

19<sup>th</sup> October 2024

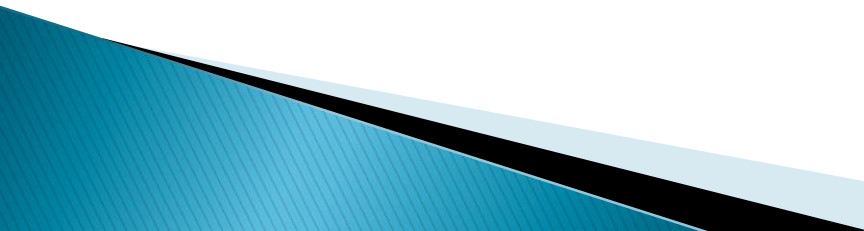
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# Thank You

- ▶ Repair Cafe's began 15 years ago in Amsterdam
- ▶ They have now multiplied all around the world
- ▶ Here in Canada Repair Café exists in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa
  - *(and here in Kemptville . . . .)*

# NG Repair Café is born

- ▶ I decided around the end of 2023 to try and get a Repair Café going here in of North Grenville
  - ▶ I received confirmation of support for the idea from our Public Library, Sustainable North Grenville and the Bishop's Mills W.I. in early 2024.
  - ▶ The main branch of the library was the obvious place to set up with the offered support (free space) and the central location.
  - ▶ I asked at meetings of Sustainability NG and our WI, and on-line, for individuals interested in helping to repair broken things
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# Background

- ▶ I joined the Amsterdam “community” on-line and received information on how to run the cafes
- ▶ The basic idea of the Repair Café is to stop items from going to the land fill and encourage community spirit as well as teach how to do repairs
- ▶ “Clients” are encouraged to bring broken stuff to the café where we provide:
  - Free coffee/drinks and cookies and
  - The possibility of participating in a repair exercise or
  - Just hanging around for a “natter”

# Cafés to date

- ▶ Our first cafe was held on 24<sup>th</sup> Feb
- ▶ We had two “Customers” at that event,
  - a “chicken heater” lady,
  - and a “broken ornament” lady
    - both of which we repaired; and the chicken heater lady went on to repair other heaters she owned.
- ▶ In March we had 5 client items (one of which was too old to find parts for – burnt out motor)
- ▶ Since these early beginnings we have had 36 broken items brought in during our 3 more cafes; we could not repair all, but most we could.

# Our wizard repairers

We have many volunteers from gluers, sewers, carpenters, engineers - people who are willing and able to repair and share tips and ideas on how to "fix "



# Repairs in action



This induction unit was brand new and one ring didn't work  
The owner spoke to manufacturer, was sent another unit and told to dispose of this one.

When it was opened a wire had not been attached to a switch, reattached it worked perfectly...!



Patched  
up  
beautifully



We  
Encourage  
participation

# International Repair Day

- ▶ On the 18<sup>th</sup> October it is Repair Cafe's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday – which is being celebrated in a big way in the Hague
- ▶ and on the 19<sup>th</sup> October it is International Repair Day

## International Repair Day 2024

**International Repair Day is an annual celebration for everyone who makes repair happen in their communities around the world.**

It just so happens we are holding our October Repair Cafe on 19<sup>th</sup> October and I wanted to bring this event to the wider community which is why I would like you to announce a proclamation.

**BRING YOUR BROKEN ITEMS, 1 PER PERSON**  
**Toys are the focus for October**



# Repairers, Fixers, Helpers, **Thank you**

- ▶ With the help of North Grenville Library, Many volunteers with skills and community spirit, Bishop's Mills WI members, North Grenville Times, Sustainability North Grenville, Bubba and Bugs, Brewed Awakenings, B and H grocery store, this community initiative is making sustainability more possible. A Huge thank you for making it happen. and to you for hearing me out.