

# REPAIR CAFE

## Annual report 2019 - Summary

In 2019 the Repair Café celebrated its tenth anniversary. During the jubilee symposium 'Celebrating Repair' on October 18 in Amsterdam, this was celebrated. One of the central questions at the symposium was: what is needed in the coming period to achieve a real repair society? Repair Café International Foundation identified three important points for attention in this regard:

- Making the connection between designers and repairers
- Reach a wider audience with the Repair Cafés
- Stimulate young people to repair as well

Repair Café International Foundation will continue to focus on this in the coming years - within her possibilities.

In 2019 the foundation has, as every year, devoted itself to the further spread of the Repair Café. With success! By the end of the year exactly 2,000 Repair Cafés were active around the world - 350 more than a year earlier. All these Repair Cafés together accounted for an estimated 420,000 successful repairs. This prevented up to 10 million kilos of CO2 emissions.

The online data collection tool, the RepairMonitor, has been further developed in 2019. The system has been made less error-prone and more suitable for use by large groups of people. Furthermore, the monitor has been made available in German and French (Dutch and English were already available). Since the fall the system has been open to all repairers worldwide who want to collect and share repair data.

The RepairMonitor dataset has grown considerably in 2019. At the end of the year the system contained descriptions of almost 26,000 repairs; almost three times as many as a year earlier! At 63%, the success rate of repairs performed in 2019 was slightly lower than in 2018 - when it was 65%.

Repair Café International Foundation's repair training package for elementary schools has been translated into English, French and German in 2019. A start was also made with restyling the website Repaircafe.org and with targeted online marketing.