

 Q&A

Repair and Reuse - Challenging obsolescence through design + behaviour change

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Repair and reuse is a radical act in our modern world, with vast innovation potential tied to rethinking how we use and consume goods to keep goods in useful life for longer. Designing products for repair and reuse and, encouraging a culture of repair and reuse can drive waste prevention and a people-centred circular economy at scale.

166 Participants 	64 Questions 	582 Total votes	52 Highest vote 
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62 Questions

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:21 • [ANSWERED](#)
As repairable products can reduce future revenues, what are some incentives that we can use to motivate companies in producing more repairable products.

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:38 • [ANSWERED](#)
Does Value Village prioritize opportunities to recycle their unsold textiles at the local/regional level ahead of selling to overseas market? What portion is recycled regionally/in N.America?

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VOTES City of toronto • 03 Nov 2016 02:10 • [ANSWERED](#)
To discourage waste generation, Sweden is moving towards giving tax breaks on repairs. Is an initiative like this feasible in Canada? How can we build the will to make it happen? #TO

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:18 • [ANSWERED](#)
What policies should municipalities implement or change to promote the sharing economy?

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VOTES

Lets talk trash • 03 Nov 2016 02:39

Does Value Village track how much textiles exported to foreign nations gets landfilled?

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VOTES

Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:17

#TOToolLibrary Are you looking to expand your business model to other cities in Canada or is your general model to inspire communities to create their own Sharing library?

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VOTES

City of toronto • 03 Nov 2016 02:32

For many people it's quicker and takes less effort to purchase a new item than to repair an old one. How do we break down barriers to behaviour change? #TO

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VOTES

Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:15

Is there a conflict between retailers wanting to sell as much product as possible and your efforts?

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Nil singh • 03 Nov 2016 02:13

What are we doing to re-use computers, laptops, servers all old hardware from companies that no longer need them and that end up with Encorp in BC here?

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VOTES

Callahan • 03 Nov 2016 02:37

How does Value Village integrate the amount of cheap, non-reusable Halloween costumes and accessories that it sells every year, into its business model of textile reuse.

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Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:29

Can we get recycling stewardships to allow products to be re-used and repaired that are not deemed end-of-life?

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City of toronto • 03 Nov 2016 02:17 • ✓ ANSWERED

#TO congratulations Ryan! Do you find your funding model for the libraries is sustainable? Are grants available? Is the membership model sufficient to scale up?

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Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:19 • ✓ ANSWERED

How can brands promote repair and reuse without compromising brand value, reputation and perceived quality?

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VOTES

Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:42 • ✓ ANSWERED

Reusing textiles is ideal, but what should we do with damaged/worn out textiles? There are very few options for recycling. This will need addressing in advance of a MV landfill ban.

16 Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:26
VOTES What types of government policies support a repair economy?

13 Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:28
VOTES Textile use is an enormous issue here in Vancouver, but there are issues with synthetic fabrics not breaking down. What can the city do to keep these items out of the landfill?

12 Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:29
VOTES In a society where owning assets is a reflection of financial prosperity, how reuse goods can be attractive?

10 Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:40
VOTES #TO what is done with products that are deemed unfit for sale at thrift shops. Are there places that can reuse or repurpose the materials/ parts?

9 Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:21
VOTES What are you doing to train a new generation of "layman repair experts"?

9 Nigel cornwall • 03 Nov 2016 02:27
VOTES Is there a proposal to reduce tax on repaired goods in Canada or BC?

8 Rosemary cooper • 03 Nov 2016 02:43
VOTES What happens to the clothes that come to Value Village that are not in saleable condition? Or that go on the racks but don't sell?

7 Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:18
VOTES How does your maker space work? What if a member is working on a project that takes multiple days and takes up space?

7 Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:20
VOTES Re sharing goods. How do you insure you don't also share bed bugs?

7 Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:24
VOTES What is the most reused or repaired product ?

6 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:31
EPRA recycles products collected due to targets for recycling (created by the MOE). This is counterintuitive to people looking to reuse instead of recycle. How can EPRA encourage reuse in this case?

6 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:30
What is the most effective way to educate the future generations on repair and reuse?

5 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:43
A lot of used clothing is baled and sent to developing countries. What do these countries' local sellers do with goods that are not sold?

5 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:28 • ✓ ANSWERED
Is there a broadly accepted metric to measure reuse in the EU? E.g change in ownership or change in user?

4 VOTES Karen mason-bennett • 03 Nov 2016 02:33
How do customers indicate their demand for reuse/repair when the most obvious choice is repurchase? Who do we call?

4 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:33
To advance Canadian economy we need youth who know how to repair as this leads them to tinker and invent/ innovate. Would love to see a repair shop in high school- ties to new bc innovation curriculum

4 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:42
Where is the best place to discard stained or damaged clothing that can't be donated for reuse?

4 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:31
Does EPSC plan to pay reuse organizations for materials they divert similar to how you pay recyclers and collectors?

3 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:35
How can we promote second hand stores like value village that been bought out by corporations which profit off of peoples willingness to become green, shouldn't be going towards "green ideas" thoughts

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So many possible IT projects/apps to help reduce waste! Have an idea? Local computing students can help - free for non profits: [Www.bcit.ca/ISSP](http://www.bcit.ca/ISSP)

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Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:52

Why does the EPRA not acknowledge more charitable organizations to which reusable electronics and computers can be donated, to benefit our people living in poverty that need our help?

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Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:24

Food donors in most places are protected from liability (eg the BC Food Donor Encouragement Act). Is there similar protection for the donation and loaning/reuse of products?

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Karen mason-bennett • 03 Nov 2016 02:28

How does waste being managed at the local/provincial level affect Canada's ability to effectively reduce waste to landfill from coast to coast?

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What are your initiatives towards giving back to the community besides waste reduction and reuse? What about people or charitable organizations who can still use them?

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Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:35

Is there an inherent conflict between security concerns and repair/reuse of electronics? I remember being told I can't just wipe a hard drive or phone. Instead, I should smash it with a hammer.

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Kelly • 03 Nov 2016 02:35

FreeGeek (in Vancouver and Toronto) is an ethical electronics reuse, repair and recycling organization. How can we ensure groups like them are known and supported by both businesses and consumers?

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Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:42

What do you think of for profit companies like Goodwill?

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Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:45

How much of an issue is clothing from donations going to countries such as Haiti where the impacts of environmental contamination can't be handled as well as they can here. How do you address this?

2 VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:46
Value Village: Given the impact of textiles on the environment, How do you envision the role of repair within Value Village? Will you incorporate it into your business offering?

1 VOTE Karen mason-bennett • 03 Nov 2016 02:31
Maybe the question with electronics is less about repair and more about reuse?

1 VOTE Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:31
What does it mean to manufacture a repairable item?

1 VOTE Rosemary cooper • 03 Nov 2016 02:37
What are the keys to a business model that would make durable, repairable products "the next big thing" for companies?

1 VOTE Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:38
Young people generally seem to be on board with thrifting, sharing & repairing, but how do we convince older generations that ownership and buying new is no longer an important component of "status"?

1 VOTE Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:40
Value Village - how can we ask big brands to allow placing their products in the second hand market?

1 VOTE Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:42
What should consumers do with clothing no longer suitable to wear?

1 VOTE Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:43
Is the fast fashion trend with brands such as H&M in your opinion contributing to the issue of excess. Is the low cost an incentive to buy more and care less about clothing?

1 VOTE Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:46
What collaborative conversations are taking place to bring textile producers and reuse/ recyclers together?

1 VOTE Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:55
What systems do you have in place to encourage people to take care of the borrowed tools?

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VOTE Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:29
What is EPSC's plan to make repair and reuse a priority and give access to the material collected to reuse and repair companies before it goes to the recycler?

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:37
What is the best way to advance increased textile reuse and increased textile recycling?

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:40
Have reusable electronics been donated for less fortunate or 3rd world countries that could give these devices purpose again ?

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:47
Can we develop a program where ALL the garbage is collected in warehouses and EVERY PIECE is sifted through, and we learn to find a way to circular-cycle every last little piece that we've created?

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:47
People often throw out clothing not because it's broken / needs repair, but because it is out of style. How can we deal with that aspect?

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:47
What do you do with products that cannot be sold?

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VOTES R. brian burke • 03 Nov 2016 02:51
Do you support BC bringing in EPR and eco fees for clothing sold in BC? Isn't this the best solution? To ensure all clothing gets collected at end of life.

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 03:01
How does the excess clothing shipped from North America to other countries for sorting and extended life (I.e second clothes) affect their economies for local garment industry
#TOWasteStrategy

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 03:06
How can we motivate big brands to promote reuse in their mission statement. Simply educating their consumers on the power of reuse could have a huge impact

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VOTES Anonymous • 03 Nov 2016 02:23 • Hidden
Where are the questions?