

# Haringey Fixers

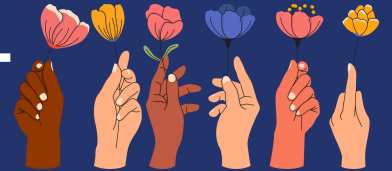
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# Newsletter



**HAPPY INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DAY!**



## March Repair Cafés

**Saturday 8th March 13.00 - 16.00**  
**Campsbourne (Kurdish Advice Centre)**  
[register](#)

**Sunday 9th March 14.00 - 17.00**  
**All Good (Bookshop, Turnpike Lane)**  
[register](#)

**Saturday 15th March 10.30 - 13.30**  
**Broadwater Farm Community Centre**  
[register](#)

## **Haringey Climate Partnership -**

[Slides](#) from last month's Haringey Climate Partnership meeting - the Council really are trying to get everyone involved in repairing and reusing anything rescuable from the tonnes we all throw away.

First mention of the new Repair And Reuse 'Fixing Factory' in Wood Green (at the Rising Green youth club building) that we've been closely involved with - hope to see you there when it opens in the next few months and/or at any of the other Repair Cafés we hold.

## **Write to your Haringey MP!**

The Department for the Environment (DEFRA) has set up a Circular Economy Taskforce that is convening until March. This could be a big deal. Previous government waste strategies have focused almost entirely on shredding products for recycling, even if they're reusable. But we know that repair and reuse are greener, more efficient options that can also save households money and actually reduce waste. This is your chance to show your support for a shift away from our throwaway economy.

Please get in touch with your MP and ask them to write to DEFRA Minister Steve Reed, reflecting your support for repair and reuse, and asking the minister how DEFRA's Circular Economy Taskforce will support these popular issues.

And you can also ask your MP to sign the Repair and Reuse Declaration themselves (if they haven't already).

More [here](#)

# Spotlight on local initiatives:

## Pram Depot



### What we do

PramDepot is an arts-led recycling project providing baby boxes filled with high quality recycled baby clothes and equipment to vulnerable new mums and their babies in London.

♥ Each box is beautifully arranged and presented as a gift from PramDepot and our community ♥

### Growing the circular economy in Haringey

A core part of our work is reducing waste in Haringey and contributing to the circular economy. We are the only baby bank in Haringey, which means there are very few options for Haringey residents to ensure the baby items they no longer need are reused rather than placed in landfill. Textiles is one of the most environmentally damaging industries in existence, with overproduction of clothing contributing to carbon emissions, water overuse and pollution, and harmful labour practices. Baby and children's clothes often have a particularly short lifespan. Similarly, baby and children's toys are often used for a short amount of time, with 28% of parents admitting to throwing away toys that were in good working order (according to a British Heart Foundation survey). PramDepot takes donations of clothes, toys, buggies, high chairs, cots and lots of other items. Some of these are used in our Baby Boxes and the rest are passed on to our partner organisation, Little Village, to be distributed to families in need.

We take thousands of donated baby items each year, and get to know our local community at the same time!



**Website:** <https://pramdepot.com/>

**Podcast Interview:** <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1755276/episodes/13210756>

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## Meet the Volunteer - Jude Pullen

### Can you tell us a bit about you?

Hello, I'm Jude Pullen. I work as a Creative Technologist, which is a fancy way of saying:

a. I enjoy working with new tech, and making it simple/fun/usable, and  
b. that I also like working with old tech - and giving it a fresh twist! I've been writing about the Right to Repair movement, for [RS DesignSpark blog](#) (many of you will be familiar with getting tools from RS Components, now RS Group). I heard about Repair Cafes whilst researching this, and naturally wanted to come to my local one, to cover the story and get involved!

### What are your particular skills?

I am a designer and Chartered Mechanical Engineer. However, I think my real skills in repair originate in being that kid who loves taking things apart to find out how they work. I've worked with a lot of people at places like Dyson, Sugru, and LEGO - and I find I spend as much time with the 'makers' as the 'thinkers' - both are equally valuable in problem solving and inventing. You need to see the 'big picture', as well as the 'nuts and bolts'.

More recently, I find I'm learning more about electronics and AI. I'm dyslexic, so I find coding disproportionately difficult, compared to other 'tricky' challenges, but I try to work with people where we compliment our strengths and weaknesses, and I'm arguably quite good at developing ideas, or at least have been freelancing doing this for 5 years now, and love it!

### What is actually easier to repair than people think?

I worked at Sugru (a mouldable glue company - great product for fixing stuff!). We used to say people need to 'get through their first fix - and then they're hooked!'. I really see this, people think they can't do it - so they don't. Yet when they try, perhaps just a small thing, like changing a fuse, or unjamming a mechanism, and presto! - it works again, they become almost 'born again' with enthusiasm and curiosity. Sure, devices using mains-voltage should be respected, but I think people should give most 'simple' devices a try [to fix], and a repair cafe is a great place to start building those skills.

I especially love that Chris at Haringey Fixers is all about the sessions being 'two-way' and not just being 'passive', not to mention encouraging women to ignore outmoded stereotypes - and get involved! It is an opportunity to share and learn together. I've learned loads!

### What do you enjoy about volunteering?

I think I've always worried about money growing up, and volunteering always felt like 'I'll get around to that later', but as I get older, perhaps being a dad is a big influence - you change your perspective on 'value' and 'reward'. So I think I get more out of it - ironically by giving more, without expecting. Nothing wise old sages have not already said, haha! I'm perhaps just late to the party. Although it's never too late and Repair Cafes seem a very welcoming group. I hope other designers and engineers engage as it brings home the responsibility to design better products, as you see what fails and what could be improved.



## Join Our Repair Café Team – Make a Difference in Your Community!

Are you ready to roll up your sleeves, connect with others, and contribute to a more sustainable world? Our Repair Café team is looking for enthusiastic individuals to join us in these key roles:

### 1. Repairers/Fixers/Menders

Love solving problems and repairing household items?

No professional expertise needed—just bring your life experience and curiosity!

Commitment: Just 3.5 hours a month.

### 2. Event Volunteers

Be the friendly face that welcomes visitors and helps our events run smoothly.

Help with setup, guiding attendees, timing repairs, and more.

Commitment: 3.5 hours at one of our monthly events in Tottenham.

### 3. Keyboard Helpers (Behind the Scenes)

Support our team remotely by handling bookings, emails, and light admin tasks.

Commitment: Only 1 hour a month at your own pace.

### Why Join Us?

- Gain hands-on experience, meet new people, and help save items from landfills.
- Learn new skills while having fun.
- Make a tangible impact in your local community.

**Ready to join the fun?** Get in touch today and become part of a movement that repairs, connects, and inspires. Together, we can make a real difference!

✨ Contact us to get started at  
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## JOIN US

