

Endorsing the Manchester Declaration Meeting Agenda

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Attendants

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Agenda

1. Thank you
2. Background
 - a. The Restart Project endorsement campaign
 - b. The Manchester Declaration
 - c. The Key Pillars or Right to Repair
 - d. Successes of Repair Cafés Oxfordshire and SHARE Oxford Repair Café
3. Endorsing the Declaration

1. Thank you for having ...

- Voted strongly on 11 July 2018 for the Incentivise Low Carbon Electricity Generation policy
- Votes to promote equality and human rights, such as on retaining the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights as part of UK law following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union, permitting same-sex marriage in Northern Ireland, or legalising abortion in certain circumstances in Northern Ireland.

2. Background

a. The Restarter Project endorsement campaign

- **2012** - Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act is passed in Massachusetts via 86% referendum; the major automobile trade organizations signed a memorandum to agree to abide by Massachusetts' law in all fifty states starting in the 2018 automotive year
- **2013** - The Repair Association uses this momentum to start a US electronics [Right to Repair](#) campaign, recently joined by groups such as iFixit, European Environmental Bureau (EEB), ECOS and Restarters.net
- **Oct 2018** - IPCC's 'Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 C' - we have twelve years to cap warming to 1.5
- **Dec 2018** - DEFRA's 'Our Waste, Our Resources: a strategy for England' states that "We want to extend the lives of products through repair, reuse and remanufacture"
- **Jan 2019** - Right to repair campaigns by groups such as EEB and ECOS contributed to the European leaders having agreed to introduce an upgraded EU Ecodesign Directive, which would include minimum resource efficiency requirements for household consumer products for the first time
- **May 2019** - Committee on Climate Change 'Net Zero - The UK's contribution to stopping global warming' report recommends 'repair before you buy' as an action that people can take to reduce their emissions
- **Jun 2019** - Net Zero Emissions by 2050 legally binding UK target
- **Jun 2019** - The Restart Project obtained the public backing of Green and Liberal Democrat party leaders and seek support from Labour and Conservative MPs as well
- **Future** - The Restart Project will use this support to formulate their concrete ask

b. The Manchester Declaration

"The UK community repair movement came together for the first time at Fixfest UK on 6 October 2018, and wrote the following Declaration

To UK policymakers, product manufacturers and designers,

We are repair volunteers and activists representing community groups running Repair Cafés and Restart Parties across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Our community repair events give a second lease of life to all kinds of products that failed prematurely: small kitchen appliances, computers, radios, furniture, lamps, clothes, bikes and much more.

Most importantly, they offer practical, fun and inspiring opportunities for everyone to collaboratively learn new skills, building community connections, well-being and belonging, while preventing unnecessary waste.

By focusing on people and the planet, we hint at the future we want – a future where repair is a thriving sector of our economy; products are easy to repair and manufacturers provide spare parts for as long as possible.

We know that it's not enough to repair in our communities, yet the success of our activities signals that an alternative to mountains of waste exists, if we make it a priority.

We are part of a growing movement pushing for our Right to Repair worldwide, alongside independent repair businesses and citizens frustrated with the early obsolescence of most of today's products.

We ask UK legislators and decision-makers at all levels, as well as product manufacturers and designers, to stand with us for our Right to Repair, by making repair more accessible and affordable, and ensuring that we adopt product standards making products better supported, well documented and easier to repair by design.”

- More specific asks:
 - access to quality spare parts and repair documentation for everyone, not only professionals
 - design for disassembly

c. The Key Pillars of Right to Repair (ifixit.com)

WE HAVE THE RIGHT

- to open everything we own
- to modify and repair our things
- to unlock and jailbreak the software in our electronics

WE MUST HAVE ACCESS

- to repair information
- to products that can be repaired
- to reasonably-priced, independent repair shops

d. Successes of Repair Cafés Oxfordshire and SHARE Oxford Repair Café



- Award winning 1 year project
- Led by the CAG Network and funded by Oxfordshire County Council with Valpak money via the producer responsibility mechanism
- Nearly two-tonnes of TVs, radios, toasters, and other electronic gadgetry has been fixed and saved from being thrown away, thanks to a network of 49 electrical repair cafes
- Over 1,500 residents brought broken electrical products to the repair cafes during a twelve-month period, November 2017 – 2018
- <https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordshire-county-council-charged-up-after-winning-electrical-goods-recycling-award/>
- SHARE Oxford stats

Date	Location	Repairer volunteers	Host volunteers	Total guest turnout (bookings + waiting lists)	Items check-ed in	Items check-ed in kg	Fixed	Advised	End	Fixed % (of known)	Repairable %	Fixed kg	Fixed kg %	Donations
17 June 2018	Magic Cafe	5	4	15	23	67.2	9	3	10	39.13%	52.17%	30.7	45.68%	£119.90
18 August 2018	Makespace	9	4	38	50	106.55	34	4	12	68.00%	76.00%	59.75	56.08%	£119.90
5 November 2018	Common Ground	10	6	31	35	185.41	26	7	2	76.47%	97.06%	121.41	65.48%	£87.57
6 January 2019	Makespace	7	4	32	45	91.5	19	1	8	67.86%	71.43%	?	#VALUE!	£142.00
3 March 2019	EOCC	18	4	44	55	162.25	21	4	7	65.63%	78.13%	?	#VALUE!	£116.00
12 May 2019	Makespace	12	2	42	43	157.97	21	9	2	65.63%	93.75%	?	#VALUE!	?
16 June 2019	Town Hall	10	5	42	44	?	21	9	14	47.73%	68.18%	?	#VALUE!	n/a
1 September 2019	Makespace	14	4	49	60	?	27	5	7	69.23%	82.05%	?	#VALUE!	£200.00
		10.625	4.125	293	355	770.88	178	42	62	62.46%	77.35%	70.62	55.75%	£785.36
		(average)	(average)	(sum)	(sum)	(sum)	(sum)	(sum)	(sum)	(average)	(average)	(average)	(average)	(sum)

3. Endorsing the Declaration

→ By emailing policy@therestartproject.org

→ Social media

→ Attend and announce at one of our events! SHARE Oxford: 1 Sep 2019; RHILC ...



So far...

- 10 MPs contacted, 7 appointments, 3 MPs have endorsed it including Helen Hayes and Tulip Siddiq
- E.g. Tulip Siddiq, MP for Hampstead and Kilburn has endorsed it and written to the government to ask what steps they have taken to encourage industry to act