

JOIN US FOR A TALK AND TOUR

Discover the Circular Economy in Action at Edinburgh Remakery



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YOUR VISIT INCLUDES:

- An engaging talk on how we prevent waste and promote reuse.
- A guided tour of our premises to see how the principles of circular economy are implemented in a business.

WHAT YOU'LL SEE & LEARN

- How laptops, desktops, and other devices are refurbished instead of going to landfill.
- Our Tech Gifting Programme, donating repaired devices to people facing digital poverty.
- Behind-the-scenes action:
- Drop-off points and donation boxes across the city.
- The repair and refurbishment process.
- Component extraction for creative reuse.

WHY IT MATTERS FOR STUDENTS

- First-hand insight into the circular economy in practice.
- Inspiration for fields such as environmental science, design, engineering, social policy, and digital media.
- Learn creative repair skills and see how local action makes a global impact.

TO KNOW MORE

- Interested in booking a group visit, workshop, or collaboration?
- Want to explore how your university, society, or organisation can get involved?
- Curious about our repair services, volunteering, or community projects?

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TEAM BUILDING WITH PURPOSE

Support us by embracing repair,
reuse, and the circular economy.



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WHAT WE OFFER:

Spend a memorable day with your team immersed in hands-on, meaningful workshops:

- Tech Teardown : Disassemble and explore electronics to understand reuse, salvage precious materials, and spark innovation.
- E-Waste Segregation: Sort and responsibly process end-of-life tech—learn what can be reused, refurbished, or recycled.
- Creative Workshops: Choose from the wide variety of craft workshops we offer. Upcycle textile scraps, old books, learn clothes repair techniques, get messy with some stamp making and learn eco-friendly crafting and repurposing skills.

WHY JOIN US:

- Champion Circular Economy: Help reduce waste and extend the life of valuable electronic items.
- Support Local Impact: Your participation helps fund vital services such as repair cafés, the Tech Gifting Programme (providing devices to individuals in need), and community.
- Build Skills & Connection: Teams collaborate on creative, purpose-driven tasks- promoting teamwork, environmental awareness, and social responsibility.

PERFECT FOR:

- Corporate groups seeking meaningful offsite experiences.
- Team retreats with a sustainability or CSR focus.
- Organisations looking to combine bonding, learning, and impactful giving.
- Every penny supports Remakery's work in reducing e-waste, teaching repair, and closing the digital divide in Edinburgh.

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TECH TEARDOWN WORKSHOP



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WHAT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE:

Step into the world of electronics with our Tech Teardown Workshop, a hands-on session where you become a tech detective. Guided by our expert technician, you'll explore the fascinating insides of everyday devices and learn the secrets of how they work, how they fail, and how they can be given a second life. The workshop takes between 1.5-2 hours and it includes:

- Safe dismantling: Discover how to take apart tech in a controlled, safe, and fun way.
- Inside the machine: See the hidden world of circuits, chips, and swappable parts that power your devices.
- Repair know-how: Learn simple tricks for keeping your gadgets running smoothly for longer.
- Sustainability in action: Understand how repairing and reusing devices reduces e-waste and supports a circular economy.

WHY IT'S UNIQUE:

- You don't need to bring anything — we provide all the tools, devices, and guidance.
- It is a perfect activity for students, hobbyists, or anyone curious about technology.
- No prior knowledge required — just curiosity and a willingness to explore!
- Great for schools, university groups, community organisations, or individuals who want a fun and educational experience.

WHAT YOU'LL TAKE AWAY:

- A behind-the-scenes understanding of how everyday tech really works.
- Practical repair awareness skills that help extend the life of your own devices.
- Fresh insight into the environmental impact of e-waste, and how small actions can make a big difference.
- A sense of empowerment — breaking down the mystery of technology and seeing that repair is within everyone's reach.

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TEXTILE WORKSHOPS



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Our textile workshops are designed to give you practical skills while sparking creativity, mindfulness, and sustainable living. Whether you're a complete beginner or keen to build on your existing knowledge, each session is hands-on, welcoming, and fun.

HAND MENDING & UPCYCLING:

- Learn traditional and modern methods for mending clothes.
- Practice visible and invisible mending with a variety of stitches and techniques.
- Explore creative ways to upcycle old garments, giving them a fresh new life instead of throwing them away.
- Leave with the confidence to extend the life of your wardrobe while embracing sustainable fashion.

BORO & SASHIKO STITCHING:

- Discover the beauty of this ancient Japanese repair technique.
- Use decorative Boro and Sashiko stitching to strengthen and transform worn fabrics into something unique.
- Learn how the slow, repetitive motion of stitching doubles as a mindful, meditative practice.

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CROCHET FOR BEGINNERS:

- Discover the basics of this relaxing and creative craft.
- Learn essential stitches and techniques to get started.
- Start small with scarves, blankets, or accessories — the possibilities are endless!
- Perfect for complete beginners — no prior experience needed.

SEWING MACHINE SKILLS: MAKE A TOTE BAG OR APRON

- Get to grips with the essentials of using a sewing machine.
- Learn threading, stitching, and key techniques step by step.
- Put your skills into practice by making your own stylish tote bag or functional apron.
- Take home a beautiful, practical item to show off and use every day.

SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS AT THE HEART OF EVERY WORKSHOP

Every textile workshop at the Edinburgh Remakery is built around donated fabrics and materials that would otherwise have gone to landfill. Instead of waste, these materials become the foundation for creativity, learning, and sustainability.

WHY JOIN OUR TEXTILE WORKSHOPS?

- Gain lifelong skills that save money, reduce waste, and promote sustainability.
- Explore mindful, creative practices that improve wellbeing.
- Leave each session with something tangible you've made yourself.
- Suitable for beginners and enthusiasts alike — our team supports you at every step.

TO KNOW MORE:

- Interested in booking a single workshop or a series for your group, class, or society?
- Want to combine textile sessions with our tech workshops for a full circular economy experience?
- Curious about how textile repair links with environmental action and mindful living?
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PAPER ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

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Our Paper Art & Craft Workshops are all about transforming discarded papers, books, and fabrics into something beautiful, useful, and completely unique. Guided by a talented paper artist, you'll learn a range of creative techniques that bring new life to forgotten materials — while building skills, sparking imagination, and reducing waste.

KEEPSAKE BOOKS:

- Create a small handmade book with hidden pockets and storage for precious mementos like photos or notes. Learn book-making techniques step by step from our artist and leave with your own personal keepsake.

PICTURE FRAME MAKING:

- Design and craft a one-of-a-kind picture frame using repurposed papers and fabrics. A perfect way to showcase your favourite photos or artworks in something you've made yourself.

PAPER FLOWERS (90 MINUTES):

- Transform discarded papers — from book pages and envelopes to colourful cards — into fantasy flowers in a variety of shapes and sizes. Stems are made from everyday items like pipe cleaners, wire, or sticks, making each bloom a creative reuse story.

BOOK SCULPTURE:

- Breathe new life into old books by turning them into stunning pieces of sculptural art. Learn folding and cutting techniques to create something truly eye-catching and unique.

STAMP MAKING & PRINTING:

- Make your own custom stamps and use them to print on tote bags or T-shirts (adult or child size). A brilliant way to explore design while creating something practical and reusable.

NOTEBOOK (2 HOURS):

- Make your own flexible and useful notebook — no sewing required! We'll even use strips of old plastic bags as binding material, showing how everyday waste can become something practical and personal.

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PAPER MARBLING:

- Discover the art of marbling paper to create beautiful, swirling designs. Your finished marbled sheets can be turned into greeting cards or used in other craft projects.

JAPANESE STAB BINDING (90 MINUTES - 2 HOURS):

- Learn this traditional binding method to create elegant, hand-stitched notebooks or journals.

TINY ACCORDION POP-UP BOOK (90 MINUTES):

- Make a small book from just one sheet of A4 paper or an old envelope. Decorate the covers with collaged papers, ribbons, or buttons, creating a tiny treasure for drawings, ticket stubs, or notes.

ORIGAMI BOXES (90 MINUTES):

- Craft charming origami boxes and lids using discarded paper and card. Perfect for gifts or keepsakes, each box can be decorated with sequins, buttons, feathers, or ribbons. Once you've learned the folds, it's endlessly addictive!

MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE (90 MINUTES):

- Experiment with layering different materials and techniques to create expressive collages. From abstract designs to representational art, collage is a fun way to explore creativity and self-expression.

TUNNEL BOOK (2 HOURS):

- Build a layered accordion book that reveals a hidden story as you look through its "tunnels." Perfect for storytelling, theatre scenes, or dioramas made from postcards, drawings, or collaged cut-outs.

ACCORDION FLAG BOOK (2 HOURS):

- Learn careful folding and measuring techniques to make an accordion-spine book, then add "flags" of images or text. The result is a surprising, sculptural book with a striking visual effect when opened.

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POP-UP CARD & BOOK WORKSHOPS



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Pop-ups are interactive, playful, and magical — perfect for sparking creativity in both children and adults. In this hands-on workshop, you'll discover how to turn flat pages into surprising, three-dimensional designs using clever folds, tabs, and mechanisms.

POP-UP GREETING CARD (2 HOURS):

- Design and make your very own pop-up greeting card with a matching envelope.
- Explore a variety of techniques including folds, pull-tabs, boxes, and tunnels — each creating its own surprise effect.
- Use bold colours, textures, and shapes to create a high-impact card that is both personal and memorable.
- A perfect workshop for those wanting a quick, fun introduction to the world of pop-ups.

POP-UP BOOK (TWO SESSIONS, 2 HOURS EACH):

- Dive deeper into the art of pop-ups by creating your very own book.
- Session One: Learn the core mechanisms of pop-ups and experiment with building interactive pages.
- Session Two: Focus on finishing your book — adding covers, binding, and creative decoration to make a complete, one-of-a-kind piece.
- A brilliant project for those who want a longer, more in-depth experience.

WHY POP-UPS ARE SPECIAL?

- They combine art and engineering, blending creativity with clever mechanics.
- Every design has a wow factor — making them perfect for gifts, keepsakes, or storytelling.
- The process is fun, hands-on, and accessible to all skill levels.
- Great for children, students, and adults who love paper crafts or want to try something new.

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