



Lanarkshire
CLIMATE ACTION HUB

CASE STUDY



Repair Cafe

By Cumbernauld Vineyard Church

Cumbernauld Vineyard Church began its repair cafe in 2023. They recognised that it's becoming more and more apparent that our 'throwaway' society, fuelled by over-consumption of cheap goods, is totally unsustainable. They also recognised that the knowledge and ability to repair and 'make do and mend' have been lost over the years and valuable practical skills are not being passed down through generations.

The repair cafe recruited volunteers who were willing to share their skills in the repair of a wide range of portable household items, as well as assisting with the administration and refreshments at the events.

The repair cafe takes place monthly in the Church's Hub; located in a shopping centre in Cumbernauld. Items which are brought to repair cafes rather than sent to landfill waste include household electrical appliances, electronic gadgets and devices, toys, clocks, jewellery, ceramics, clothes and textiles...and much more! The repair café has also provided space for people to just come and chat, benefiting from the free drinks and snacks, and find comfort in the company of others. This space for people to, in essence, find repairs for their own lives, is a wonderful addition to the general repair of people's portable items.

In the future, it is hoped that the repair cafe will expand to provide training opportunities to local people, especially young people looking to find skills and direction in their life.

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