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| This autumn, celebrate repair! |

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| **Dear reader,** |

Friday, October 18, marks the 15th anniversary of Repair Café. Our movement started in the Netherlands in 2009 as an initiative of the then-journalist Martine Postma.  |

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| **Welcoming neighbourhood place**She thought it was a shame that we throw away so many things that could still be repaired. Martine wanted to offer an alternative: a welcoming place in the neighbourhood where you can repair your broken item together with a skilled volunteer. This became [Repair Café](https://repaircafe.org/en).  |

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| **Global movement**Repair Cafés have since spread worldwide, with [nearly 3,300 locations](https://www.repaircafe.org/en/visit/) in more than 45 countries at this moment. These initiatives are supported by enthusiastic volunteers who work selflessly towards a sustainable future with less waste, more cooperation, and more fun. |

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| **Repair Café XL in the Netherlands**We will celebrate this success on Friday, October 18, with a Repair Café XL in the Dutch city of The Hague. One hundred repairers from Repair Cafés across the Netherlands will be on hand that day to help visitors repair broken items. The international Repair Café network is also represented: over 500 Repair |

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| Cafés worldwide have created a [festive bunting line](https://www.instagram.com/repaircafefoundation/) for us, which we will display during the Repair Café XL. A big thank you to all makers! |

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| **Celebrate repair in your community**There are more ways to celebrate repair this autumn. For example, October 19 - the day after our anniversary - is International Repair Day. Everyone can get involved in their community. Our website explains what you can do and how to promote your activity. [Read more](https://www.repaircafe.org/en/celebrate-repair-this-autumn/) |

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| **Get involved!**Do you want to be part of our global network? [Repair your things](https://repaircafe.org/en/visit) at a Repair Café, [start](https://repaircafe.org/en/start) one yourself, become a [volunteer](https://repaircafe.org/en/become-a-volunteer/) or [donate](https://repaircafe.org/en/donate/)! Also, follow us on our [website](https://repaircafe.org/en), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/RepairCafeInternational/) and [Instagram](https://instagram.com/repaircafefoundation)!  Kind regards,the Repair Café International team |

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