



Purpose of the Role:

To support community members by repairing clothes,, and fabric items, helping reduce textile waste and extend the life of everyday items.

Main Responsibilities:

- Mend clothing, and fabric items.
- Share sewing and repair knowledge with attendees.
- Promote Sustainable Merton's ethos of waste reduction and reuse.
- Ensure safe use of tools and equipment.
- Adhere to Sustainable Merton's policies and safeguarding procedures.

Skills you need and what we are looking for:

- Sewing and textile repair skills (hand or machine).
- Ability to explain techniques clearly to others.
- Friendly, welcoming, and patient with beginners.
- Volunteers self-report their skill level - there's no formal assessment:
 - **Trainee (just starting out):** Able to do simple repairs such as sewing on buttons, fixing small tears, or hemming.
 - **Intermediate (some experience and confidence):** Comfortable with more involved repairs such as patching, replacing zips, or working with different fabrics.
 - **Professional (skilled and experienced):** Confident in garment construction, alterations, and adjustments (e.g. resizing clothes, tailoring), able to advise others on complex repairs.

Commitment:

- Flexible - attend Repair Café sessions as agreed, with a commitment of at least three sessions per quarter.

Role Supervisor & Support Provided:

- Supported by the Circular Economy Events Manager - Amy Lightfoot (events@sustainablemerton.org).
- Induction and guidance provided.

Location:

Locations of our repair events may change, but are often held at Canons House in Mitcham.

- [Google Map for Canon's House](#)

Benefits: (Select a couple)

- Share your skills to upskill others.
- Reduce textile waste and promote sustainability.
- Strengthen local connections and community resilience.