

REPAIR SHOP

Assembly Instructions

How do we collectively build a repair shop for Dumfries? These instructions are based on the ideas formed from the first Repair Shop Social in September 2022. Want to contribute? Get in touch with Repair Shop by visiting www.thestove.org.

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What kind of repair shop do we want to run?

Are there any examples out there? The group discussed looking to local and national examples. Our nearest community 'Repair Shop' is in Selkirk. Whilst there are similar groups in Dumfries such as the Men's Shed, there are no community-enterprise run 'repair shops' in the local area. Inspiring examples of repair shops included: 'The Pram Project' and 'Bash The Trash' (an alternative way of re-using 'waste')

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Who's about?

There are many highly skilled and talented makers, menders and tinkers in the area. Our aim in the next few months is to gather and galvanise as many interested people to grow a new community enterprise. Attendees shared their skills and desires to learn with the group.

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What can we do?

An audit of the group identified specific skill-sets:

- Textiles + Sewing
- Carpentry
- Engine Repair/Maintenance (Motorbikes)
- Bike Repair/Maintenance
- Cross-stitching
- Baking/Food-making
- Drafting/Engineering
- Welding
- I.T
- Electrical Repair
- Design/Architecture
- Planning
- Jewellery
- Woodwork
- Fund-raising

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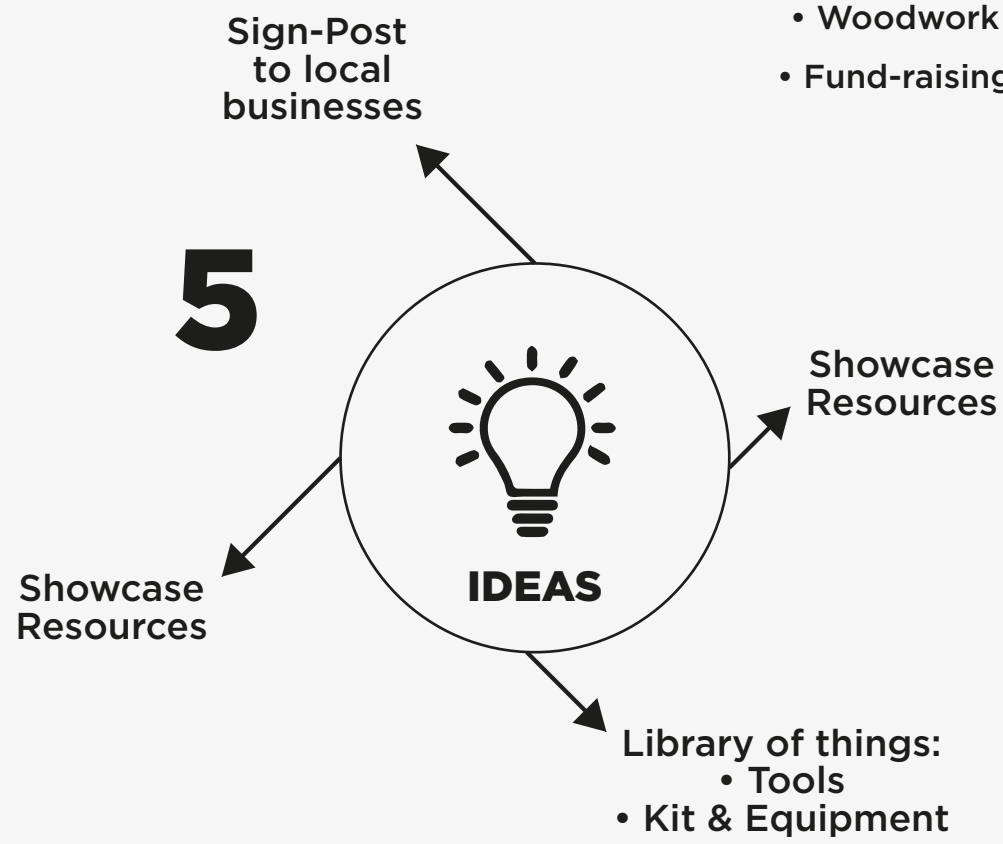
What do we want to learn?

- Principles of learning:**
- Interactive
 - Mutual
 - Gradual

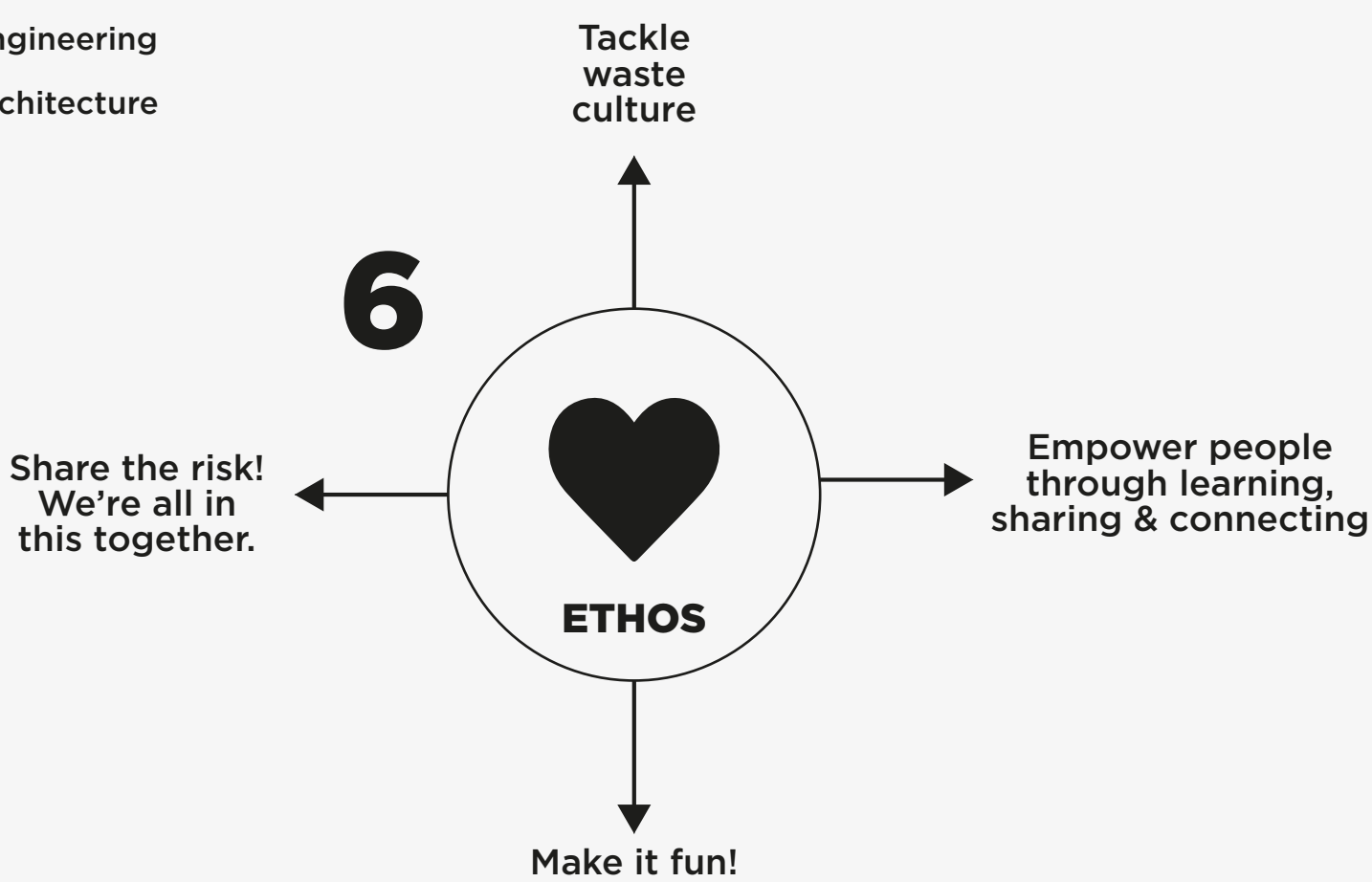
Rated highest interest to lowest.

1. Textiles
2. I.T
3. Basic repair + maintenance of electrical goods
4. Up-cycling/reusing
5. Carpentry + metal work
6. Engineering
7. Architecture

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What do we need to consider?

- Businesses. We want to support, sign-post and advocate for local businesses working in repair/maintenance
- Space. Are there free spaces available for this?
- Sustainability. Finding the right people and keeping the momentum of the project going.
- Funding & Constitution. What funders are there and who is willing to hold this?

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What's next?

- Repair Shop/Cafes every month at the Stove
- Build a steering group responsible for the direction of the project
- Connect with other partners and funders to look into constituting
- Keep it fun, accessible and community-driven!