



## The Remakery Studio and Life Change Changes Lives

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### Circular Resources Shared Learning

# Case Study

## Introduction

This case study details an exploratory visit undertaken by a four-member team from Remakery Studio to the creative community organisation, LCCL. The intention behind this visit was to gain firsthand insight into the operational structure and practices of LCCL, with a view to exchange and identify opportunities for organisational improvement.

By focusing on key aspects such as daily operational procedures, spatial layout, and community engagement strategies, the Remakery Studio team aimed to observe, learn, and share ideas with LCCL staff. The visit is expected to be highly beneficial for the Remakery Studio team members, who will have the opportunity to learn from LCCL's methods, adopt effective strategies, and potentially implement new approaches within their own organisation.

## Empowering Community Repair through Knowledge Sharing and Partnership



### Background

#### About The Remakery Studio

The Remakery Studio is all about rescuing and upcycling donated furniture for a new lease of life - based in Bangor, Northern Ireland.

#### About Life Change Changes Lives

At Life Change Changes Lives (LCCL), they provide a safe, welcoming space for people facing mental health challenges, addiction, and social isolation. Through creative therapy, counselling, and social enterprise, we help individuals rebuild confidence, find purpose, and connect with a supportive community.

#### Nature of the Collaboration

This collaboration between Remakery Studio and LCCL centres on knowledge sharing and organisational learning. By visiting LCCL, Remakery Studio seeks to gain practical insights into the host organisation's operations, community engagement strategies and spatial arrangements. The partnership is exploratory, intended to support the exchange of ideas and best practices, with both parties benefiting. Ultimately, this collaborative effort aims to support organisational improvement and strengthen ties within the creative reuse and repair community sector.

### Presentation of Findings

LCCL is portrayed as a highly respected and valued centre within the community, distinguished by its strong operational systems, clear policies, and unwavering dedication from its founders, Ailish and Manus. The centre fosters a positive and supportive environment where participants are engaged in their crafts and the café serves as a hub of community support. Practical advice was shared on maintaining organisational focus, managing donations, and appropriately involving volunteers, all contributing to LCCL's sustained growth and reputation.

Suggestions were offered for organising donated materials more efficiently and for managing volunteers in an appropriate manner. These ideas are intended to further enhance the centre's operations and to ensure that both resources and people are utilised to their fullest potential.



### Benefits and Impacts

The visit delivered substantial benefits by boosting our confidence to tackle a variety of practical administrative tasks, enabling smoother day-to-day operations. Most importantly, it inspired us to maintain focus on the core objectives of our own small businesses, ensuring that our efforts remain aligned with our true purpose.

As a result, everyone departed energised, equipped with fresh creative ideas and actionable solutions that will positively impact both our business growth and personal motivation.

The visit promoted a greater understanding and appreciation of the importance of reuse and repair, influencing positive change for our communities.

Information, inspiration, and encouragement was provided. LCCL informed the Remakery that they are available to respond promptly to any inquiries and assist with the collation of relevant policies.



### Conclusion

In conclusion, the experience not only broadened our perspective of what a supportive and vibrant community organisation can offer but also provided practical tools and renewed enthusiasm for our own entrepreneurial journeys. The combination of confidence-building, creative inspiration, and exposure to an inclusive environment has set us on a positive path, ensuring our business continues to thrive while remaining true to our core missions. The willingness of LCCL to share their expertise and resources further strengthens the partnership between our organisations, a collaborative spirit that will undoubtedly benefit our ongoing development. We feel better equipped to address challenges and make informed decisions. Their openness and commitment to helping others sets a positive example for the whole community, encouraging us to adopt similar values in our own business practices.