

REPAIR CAFES/ HUBS

Community repair hubs are dedicated spaces which allow for groups to repair old/damaged items. This can account for a wide variety of things, such as bikes, clothes, electronics and furniture. This gives these items a longer lifespan than they may otherwise have had or allow for new items to be upcycled from material which would otherwise go to waste (using wood pallets to make furniture being one example).



This type of project reduces waste through reuse, with a total 22,000 tonnes of waste saved by Community Repair Network Ireland in 2017 and 2018. By making use of existing items it reduces a community's carbon footprint caused by purchasing new items, with the repair café foundation saving 2000 tons of CO₂ since 2009 (and repairing 65% of 7857 items given to 34 of its member cafes in 2018).

This type of project does require an amount of space. This includes space for repairs, storage of equipment, parts/items which can be used or are in need of repair. There is a level of knowledge/ experience needed in order to be able to repurpose/repair items.

links

[RepairMonitor analysis 2018 summary \(repaircafe.org\)](https://www.repaircafe.org/)

<https://www.rediscoverycentre.ie/>

[Repair Café - Fix Your Broken Items \(repaircafe.org\)](https://www.repaircafe.org/)

<https://www.mywaste.ie/news/how-to-take-climate-action-through-repair-reuse-and-recycling/>

[About Repair - Community Resources Network Ireland \(cni.ie\)](https://www.cni.ie/)

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