



OTTAWA TOOL LIBRARY REPAIR CAFÉS

15

Repair Cafés
hosted & counting

1,650

Community
members engaged

2,500

Volunteer hours
contributed

800

Items successfully
repaired!

The **Ottawa Tool Library** is a non-profit tool lending library in the heart of Ottawa. Our mission is to engage and empower the community to participate in sharing resources by providing access to tools and skills for everybody. In addition to the library, we provide expertise, workspace for projects, learning events, and monthly Repair Cafés.

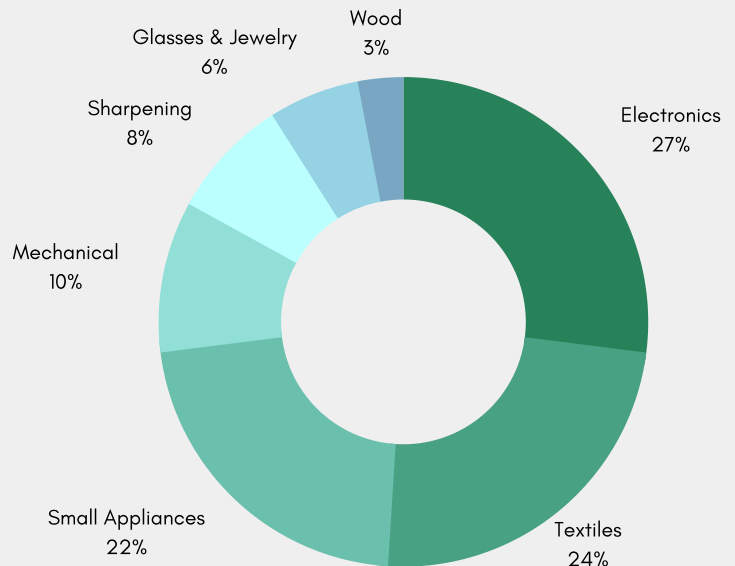
Repair Cafés are an international movement that we brought to Ottawa in 2017. We knew that the impacts of consumer culture extended beyond tool purchasing and implementing an event to address this seemed like the perfect fit. Our Repair Cafés are free, volunteer led events that focus on sharing repair skills and knowledge, reducing landfill waste, and building community across generations and cultures. The consistency of these events has created a thriving and dedicated community and since September 2019, our Repair Cafés have been sold out every month!

WASTE REDUCTION

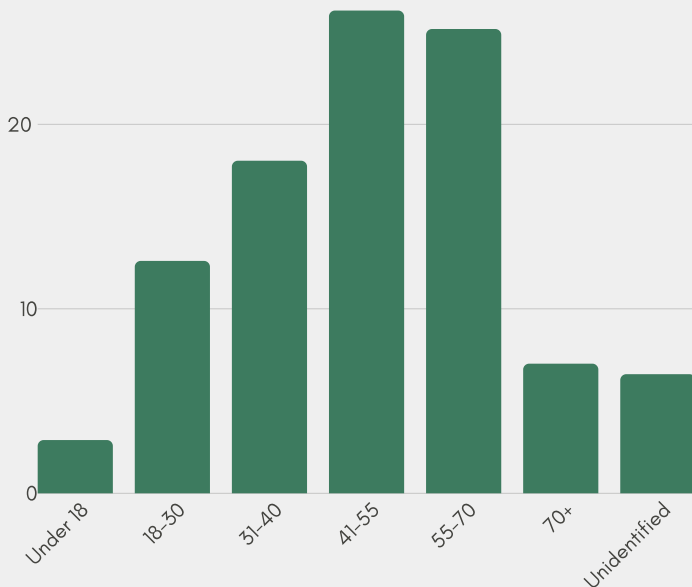
Did you know that Ottawa households generate 272,692 tonnes of waste (or 271 kg of waste per person) per year? Of this, only 44% was diverted from landfills. Ottawa's Trail Road Waste Facility receives over 560,000 tonnes of waste a year and is forecast to be full by 2042.

Repairing items reduces the volume of raw materials and energy used to make new products, while simultaneously redirecting items from our landfills. The graph to the right showcases the types of items that we help to divert at our Repair Cafés.

Percentage of Repairs by Category



Age of Repair Café Attendees by Percentage



COMMUNITY BUILDING

Our Repair Cafés engage an intergenerational demographic. Our events create connections, a space for knowledge transfer, helps folks save money, and fosters a culture of repair & reuse. Above all, our Repair Cafés are opportunities for **people in the National Capital Region to feel purpose and belonging and to engage in environmental action.**

The graph on the left shows the breakdown in age of our attendees.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for both financial and in-kind support.

Our Tool Library runs Repair Cafés on grant funding and corporate partnerships. We will be coming to the end of our current grant funding in April 2020 and are committed to securing new funds to prevent an interruption in the delivery of these high-demand community events.

We would be happy to discuss the various ways you can contribute to this prominent community event and what audiences and promotional opportunities we can offer you in return.

