REPAIR EXCHANGE HOSTING GUIDE

This helpful guide is for community builders when planning and implementing a Repair Exchange. Sourced from the community, this is a tool on considerations to make your repair exchange as successful as possible.

BEFORE REPAIR EXCHANGE

Elements to consider before a Repair Exchange.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS	CONSIDERATIONS FOR FIXERS	EXPERIENCE CONSIDERATIONS
Get a sense of what types of items, participants would want to get fixed.	How would the Fixers like to be compensated - what's the exchange?	Assess the space, is it accessible, temperature control and comfortable, audio, what is within your control?
Reflect on who's currently in attending? Are there direct invites you should make to engage more types of participants that could benefit attending a Repair Exchange.	Are you aware of what types of skills, tools and capacity Fixers possess?	Provide as much information as possible on the various communication platforms.
Get a sense of who is participating? Are there participants that you should make accommodations for?	Get consent from Fixers on any printed marketing about them.	Is there appropriate signage and easy wayfinding.



DURING REPAIR EXCHANGE





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Welcoming Participants into the space. Share clear expectations and guidelines.	Fixers are there to support learnings and provide skills. To help guide Participants not just repair items.	Develop meaningful and comprehensive 'community guidelines' prompt others to add their own based on their needs.		
Ensure folks sign any necessary forms to participate.	How can you support the expectations of the Fixer(s). Understand their needs to support them.	Will food/snacks be provided?		
When specific items that can't be fixed. Are there options and alternatives?	Ensure Fixers take breaks!	Identify a process to address negative, insensitive, racist, comments and behaviours. In the moment!		
Additions				

AFTER REPAIR EXCHANGE





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How can Participants reciprocate? Is it by offering a donation, sharing their own skill, vounteering next time? Provide options for future involvement	Reflect on who's currently not there, are there direct invites you should make. To allow for more types of Fixers who could share their skills at a Repair Exchange.	Continue to improve, embed and design equitiable access for future Repair Exchanges. Equity is an ongoing process!		
Is there an opportunity for Participants to share their feedback on the experience, whether formal or informal.	Is there an opportunity for Fixers to share their feedback on the experience, whether formal or informal.	What future roles are required beyond Fixers and Hosts? A warm Welcomer, Photographer, Social Workers, Translators, or other support person(s) available?		
Capture the experience, what was fixed, what kind of connections were made. Share the experience.	Possible opportunities for Fixers and future Fixers to be mentored?	Are there other non-profit organizations and community groups that are aligned for future Repair Exchanges to invite and create partnerships?		
Additions				