

The Edinburgh Community Climate Fund

(1a) Organisation/group name:

The Edinburgh Remakery Ltd

(1b) Project name:

Tech Donation Boxes for Schools – an easy way to dispose of e-waste and do good

(2) Tell us about your organisation / group (what do you do?) (150 words maximum)

The Edinburgh Remakery is an **award-winning environmental social enterprise** committed to diverting waste from landfill, building a stronger community, and promoting a culture of repair and reuse. Our business model is based on the principles of the Circular Economy. We repair, refurbish, and responsibly recycle what others send to landfill. We do this by:

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- Running workshops to teach reuse/repair skills
- Creating ways for people to pass on their end-of-life electronic equipment
- Repairing and refurbishing second hand electronics
- Selling refurbished electronics affordably as a sustainable alternative to buying new
- Gifting refurbished devices to people in need to tackle inequality
- Providing green jobs within the third sector

Our vision is to create a culture of sustainable waste free living and to protect the planet for future generations. We are driven by our purpose to Waste Less, Live More.

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(3a) Please select the fund criteria which your project relates to (Select all that apply)

- Create opportunities for community leadership and learning on climate change
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions within communities and contribute to the net-zero target for Edinburgh
- Generate sustainable projects for the benefit of local people to build resilience or adapt to climate change within communities
- Build relationships between neighbourhoods of different socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds to work together on just, equitable and accessible climate and resilience activities contributing to the cities net zero agenda, also ensuring that activities work towards reducing or removing barriers for disabled people in the transition to net zero.

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(3b) Tell us about the project you would use the money for. (500 words maximum)

We want to encourage young people within local Edinburgh schools to engage in courageous conversations around environmental sustainability, particularly related to e-waste. Our project will give them the opportunity to get involved in a sustainable project which encourages achievable actions they can take to support the climate and help their local communities reduce their carbon emissions.

Our **Tech Donation Box for Schools programme** will see the manufacture of five donation boxes which will be placed within primary and secondary schools across Edinburgh. Our Tech Donation Boxes provide an easy way for people to pass on their old devices, such as laptops and phones, for them to be repaired and reused, or responsibly recycled. These will allow young people to engage with the circular economy and learn simple methods to reduce their waste. This project also allows students to support their local communities, as a portion of all the devices that are donated through our Tech Donation Boxes, go on to support our Tech Gifting Project and are given for free to people in need across Edinburgh, to tackle digital poverty.

Our Tech Donation Boxes have been designed to make it easy for people to donate devices they no longer need.

All donated devices are securely wiped of any data and categorised for repair, refurbishment, and reuse as part of our Tech Gifting programme. If they cannot be repaired or refurbished, they are broken down into component parts which are then used to repair other devices or are responsibly recycled, including the extraction of precious metals, so that as little as possible goes to waste.

Our project will engage with:

- *15 schools across Edinburgh – sustainability and environmental staff*
- *Young people within schools and subsequently their families*
- *Young people through work experience and volunteering opportunities at Edinburgh Remakery*
- *Individuals and families facing digital poverty through our Tech Gifting Programme*

To promote our project, we will engage with school heads, leadership, and sustainability teams within our selected schools. We will create a 'Programme Pack' to distribute to each school, which will outline the programme and its benefits to the school, its young people, and their families in taking part. We will develop core messages around e-waste that the school can use in its communications, and details of how the school can help promote its participation and its impact.

Our CEO will visit each of the participating schools to deliver a presentation talking about e-waste, its impact on the environment, and explaining how the Tech Donation Boxes provide an achievable and accessible way people can take action, whilst promoting environmental sustainability and supporting our people and our planet. Each participating school will receive a report at the end of the term which details the amount of devices they have helped to save, and their carbon savings. Schools will also be eligible to enter our Environmental Champion Awards and have the opportunity to be awarded a prize for their participation in the project.

Our aim is to not only spark important conversations about climate change, but to also provide ways for young people to take positive action to help Edinburgh become a greener city and help it meet its net zero targets. We will engage further with young people, by offering them the chance to experience first-hand the journey of the e-waste that is donated within the box and allowing them to choose the beneficiaries of our Tech Gifting Programme which is connected to the TDB Schools Programme.

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(4) Describe your project in no more than 30 words (this will be used for publicity)

Giving young people the opportunity to help those in need in their communities, whilst reducing e-waste and protecting the planet, by participating in our Tech Donation Box for Schools programme

(5a) Who do you hope will benefit from this project?

- Young people within both primary and secondary schools will have a visible and identifiable project to take part in
- Sustainability Teams within schools who will have a project which can spark conversations around sustainability, climate and achievable actions which can be taken.
- The families and extended families of the young people who are engaging with the project as they discover (from their children) easy ways in which they can help reduce their carbon emissions
- People from their local communities who are facing digital poverty will benefit from the associated Tech Gifting Programme

(5b) Is your group open to all?

Yes

No

If no, please explain:

(5c) Will the project have a positive impact on any of the following protected characteristics?

Disability

Marriage
or civil
partnership

Pregnancy
and
maternity

Race

Sex

Age

Sexual
orientation

Religion or
belief

Gender
reassignment

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(6) Where will the project be delivered?

Our project will be delivered in 20 schools across the City of Edinburgh (City Wide)

(7) Project start date: April 2023
Project end date: March 2024

(8) How many people do you hope will benefit from your project?

3000* *This is based on 200 pupils in each school (15) engaging with the project and donating their tech. This figure does not include engagement with their wider and extended families.

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(9) Is anyone else working with you on the project?

Yes

No

If yes, please tell us about this:

It is our intention to work with between 15 and 20 schools across Edinburgh. These will be a combination of primary and secondary state schools. We have discussed this programme with an initial 5 schools who have said that they would like to participate in the project.

(10) Do you require permission from anyone or any additional insurance to carry out your project?

Yes

No

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(11) Please outline a breakdown of the cost of delivering this project (including VAT).		(12) Do you have additional funding or income from charges which will contribute to this project? If yes, please detail below	
Goods/Equipment/Time etc	£	Source	£
Production and branding of TDBs x 5	£7000	Edinburgh Remakery Reserves*	£5,280
Delivery/Removal of boxes	£250		
Monthly Collections	£375		
Project Management x 9 days	£2250		
Assemblies Presentations	£1875		
Marketing & Promotion	£1500		
e-waste operative at 50% annual salary, pension, NI	£11280		
Monitoring & Reporting	£750		
Total Expenditure	£25,280	Total income	£5,280

*The cost of our project exceeds the budget available via the Edinburgh Community Climate Fund. Edinburgh Remakery will provides the additional £5,280 from our own reserves or through other unrestricted funds which we have been awarded.

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