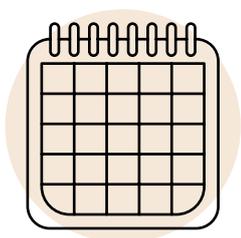# This October set your reuse goal

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.

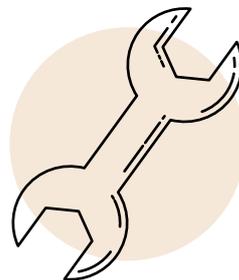## Looking for ways to become a more circular business? Try the following:

Events

Get someone in to talk about decluttering or food waste prevention
Run a repair event or upcycling workshop for staff.
Show a movie about prevention & reuse over lunch.

Donate surplus

- Donate surplus IT equipment for refurbishment
- Talk to FoodCloud about redistribution of surplus food
- Talk to ReCreate about surplus packaging or byproducts

Repair not replace

- Make it a policy to repair instead of replacing during October
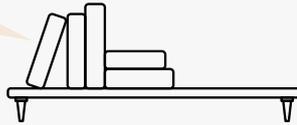- Add your local repair business to repairmstuff.ie

Talk about it

- Organise an upcycling competition for staff for furniture or fashion up-styling
- Run a league table for staff with points for reuse activities they undertake in October
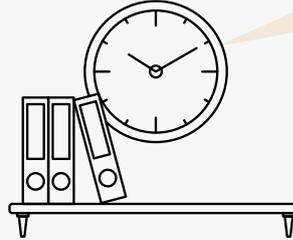
How to be a reuser at work

Buy (or donate)

Buy (or donate) pre-loved instead of new with Irish Charity Shops; social enterprises (Limerick, Cork, Kerry, Longford), Baby market, vintage stores & markets.
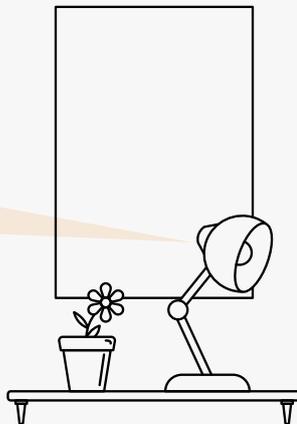
Borrow

Borrow books or specialised equipment. Try your local library, WeShare or lease it with Tryil

Donate

Donate surplus computers to authorised refurbishers, Rehab Recycle or Camara, food to FoodCloud, packaging to ReCreate

Swap

Swap stationery & office furniture for free on FreeTrade, WeShare, or trade with Adverts, Done Deal

Repair or revive

Repair or revive office equipment with an authorised repair person, the Repair Directory or local sources
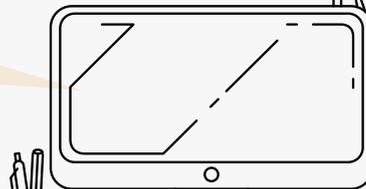
Upcycle

Upcycle existing or buy upcycled furniture or office clothes for that special touch. Try social enterprises (Dublin, Limerick, Cork, Kerry, Longford)

Reuse

Reuse coffee cups and water bottles when on the go. See Conscious cup & Refill Ireland

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