

Cville TimeBank Repair Café

Saturday, March 18, Noon to 4pm

IX Art Park – 522 2nd Street SE, Charlottesville

WHAT IS THE CVILLE TIMEBANK REPAIR CAFÉ?

- **Members of the community bring their broken items** to be evaluated and repaired for free by volunteer “fixers” during a community-wide event at IX Art Park in downtown Charlottesville.
- **Items that may be fixed include** small appliances, clothing, bikes, jewelry, toys, and other household items. Popular items include vacuum cleaners, fans, wool sweaters, costume jewelry, broken dishes, and small pieces of furniture. Visitors are asked not to bring televisions, microwave ovens, or gasoline-powered equipment.
- **Volunteers bring their own tools** and set up temporary work stations. Visitors are invited to watch the repairs, ask questions, and try making repairs themselves with help from volunteers.
- **Statistics from the most recent Repair Café event in October 2016** – 70 volunteers, 150 visitors, 250 items evaluated and repaired, 12 partner organizations, 10 business participants and sponsors, 2 live radio interviews, 2 TV news segments.
- **Community partners include** [Charlottesville Community Bikes](#) – [IX Art Park](#) – [Adult Learning Center](#) – [Albemarle Housing Improvement Program](#) – [Better World Betty](#) – [Charlottesville Earth Week](#) – [Charlottesville Mini Maker Faire](#) – [Computers4Kids](#) – [International Neighbors](#) – [Piedmont Housing Alliance](#) – [Transition Charlottesville Albemarle](#) – [UVa Pi Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering Honor Society](#) – [Wild Virginia](#)
- **Local business participants and sponsors include** [Alakazam Toys](#) – [Batteries + Bulbs](#) – [Brigit True Organics](#) – [Mellow Mushroom](#) – [Top Notch Computers](#) – [Twice is Nice](#) – [Way Cool Tools](#) – [Wegmans Charlottesville](#)

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More information: CvilleTimeBank.com

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BACKGROUND

- **The first Cville TimeBank Repair Café** was held in November 2015. More than 80 people brought 100+ items that were fixed and put back into use. The second event, in March 2016, served nearly 200 visitors with 340+ items. In October 2016, 150 visitors brought more than 250 items.
- **The Repair Café is presented by the [Cville TimeBank](#)**, a reciprocal service exchange organization whose members earn and exchange “timedollars” by helping one another, with no money involved.
- **The Cville TimeBank organizes this event in order to** keep useful items out of the landfill, preserve repair skills that have fallen into disuse, and bring the community together for a fun, family-friendly event.
- **The Cville TimeBank Repair Café won a nationwide competition** for grant funding through the Center for a New American Dream [Get2gether Neighborhood Challenge](#) in 2015. In 2016, the Repair Café was awarded grant funding from the Bama Works fund of Dave Matthews Band through the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation.

HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY BEHIND REPAIR CAFÉS

- **The [Repair Café concept](#) arose in Amsterdam in 2009** and has spread to more than 1,000 locations worldwide.
- **Estimates are that each American contributes about 1600 pounds of trash** to landfills every year. Items that can be repaired are used longer and kept out of the waste stream.
- **With each item repaired, we conserve** material resources, reduce the consumption of energy by manufacturing, cut CO2 emissions, divert waste from landfills, and save money that would have been spent on new products.
- **Repair Cafés teach people to see their possessions in a new light.** Fixing things helps change people’s mindset. This is essential to kindle people’s enthusiasm for a sustainable society.
- **Repair Cafés pass on valuable skills and knowledge** from person to person. Communities are strengthened when people engage one on one and help each other.

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