

HERE'S WHAT WE'RE DOING TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE!

EDINBURGH TOOL LIBRARY

If you haven't heard of Edinburgh Tool Library, buckle up, as we are changing the way Edinburgh builds a better future. Much like a regular library, we bring people together, but by lending tools rather than books. We also offer our members free workshops to learn how to use tools effectively, along with free access to our workshop spaces to put their skills to use. No previous knowledge of using tools or how to make things is required - we are open to everyone.

MAKING AN IMPACT

Our aim is to support households, particularly those on low-incomes, to improve their living environments and live more sustainable lives through sharing resources. By borrowing tools rather than buying them we have saved households an incredible £1.5m. A worthwhile saving considering the average drill is used just 13 minutes in its lifetime! We protect the environment too; buying these tools would mean an extra 180 tonnes of CO2 pollution, the equivalent of driving a car around the world 180 times!

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Although our household and environmental impact is huge, at our heart is addressing social challenges across our city. We have delivered 100+ community projects which have provided opportunities for communities, particularly young people, elderly and minority groups, to come together and learn new life and employability skills.

What's more, we have a thriving volunteer programme offering opportunities for our dedicated team of volunteers to support our work. In return, we ensure our volunteers receive training and learn new skills in a fun and supportive environment.

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

As Edinburgh continues to recover from the pandemic, explore new ways to tackle the climate emergency, and at the same time cope with the cost-of-living crisis, we are ramping up our efforts to help communities who need us the most. We have projects to help people insulate their homes, reduce energy costs, repair household items and grow their own food. Projects to support young people into employment and help the elderly out of isolation. Projects promoting an inclusive, sustainable and more prosperous way of life.

SUPPORT US

Since the pandemic the funding environment has become increasingly competitive. Securing funds to deliver our often life changing projects is challenging and our community programme is at risk of being underfunded. We need your help more than ever before. Your kindness will make a huge difference and we will update you on the difference that your contribution is making to those less fortunate.

There are many ways to get involved, please find out how on the other side of this page or visit our website.



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PLEASE SUPPORT US,
TODAY, AND IN ANY WAY
YOU CAN. THANK YOU.

BECOME A MEMBER

Our aim is to become self-financing from membership income. Yet we don't want to charge the earth, so for £30 a year members can borrow tools and gain free access to our workshop programme and spaces. Members also receive invites to our fun social events throughout the year. What's more, we have a £10 concession rate and a '£40 pay it forward' membership giving generous members the option to buy a membership for those facing financial hardship. Family membership (2 adults + 2 children) is £50.

GIFT A MEMBERSHIP

Did you know that £700+m is spent every year in the UK on unwanted Christmas presents alone?! If you are considering a gift for a friend or loved one, please consider an annual membership. It's easy to arrange, just email us and we'll contact you to organise this on your behalf. We will then email you a celebration gift card for you to send to the recipient!

ADOPT A TOOL

Whether it's your way of giving back, a gift for a tool-loving companion, or a present for your team or office, please consider adopting a tool. Our tool family are a friendly bunch – Douglas the Mower, Dorothy the Chop Saw or Robert the Drill to name but a few! Once you choose the tool you want to adopt and a donation plan that suits you – we offer monthly payments from £5 – your very own tool will send you regular updates on the difference your support is making to communities across Edinburgh.

REWARD YOUR TEAM

Office day out? End of year celebration? We offer a 2–3 hour team building workshop tailored to suit your business needs. Your colleagues will be shown how to use tools safely, in a fun and friendly environment, and they will take a specially built item home or back to the office. We also offer discounted membership fees and opportunities to adopt your own office tool, Mark the Bench. Your support will allow us to grow our environmental and community work.

FIND
US



CORPORATE SUPPORT

If your business has a small Corporate Social Responsibility fund to support our community work, we offer a package of benefits in return. We can promote your business in our venues, digitally and online; deliver customer or partner workshops and team development days; provide opportunities for your staff to volunteer with our community projects; organise press and media releases to spread the word about your generous support, and more.

DONATE

Monthly or one-off donations are vital to our work. If you can, visit Donate (paypal.com) where PayPal and credit/debit card payments are both accepted. If you are considering a larger gift or a legacy contribution, please contact us to arrange a confidential call or meeting.



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