

The Christ Church Re-Harvest

For Harvest this year, we'll be "re-harvesting" some of the things that clutter our homes for two local community groups who are trying new ways to keep items out of landfill.

Recycled Scottish Domestic Appliances (RSDA) is a social enterprise. They give ex-offenders work skills by teaching them to repair domestic appliances. They then sell the items, with heavy discounts for low income families. They are looking for donations of electrical items – anything from radios to washing machines, but not CRT televisions (i.e., ones without flat screens). The items don't need to work.

Remade in Edinburgh is featured overleaf. They currently have limited storage space, so at present they are only eliciting donations of materials that sewing novices can use to make aprons. This includes sets of buttons; sewing thread; dressmakers scissors (including blunt ones); 2cm or wider ribbon or fabric tape in any colour, preferably in lengths of 75cm or more; and offcuts of fabric 60 cm square.

Please bring any smaller items you may have for these groups to the back of the church for the Harvest Festival service on October 2nd. If you have any items that you can't manage, please contact Jean Gifford. For large electrical items that will need picked up, you may prefer to contact RSDA directly.

Further information:

- RSDA: <http://rsdaedinburgh.yolasite.com/>,
tonyleung1@hotmail.co.uk
- Remade: <http://www.remadeinedinburgh.blogspot.com/>
- Creationtide and re-Harvest: Jean Gifford

[see overleaf]

Creationtide

This year, we celebrate Creationtide with a special emphasis on connections with the local community.

Eva Schonveld of Transition Scotland will talk at the 10 am service on **4 September** about the need to rebuild our local communities in order to address the deeper reasons behind our over-use of resources. After the service, we will be able to meet Eva in the Centre, as well as to imagine how Christ Church itself might change over the next 20 years. We've prepared a set of possible responses that we think spans the obvious, the beautiful, and the ridiculous – and give a panel, and you, the task of deciding which is which.

Pat Abel is involved in many organizations that promote local food, including Nourish, Transition Edinburgh South and the Royal Edinburgh Community Gardens. At the 10 am service on **18 September** she will describe what is happening in Edinburgh, with further discussion (as well as her top tips on soil enrichment) in the Centre after the service.

On other Sundays, there will be activities in the hall during coffee. On **11 September**, those who wish will be able to play **Carbon Conversations games** about the carbon footprints of food and travel. On **25 September**, we will show experiments in re-using textiles from **Remade in Edinburgh**, which aims to set up a local re-use promotion centre. Since Remade already involves Christ Church members, we hope to provoke a wider interest.

Finally, at our **Harvest Festival** at 10 am on **2 October**, Jean Gifford will give an all-age talk about light and energy, with just a little bit of science.

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