

THE COMMUNITY REPAIR SHOP

Over the course of the GSL competition, our project has changed. At the beginning, our focus was on period poverty, addressing the Global Goals of poverty and reduced inequality. Although we were keen for our idea to pan out and be functional, unfortunately it was not possible, due to lack of product and resources that were necessary.



However, we were keen to still produce something effective, wanting our project not only to be successful but something that we were passionate about too. We were all inspired by the BBC program, 'The Repair Shop', with it being not only an innovative and recyclable way to fix and rejuvenate personal objects, but something that could bring the community together. We therefore decided to implicate the same idea into our community, creating 'The Community Repair Shop'. As a group and project, the UN goal we are addressing is **Goal 11, sustainable cities and communities**. Our idea was to encourage local members of the community to bring old or broken items which to our community centre. During the process, we researched and found local craftsman, sewers and jewelry repairs' who we approached to volunteer at our 'Repair Shop'. Our idea was that a broken item could be brought in, fixed, and the person who brought it in would pay what they thought acceptable to the craftsman for their repair. This made us a non-profit organization, allowing our entire focus to be on the goal and sentiment of our project.

AIM

TO CREATE A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY THOUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH HELP REPAIR AND REJUVANATE OLD AND PRECIOUS ITEMS AND OBJECTS

Our next step was to get our idea out to the community. We wanted to make sure we reached everyone in community, so decided on a number of approaches to get our message out. We made a social media account, which we felt could advertise our project but also a large amount of people to see it. We also created posters, which we planned to put in local shops and businesses, helping the local community see our project as well.

Examples of our tutorial videos...




Hello!

We are the community repair shop taking part in a global competition addressing sustainability in cities and communities. Our original idea was to create several events to include members of our communities by repairing broken or damaged sentimental items to bring people together and reuse materials. However, due to the Covid-19 we are adjusting our idea to fit these difficult circumstances. We will be uploading multiple videos to our Instagram pages ranging activities for all ages. These include:

- Arts and crafts aimed at younger children to keep them distracted!
- General technology help, includes how to use an iPhone, basic functional instructions
- Cookery challenges simple and easy recipes to keep everyone occupied
- Setting up apps including WhatsApp, zoom and email - we know that we are now more than ever becoming reliant on technology so we want to help with any issues with simple tutorial videos
- Jewellery making- simple bracelets suitable for all ages

PLEASE follow our Instagram for the videos:

 @thecommunityrepairshop

We also want to say that if you need any help during this difficult time with anything, from a quick conversation to getting your shopping, we would be happy to help out! DM us on Instagram or contact this email: thecommunityrepairshop@gmail.com

We also contacted local craftsman via phone calls and email. Although we had a number of successful volunteers, it was difficult to give them certainty about dates as we were not sure when our event would take place with difficulty of finding a venue and a time for event to take place. This was something we worked on and spoke to the local town hall to try and confirm dates, etc.

However, due to the outbreak of COVID-19, we were unable to make our event happen. We still wanted to try a meet our goal of creating a sustainable community, but something that can be achieved from home and try and bring the community together too. We have created tutorials on how to repair items, but also create items, like jewellery or baking from materials at home that may ordinarily be thrown away or not used. Although the idea was quickly thought of, our team has already created videos, such as baking tutorials or making bracelets from can tabs. We hope that this idea will work well, and although not yet perfect, will help bring our community together, allowing people to be creative from home. So far we have posted three videos and tutorials on Instagram and created a leaflet advertising our idea. Hopefully, we will be able to carry out our main idea in the future as well.

Throughout the project, our main highlights have been working together as a team as it has allowed us to develop something we have enjoyed creating, each having our own influence. We have learnt many skills throughout doing this, such as communication, but also how to approach local business and develop advertising material, such as social media accounts and posters.

OUR LEARNING AND KNOWLEDGE GAINED:

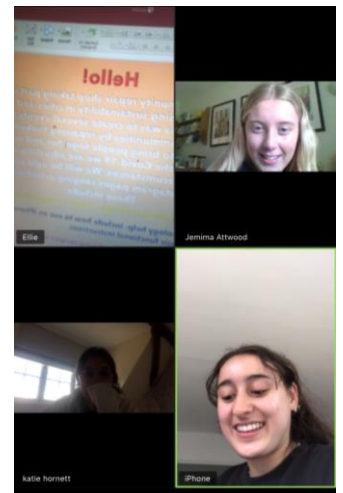
Throughout the project, our team has learned to work together, making sure all our ideas are heard and communicated. We have had to learn to organize our time effectively too. We have also learnt more about our community, in terms of the talent and services it offers. We have also understood the importance of having a sustainable community and hope that our project will help make the community better furthermore. We have seen how we can make small changes but also the importance of making them as well. As there are lots of people struggling especially at this time, we have understood that trying to adapt our idea helps many people not only recycle, which is our goal but hopefully will help bring others together.

OUR IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY:

We will measure our impact by looking at the response we get on our videos and tutorials from local people. If our original idea can go ahead, we will also take on community feedback to see if the response has been successful. There have been 5 students involved in our project (our team), but we hope to reach out to many people on social media and encourage members of the community to take part in this and hopefully our original idea. In total, we have spent around 10+ hours on the project, having an hourly meeting every week for the past 4 months but having previous meetings before that too.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

We have approached and plan to involve many local volunteers in our project, but teachers have helped us achieve our project goal and helped us when we are faced with challenges. By their embracing our idea with the same positivity as us has furthermore allowed us to try and create a positive and effective project. In our project, however, we have most importantly been versatile, and we think that's allowed our project to stay sustainable. Although sometimes we have faced setbacks, like difficulty to contact members of the community, we have always tried to adapt. Changing our idea, although at times has been difficult, has allowed us to try and always get our message across to the community – creating a sustainable community but also bring one together.



Making our new poster on Zoom

