



Bolton Repair Café

Since September 2013

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Repair Cafe Purpose

- Reuse things
 - Less things in landfills
- Save people \$
- Less raw materials and emissions making new things
- Offer a service to people



How it Works

- Guests bring in items
- We help fix them for free
- Guests only pay for needed parts
- Guests can fix themselves, help the volunteer, watch, and/or have a snack
- Open to anyone
- Not competing with professional repair shops



How It Got Started

- By Martine Postma in the Netherlands
 - In October, 2009
- Started the Repair Cafe Foundation in 2010
- Almost 2,000 Repair Cafes world wide
- Only 94 in the U.S. so far



Types of Items We Can Fix

- It all depends on the volunteers
 - Electrical
 - Sewing
 - Furniture
 - Sharpening
 - Computers
 - Bicycles
 - Outdoor Power Equipment
 - Jewelry



How Have We Done?

- Have Held 18 Events
- Number of Guests
 - Early 30+ then 40+
 - Last 7 events 60 - 70+
 - Jan 2019 event 85
- Number of Volunteers
 - 20 – 25
 - Last 7, 25 – 30+
- Repair Success Rate
 - 58% - 83%, Average 71%
- Satisfied Guests - 98%



Ongoing Plans

- First Repair Cafe in Bolton in Sep, 2013
- Hold events 3 times a year
 - Keep volunteers coming
- Reach more people
 - Get the word out
 - Help others start Repair Cafes



Other Models

- Fixit Clinic
 - Started by Peter Mui in the US (also 2009)
 - Similar to Repair Café
 - Pushes guests to make their own repairs
 - More electronics
- Independent event
 - Didn't like the Repair Café logo
 - Tried it on their own and it worked without help
 - Very similar to Repair Café



33 Repair Events in Massachusetts

- Allston (Fixit Clinic)
- Arlington (Fixit Clinic) – Sun Nov 3
- Belmont (Fixit Clinic)
- Bolton (Repair Café) – Nov 9
- Brighton (Fixit Clinic)
- Brookline (Fixit Clinic)
- Cambridge (Fixit Clinic) – Oct 26
- Colrain (Repair Café)
- Dedham (Fixit Clinic) – Nov 2
- Framingham (Repair Café) – Sep 28
- Greenfield/Amherst/Easthampton (Ind Repair Public)
- Harvard Ed Portal (Fixit Clinic)
- Harvard Univ (Fixit Clinic)
- Hyde Park (Fixit Clinic) – Nov 16
- Jamaica Plain (Fixit Clinic) – Dec 14
- Lena Park/Dorchester (Fixit Clinic)



Repair Events in Massachusetts (cont)

- Lenox (Ind Fix-It Fair)
- UMass Lowell (Repair Café)
- Maynard (Repair Café)
- Medford (Fixit Clinic) – Oct 26
- Newburyport (Repair Café) – Sep 28
- Newton (Fixit Clinic)
- Northampton (Ind RePair)
- Northboro (Repair Café) – Oct 5
- Pittsfield (1st Repair Café in Mass) – Oct 19
- Roxbury/Jackson Square (Fixit Clinic) – Oct 19
- Salem (Repair Café) – Nov 2
- Somerville (Ind Fixer Fair)
- Sudbury (Repair Café)
- Wellesley (Repair Café) – Oct 5
- Wellfleet (Fixit Clinic)
- Westborough (Repair Café) – Sep 28
- Williamstown (Repair Café)



Come to An Upcoming Event Nearby

- Framingham – Sep 28
- Westborough – Sep 28
- Northboro – Oct 5
- Wellesley – Oct 5
- Bolton – Nov 9



Check the calendar at:

www.boltonlocal.org/initiatives/repair-cafe

Find Out More

- www.boltonlocal.org/initiatives/repair-cafe
- www.nashobarotary.org
- www.facebook.com/nashobarotary
- www.repaircafe.org
- Writeup, video, and pictures
 - Jun 2, 2019 Bolton event
 - on the Nashoba Rotary web site and Facebook page
- Worcester Cable TV (WCCA) video
 - Jan, 2018
- Worcester Telegram and Gazette
 - Jan 3, 2018
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Any Questions?

