This October set your reuse goal

REUSE MONTH

Why reuse?

Reuse is about valuing our stuff, by using and reusing it for as long and as often as possible. This avoids the need to extract raw materials, manufacture and distribute new stuff, and avoids waste thereby cutting down on greenhouse gas emissions.

Reuse Month 2019

National Reuse Month 2019's aim was to inspire you and provide you with the skills and tools to reuse more **At Home, At Work, and At Play**. For example, you may have already reused by getting shoes resoled rather than replacing them, or borrowing books from the library. To cut down on waste and greenhouse gas emissions, we asked everyone to go further in October and beyond by prioritising repair, buying second hand and upcycled, borrowing, swapping and refilling.

Looking for ways to take simple action?
Try the following:

Events

- Run a swap event for tools, toys & clothes.
- Host a vintage fashion show or bring & buy sale.
- Green an existing event- borrow or rent equipment, use reusable cups and containers

Support Local

- Feature your local reuse services at events (charity shops, upcyclers, repairers, rentals)
- Donate to local charity shops
- Add a repair business to repairmystuff.ie

Develop Skills

- Organise a repair skills or upcycling workshop the community or school
- Contact local educational providers for what courses they may have available

Competitions

- Organise an upcycling competition for furniture or fashion-upstyling
- Run a competition for Halloween masks or costumes from reused materials

Talk about it

- Start your community meetings by sharing what you have reused and what you will do to reuse more
- Get someone in to talk about decluttering or food waste prevention

Share

- Install a book box for swapping books
- Set up a library for tools, plants or other items for sharing in the community
- Organise a platform for sharing baby clothes and gear or host a Baby Market

How to be a reuser at play

Repair or revive

Repair or revive tools & gadgets. Try the Repair Directory or local sources

Upcycle

Upcycle or buy upcycled furniture from Irish Charity Shops, social enterprises (Dublin, Limerick, Cork, Kerry,   Longford) or paint (Dublin, Limerick) to jazz up the garden

Refill

Refill reusable bottles when outdoors or on the go (Refill Ireland) and get reusable picnic gear

Buy (or donate)

Buy (or donate) pre-loved bicycles and play equipment instead of new. Try Babymarket, social enterprise (Dublin, Belfast), markets and more or Adverts, Done Deal and markets

Swap

Swap tools, plants for free with FreeTrade, WeShare, or try starting a community tool share

Borrow

Borrow or rent outdoor or sports equipment. Try WeShare or lease with Tryilo

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