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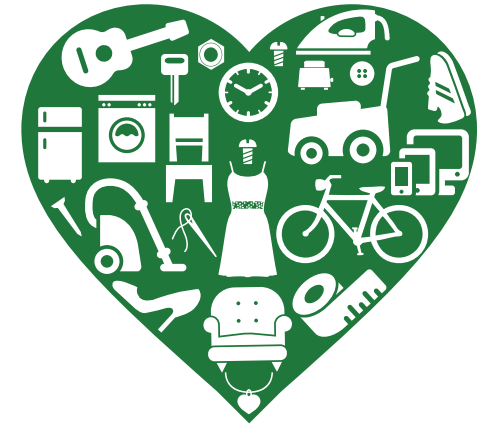
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**A Directory of Repair and Reuse Businesses in
County Longford**

BACKGROUND

In 2015, with support from the EPA's Local Authority Prevention Network, Kilkenny County Council produced the first local repair directory. Since then, with input from a number of other local authorities, this has evolved into a national online resource – repairmystuff.ie.



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DELIVERY

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RESULTS AND FEEDBACK

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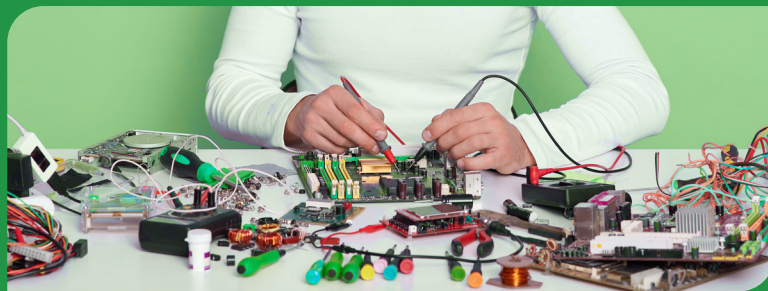
Preventing Waste, Driving the Circular Economy



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On the repair side, the directory includes businesses from across Longford involved in repair of: clothes (and alterations), shoes, computers, mobile phones, lawnmowers, garden machinery, furniture, windows & doors, roof & gutters, TV aerials & satellite dishes, bicycles, watches, jewellery, musical instruments, and vintage tractors. Also included is restoration of photographs and tape transfer.



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How it was done.

After gathering information online, the Longford County Council Environmental Awareness Officer went to each town to check if shops were still open and if they wanted to participate in the directory.

It was noted during the process that every business spoken to was very keen to have their details included and the fact that it was a free service was also of help. Every one of the targeted businesses signed up and gave their details for the directory.

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The Environmental Awareness Officer also contacted all the community groups and Tidy Towns groups as well as the PPN (Public Participation Network) asking for their help in identifying people or companies who did repair work in the county. This was a very successful exercise, with significant input provided by these groups.

In terms of challenges faced, the biggest issue was the time involved in getting the businesses to commit to signing up and submitting their information. This involved gathering all the information together and making sure e-mail addresses, phone numbers, etc. were correct and signed off by the businesses.

Also, though every effort was made to ensure as many businesses as possible were included in the directory, some were missed with people enquiring after they had seen the directory as to how they could register for volume two of the registry. Though not ideal this was seen as a positive and these businesses were directed to repairmystuff.ie.



The directory was developed by Longford County Council in association with Tidy Towns groups in Longford, Ballinamuck, Cullyfad, Ballymahon and Drumlish.

The Tidy Towns groups helped gather listings from their locality and also helped to promote the directory in their area. In addition to being included in the local directory all business listings have also been included on the national online repairmystuff.ie.

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