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Le Réparathon: Giving objects a new lease on life

Vaudreuil-Dorion, October 11, 2023 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is taking advantage of Waste Reduction Week to hold an event to encourage the reuse, repair and recovery of objects. The fourth edition of *Le Réparathon*, a free event, will take place on Sunday, October 22nd between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., at *Centre multisports André-Chagnon*, located at 3093 *boulevard de la Gare*.

"With the consumer price index constantly rising, an initiative like *Le Réparathon* makes perfect sense. Not only does it limit overconsumption by repairing defective items, but it also encourages waste reduction, resulting in benefits that are both ecological and economic," says Oriana Farina, Head of the Environment Section.

The following partners will be on hand to share their knowledge and help visitors with the repair of a variety of objects:

- *Aiguillage CL* (knife sharpening – maximum of three);
- *Cercle des fermières* (simple clothing repairs);
- PC-Teck (computer troubleshooting);
- Tricentris (good recycling practices).

The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's Environment Section will hold DIY workshops on how to make a tawashi scrubber - a zero-waste sponge for scrubbing dishes, and shopping bags. Participants will be asked to bring old socks or sweaters.

The Vaudreuil-Dorion library will also have a booth for book repairs, and the *Lab* will teach visitors how to give new life to old clothes thanks to digital printing. Participants will need to supply clothing or pieces of fabric, along with the images they want to print in digital format on a USB stick.

Residents will also be able to dispose of old batteries, ink cartridges, small electronic devices, corks and pencils by leaving them at the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's booth.

Lecture

As part of the *Écodécouvertes* lecture series, Vanessa Sicotte - creator of the blog *Damask & Dentelle*, will hold give a lecture at 1:30 p.m. at the *Centre multisports André-Chagnon* on eco-friendly interior design. At a time when awareness is collectively awakening to environmental damage, is it still possible to follow decorating trends without over-consuming? Vanessa Sicotte, who has been seen at the helm of shows such as *Sauvez les meubles!* and *Marché conclu!* on the *Canal Vie* channel, is convinced of this. During this lecture, you will learn how to shop among the items you have at home, make something new out of something old, and hunt for bargains like a pro while creating a decor that is both unique and sustainable without exceeding your budget.

Those interested in attending the lecture can sign up online starting today on the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca.

About Quebec Waste Reduction Week

Quebec Waste Reduction Week is a national event organized by *Zéro déchet Québec* whose goal is to raise awareness and encourage every citizen to reduce their waste and consume more responsibly.

For more information on this initiative: sqrd.org