

## **Campus Sustainability Fund Final Report**

### *1.0 - Project Report*

The Repair Café (RC) is an environmental initiative which goal is to repair household items before they untimely go to the landfills. In addition, it is a workshop where community members meet for sharing fixing skills while exchanging environmental ideas and experiences.

In Victoria, there were two RCs ran by local communities for the last few years. We are experiencing growth and currently we are at three. The newest one is run by undergraduate students from the University of Victoria.

### *1.1 - Project Title:*

UVic Repair Café

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### *1.3 - Key Accomplishments*

In the short-term goal, the UVic Repair Café events enabled to create a supportive network between different socio-environmental student clubs from UVic, building a stronger community aiming the same environmental goals.

The two Repair Café workshops also brought together individuals from outside of the UVic community, including the involvement of the Fairfield and Victoria Greater Public Library Repair Cafes, with the participation of the organizers and volunteers.

For the long-term goal, one classmate and I worked on a strategic plan to make the UVic Repair Café a club at UVic. We accomplished this by running multiple events and achieving the official club status.

#### *1.4 - Student Learning:*

Throughout the UVic Repair Café events organized under this grant, the main learning opportunities were:

- the organization of a non-profit event from the pre-event to the post-event;
- the recruitment and organization of volunteers;
- the planning skills to coordinate a schedule with different clubs to avoid date conflicts;
- the sharing of fixing and sewing skills with the community;
- the involvement and engagement with other like-minded groups from within and from outside the UVic community.

#### *1.5 - Goal Acquisition:*

Our goals were successfully achieved. We aimed to run one event at first, and the grant allowed us to run two events in the short-term. This provided us with greater visibility and stronger connections, which pushed towards the long-term goal of making the UVic Repair Café a club in the University of Victoria.

#### *1.6 - Long Term Consequences:*

As a club, the UVic Repair Café project will continue the activities with the financial and structural support from the UVSS. Continuing events will be held at least on a monthly basis, with workshops being increased as the club becomes bolder.

#### *1.7 - Lessons learned:*

From my experience, for the success of a project, it is important to set up a target, by defining what the student wants to achieve for the project. From there, working on a strategic plan helps to break down each step needed to achieve their goal(s), and follow up with the plan.

### *1.8 – Timeline*

	Events Start / End Date
UVic Repair Café	November 8 <sup>th</sup> 2018
UVic Repair Café	April 27 <sup>th</sup> 2019
UVic Repair Café Club	September 20 <sup>th</sup> 2019
UVic Repair Café Club	October 4 <sup>th</sup> 2019
UVic Repair Café Club	November 1 <sup>st</sup> 2019







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