



Community Reuse Network – an introduction

Community Resources Network Ireland (CRNI) is the all-island body for community repair, reuse and recycling organisations. CRNI's vision is to create an Ireland where the word 'waste' does not exist and where the entire community benefits from the social, environmental and economic value of reusable resources.

Repair, reuse and recycling are at the heart of the Sustainable Development Goals #12 to ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns. Repair and reuse extends the life of products in circulation, conserving the energy and resources that went into making them as well as preventing them from becoming waste. Recycling extends the life of materials in circulation, like metals, paper, cardboard and plastics.



Our members are also social enterprises, providing sustainable and meaningful employment for people who might not otherwise have access to it. This aligns with SDG #8 to promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.



In 2016 our members helped to reuse and recycle approximately 32,600 tonnes of material including textiles, electronics, furniture, paint, bicycles, and more. In doing so, they supported over 960 jobs, 500 training opportunities and 7,600 volunteer positions. These jobs and training opportunities help to prevent the marginalisation of unemployed people and so enhance the wellbeing of both individuals and communities.

The role of CRNI is to support the growth of our members and drive the mainstreaming of the Community Resource Sector. We do this through

knowledge sharing, capacity development, promoting repair, reuse, recycling, community development and social inclusion, working with policy makers and funders to better support the sector, conducting research and outreach.

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