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Keep it out of the landfill – Visit the Giant Indoor Garage Sale and Repair Café

Vendors and repair people are coming together to keep items out of the landfill and raise money for 50+ Active Living programs. On Saturday, Feb. 20, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Campbell River Community Centre, admission is free to shop for gently used household items at the Giant Indoor Garage sale, or make broken items functional again at the Repair Café.

Repair Café is a worldwide initiative started in Amsterdam in 2009 to encourage people to repair their broken things, and learn some practical skills. In the seven years since the first event took place, 750 cafes have taken place across 18 countries.

“Bringing together the Giant Indoor Garage Sale and the Repair Café is a fun way to keep things out of the landfill, and it will help people save money. Both events align with the City’s sustainability work. Whether you’re looking for an item or want to fix one, a visit to the Community Centre will get you what you need,” said Linda Nagle, program coordinator with the City’s recreation and culture department. *“If you have a broken bike, busted appliance, or a torn sweater that you have no idea how to fix, rather than tossing it, visit the Repair Café, and learn how to fix it. If you can carry it, we can likely fix it.”*

At the Repair Café, with support of knowledgeable repair volunteers, participants will learn how to make broken or damaged items functional again. Volunteer repairers have a diverse skill set to assist with fixing electronics, bicycles, small appliances, clocks, watches, upholstery, stereos, music players, video components, personal computers, laptops, sewing machines tablets, phones, cell phones, digital cameras, wooden chairs, toys, and clothes. Sewing machines will also be available for use.

Money raised through the rental of vendor spaces at the Giant Indoor Garage Sale will go towards 50+ Active Living programming. Table rentals are sold out.

For information, call 250-923-7911, or check out the Repair Café and Giant Indoor Garage Sale Events on Campbell River Recreation’s Facebook page.

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