

ReFashion Event at Oxford Town Hall

Oxford City Council along with businesses, charities, students, volunteers and community groups will join together this month for a West End fashion event that aims to highlight the problem of disposable fashion.

Taking place at the Town Hall in Oxford on the 19th January, ReFashion is a free event where people can bring their old clothes, buy refashioned garments or learn crafting and repairing skills. Catwalk shows featuring students and themed performances will take place throughout the day.

People bringing clothes to the event will have the option of swapping them for free, passing them to a charity or agent to sell, finding out how to repair or decorate them or even transforming a favourite garment into something totally different. Clothes that are past their best will be used in the crafting area, and all fabric at the end of the event will be recycled. Even if people turn up empty handed there will be opportunities to purchase clothes, take part in a crafting activity or watch one of the fashion shows.

In Oxfordshire around 3% of household rubbish is textiles. This adds up to over 8,000 tonnes of clothes, shoes and fabrics discarded every year which costs over £660,000 to collect and dispose.

Cllr John Tanner is responsible for waste and recycling in Oxford. "We're so used to recycling our cans, bottles and paper, but we forget that there are many more items that can be reused and recycled too. Clothes are a perfect example of something that can be reused. Damaged, ripped and tatty clothes can all be recycled into upholstery or rags, but if they're in good condition then it's even better to get them worn again; especially if a charity can benefit too."

The event will run from 1 - 7pm. Find out more at http://portal.oxfordshire.gov.uk/content/publicnet/other_sites/owp/downloads/refashion.pdf.

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NOTE TO EDITORS

1. Organisations represented at the event will be:
 - a. Against Breast Cancer recycling bras.

- b. Air Ambulance explaining textile recycling and the work they do with old clothes.
 - c. Cutteslowe Primary School taking part in the fashion show.
 - d. Cultural Criminals doing XXX
 - e. Darn It and Stitch offering alteration services (small alterations possible on the day) and demonstrations on XXX.
 - f. The Groundwork Thames Valley Green Schools Team teaching people how to make rag rugs.
 - g. Helen and Douglas House selling second-hand clothes and taking part in the fashion show.
 - h. I've Seen Action with examples of old suits turned into XXXX
 - i. Lenie's Revival selling designer/high end clothes on behalf of others for a small commission and offering alterations (small alterations possible on the day).
 - j. Lisa Curtis with hand crafted items made from old fabric.
 - k. Made By Louloubelle
 - l. The Nappy Shed selling second-hand reusable nappies.
 - m. The National Childbirth Trust, promoting their nearly new sale.
 - n. Oxford and Cherwell Valley College taking part in the Fashion Show
 - o. The Oxford Tailor offering alteration services (small alterations possible on the day)
 - p. Textile charity Traid will be carrying out crafting demonstrations using fabric scraps, making corsages and finger puppets. Their Traid Remade brand will also be on the catwalk.
 - q. Sobell House selling second-hand clothes and taking part in the fashion show.
 - r. Volunteers from Low Carbon Headington, Oxford Local Environment Champions and Oxford City Council to man the Swishing (clothes swapping) area.
 - s. Bob's Café from Canalside Environment Group will be providing refreshments and homemade cakes.
2. People not able to get to the event can take their old clothes to SAC, Town Hall, Horspath and Marsh Road in the run up.
 3. Textile banks are available across Oxford at any other time. Locations are [here](#).
 4. OWP councils work together to continuously improve waste management services within the county.
 5. OWP comprises:
 - Cherwell District Council
 - Oxford City Council
 - Oxfordshire County Council
 - South Oxfordshire District Council
 - Vale of White Horse District Council
 - West Oxfordshire District Council.

For more information on OWP visit www.oxfordshirewaste.gov.uk or follow [@RecycleForOxon](https://twitter.com/RecycleForOxon) on Twitter.