

Intergenerational Circularity



Short Name

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Formal Name

Intergenerational Circularity:
Unlocking Elderly Knowledge for a
Circular Economy

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Reviving the repair culture by
passing down elders' circular
skills to the next generation.



Summary

The tradition of repairing and maintaining goods is fading, especially among younger generations. This project seeks to revive repair culture by identifying and mapping the circular skills, such as mending, maintenance, and upcycling, held by elderly individuals. These skills will be documented through structured citizen science activities, where older adults collect and share knowledge within their communities.

A collaborative workshop will then help analyse and visualise these skills. To bridge the generational gap, a survey will assess the repair knowledge and needs of younger people, followed by a co-creation workshop bringing both age groups together to explore effective ways to transfer skills and promote circular behaviours. This approach not only supports sustainability by reducing the consumption of new resources but also empowers elderly participants as active contributors to a circular economy. The project advances research on circular behaviours and highlights the value of intergenerational collaboration in building a more sustainable future.