

Action plan:

Timeline:

When will you be able to start your project?

Initial meeting of ChangeX Sustainable Enniscorthy Repair Café group was held in Kilcannon Garden Centre on the 11th March 2023.

How often will your team meet?

On 22nd March a meeting was held with Fiona McCoole, Feidhlim O'Shea and Rebekka Wollmeister from ChangeX. Feidhlim O'Shea and Fiona McCoole met on 3rd April to finalise the action plan and to agree a timeline for the project. It's proposed to meet fortnightly until we get the first Repair Cafe set up.

Are there any key dates to share for the project?

Date(s) for Repair Café workshop(s) will depend on a number of factors, including the availability of venue and facilitators. We anticipate we will run two events to initiate interest and support for the Sustainable Enniscorthy Repair Café, the first at the beginning of the summer and the second at the end of the summer.

Prior to the first event, the next step, after initial funding has been secured, is to register with Repair Cafe.org and access their starter kit and other resources. We also aim to connect with other Repair Cafés in the South East of Ireland to learn from them. A preliminary list of repairers has been drawn up and will be finalised as venue (and capacity within) and insurance implications are confirmed.

Budget:

You don't need to share exact prices, but please share how you're planning to spend the seed funding & what costs you're anticipating to get your project up and running:

Anticipated costs, and a priority order of same, are items on the agenda for the next project team meeting. Project Team members are invited to add to the list of anticipated costs below:

- Venue hire: Based on previous experience of hiring event space, approx €150 to €200.
- Insurance (to be confirmed)
- Equipment (We are hoping that the majority of facilitators will bring appropriate equipment with them, however some budget will be allocated to materials)
- Promotional material (will be mainly online, and using free opportunities for advertising/promotion (e.g. articles in Slaney News e-newspaper, parish newsletters) but may print some posters for local shops (approx. €50).
- Catering costs (to provide tea/coffee/biscuits for attendees). Approx. €100 per event.

Impact:

How will your community benefit from this project?

The project aim is to support the development of the local Circular Economy in and around Enniscorthy town. There are two principal strands to achieving this aim. The first strand is

awareness raising and encouraging people in the community to extend the useful life of products they own, for example clothing, electronics, furniture, bicycles, etc. Not only will the Repair Café increase people's awareness of the circular economy, it will also provide them an opportunity to actively engage with it in a community-oriented manner. The second strand is through supporting local community enterprises and businesses that work within the circular economy already.

Do you have any measurable goals for your project, such as the number of people that will participate?

Key measures of the success of the project will be the numbers of organisations/ mentors/ participants in attendance/no. and types of items repaired at the Repair Café workshop events. While we aim to maximise these numbers insofar as possible, it is equally important that all participants are provided with adequate time and support to ensure they have a positive experience. It is important that appropriate pre-booking of work spaces and mentors etc. is utilised to ensure resources are allocated fairly and effectively.

The potential for tracking engagement figures for event promotions should also be looked into and incorporated as a measure of awareness raising if possible.

Are you hoping to spread knowledge or increase interest in a specific subject?

The project aims to spread awareness and knowledge of the circular economy, as well as increasing interest in it. By providing people with opportunities and supports to undertake a DIY project of their own choosing, we hope to show how enjoyable it can be to step away from 'single-use' consumerism.

Location:

If your project requires physical space, have you decided the location?

Options for a venue have been shortlisted based on venues used for previous Sustainable Enniscorthy events. A final decision will be made based on capacity required and the availability of facilitators etc.

Do you have all necessary permission and permits to carry out your project at the chosen location?

Insurance and permitting requirements will be finalised, when venue and facilitators are decided upon.