

Repair Café Waste ReForum Conference

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Goals

- Reduce Waste
- Maintain & Encourage Repair Skills
- Strengthen Social Cohesion

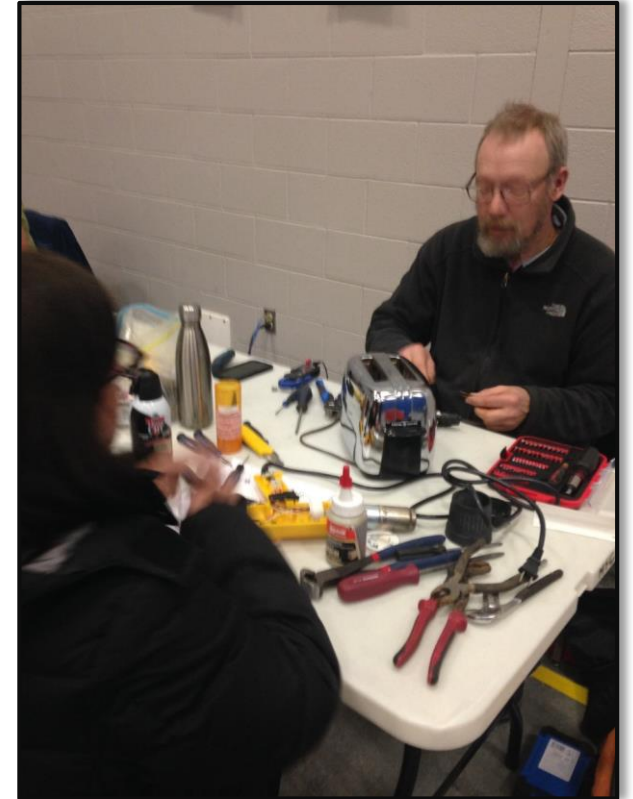
Around The World

- 18 October 2009, the first Repair Café was held at Amsterdam
- 2 March 2010, the Repair Café Foundation set up to support local groups setting up their own Repair Cafés.
- 2017, first International Repair Day announced 3rd Saturday October
- Today 2125 repair cafes worldwide
- 33 in Canada
- 6 in SK – Prince Albert Autumn 2017
- <https://www.repaircafe.org/en/>



Process - (Before COVID-19)

- One Saturday monthly
- 3 hours
- Volunteers bring own tools
- Public is invited to bring items for repair
- Service is free but donations are accepted
- We provide coffee, tea and simple snacks
- Reception area – consent forms, donations, contact info
- Tables with focus on types of repairs



Typical Repairs

- Household Appliances – lamps, radios & small sound systems, kettles, irons, etc.
- Mechanical Devices – broken furniture, bicycles, etc.
- Clothing
- Musical Instruments
- Success varies widely



Partners

- City of Prince Albert – Public facility use
- Spring Bicycle Event – Police, Big Brothers & Big Sisters
- Provincial Corrections – Tool storage cabinet
- Affinity Credit Union – Volunteer aprons
- Habitat For Humanity – items, snacks



Limitations

- Permanent, easy access location
- Public awareness
- Devices not intended for repair
- Limited variety of volunteer skills
- Reliance on tools brought by volunteers
- Pandemic

Future

- Live demonstrations
 - knife sharpening,
 - composting,
 - sewing,
 - etc.
- Greater selection of tools & supplies
- More Volunteers
- 3D Printing?

Questions?