

Repair fair/ café/ workshop



Principle: a reused/repaired object = prevented waste!

Repair and “do it yourself” (DIY) can be put in the spotlight at a fair, during a workshop, or in a place where people can bring products to be repaired while having a drink or a chat. With the help of professionals or other people present, anyone can learn how to repair their products with the use of the appropriate tools.

This activity can be organised by anyone (local authority, business, school, etc.): the principle remains the same.

Objectives

- ▶ Make European citizens aware that action can be taken at their level and on a daily basis to reduce waste by repairing damaged products themselves.
- ▶ Raise awareness among European citizens about reuse and repair actors in their neighbourhood.
- ▶ Reinforce social bounds.
- ▶ Quantify the amount of products prevented from ending up as waste.

What you need

- ▶ A **location** to hold the activity: a park, community hall, school, etc.
- ▶ At least one **expert** (preferably a professional, like a craftsman for instance) to provide advice and help repairing broken products. Types of products likely to be brought for repair: bikes, electrical/electronic equipment, clothes.
- ▶ **Tables and tools** to enable people to repair the products they bring (by themselves or with some help).
- ▶ A few **items to be repaired** (possibly through a demonstration).
- ▶ **Refreshments** (paying or free) are always welcome and can help to create a friendly atmosphere.
- ▶ **Measuring equipment**: weighing scales to weigh the repaired products, etc.

Preparing and implementing the action

Before the EWWR (one month beforehand)

- ▶ Set-up the operation with a partner: seek out and meet the expert(s); write to them; visit them in person if they do not reply to letters; organise a preparatory meeting; define a date during the EWWR for the action.
- ▶ Set-up logistics: location, transport of material, etc.
- ▶ Register your action with your official EWWR Coordinator.

Pre-EWWR (one or two weeks beforehand)

- ▶ Prepare the material needed for the operation: repair tools, tables/stands, drinks, a camera/video recorder, etc.
- ▶ Prepare the equipment needed for the evaluation: scales, weighing table, etc.



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► Communicate: invite journalists to an opening or closing ceremony and/or send out a press release to print and broadcast; display posters to inform the public; advertise via social networks and partners' channels (city hall, school hall, etc.).

During the EWWR (day of the action)

- Manage the activity and go to meet participants to explain the purpose of the EWWR and of waste prevention.
- Talk about reuse and waste prevention in general (more information on www.ewwr.eu).
- Remember to take photos.
- Measure participation.
- Monitor the quantity of products repaired by counting them, using the **annexed pdf**.

After the EWWR

- Insert the final number of products repaired in worksheet 1 of the annexed excel file. This will give you a comprehensive overview of how much waste you avoided by implementing this EWWR action.
- Send the excel file, pictures and other relevant feedback to your EWWR Coordinator.

More information

► Examples of actions

- Better than new: 100% old campaign (Spain):
http://www.ewwr.eu/sites/default/files/EWWR%202010_Case%20Study_Admin_Catalonia.pdf
- Repair Café (The Netherlands): http://www.ewwr.eu/sites/default/files/EWWR_2011-Case%20studies_NGO_Netherlands.pdf
- Repair Morning (France): http://www.ewwr.eu/sites/default/files/EWWR_2009-case-studies_Others_CIVIS_FR.pdf
- Reuse workshop (Portugal): <http://www.ewwr.eu/node/543734>
- Epicentre Give Or Take event (United Kingdom):
http://www.ewwr.eu/sites/default/files/EWWR%202010_Case%20Study_NGO_London.pdf

► EWWR Coordinator's website/contact (e.g. Setmana Europea de la Prevenció de Residus : www.arc.cat/setmanaprevencio)

► European Week for Waste Reduction: www.ewwr.eu contact@ewwr.eu



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