, to appreciate their value. Repair Café volunteers also visit schools to give repair lessons. In both these ways, the Repair Café helps change people’s mindsets. This is essential to encourage people’s enthusiasm for a sustainable society.</p> <p>The Repair Café wants to show how much fun repairing things can be, and how easy it can be. Repairing things at a Repair Cafe means things are being used for longer and don’t have to be thrown away. This reduces the volume of raw materials and energy needed to make new products</p>
<p><b>What Impact has this case study example achieved?</b></p>	<p>Initiatives like Repair Cafés raise awareness of ways to minimise waste and encourage change in everyday behaviour to reduce the amount of waste produced at home. Even the smallest changes in daily life can make a big difference in our local environment. The Repair Café shows people that you don’t have to throw things away and that there are alternatives.</p>




	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There are currently 2503 Repair Cafés worldwide</li><li>• There are Repair Cafes all over Ireland and they can be found <a href="https://www.changex.org/ie/repaircafe/locations">https://www.changex.org/ie/repaircafe/locations</a></li><li>• An estimated number of 37545 volunteers involved</li><li>• Estimated number of 45054 items repaired per month</li></ul>
<b>References</b>	<p>Repair Café website <a href="https://www.repaircafe.org/">https://www.repaircafe.org/</a></p> <p>Repair Cafes in Ireland <a href="https://www.changex.org/ie/repaircafe">https://www.changex.org/ie/repaircafe</a></p> <p>Belfast Repair Café <a href="https://repaircafebelfast.wordpress.com/">https://repaircafebelfast.wordpress.com/</a></p> <p>How to set up a Repair Café <a href="https://cdn.filestackcontent.com/H2aNKABNTSey98STji4f">https://cdn.filestackcontent.com/H2aNKABNTSey98STji4f</a></p>





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