**Repair, Repurpose, Recycle**

Workshops to give new life to clothing and textiles

Run by: Fashion Revolution Nelson Tasman with the support of Nelson Fair Trade

**Fashion Revolution Nelson Tasman September Workshops**

**Date:** 23rd September 2018

**Venue:** Waimea College, Richmond, Nelson

**Length of Workshops**: 2.5 hours

**Times:** Morning – 10am - 12.30pm

                     Afternoon – 1.30pm – 4pm

**Cost to public**: $20

                        $10 students/community services and gold card holders

**Goal:** To raise awareness of:

* the detrimental effects that fast fashion has on the environment
* the appalling work conditions in the fast fashion manufacturing industry
* how to make better clothing choices
* how to care for your clothes to extend their life
* how to make your own clothes
* how to upcycle your clothing and textile waste

**Target Market:**

* People who lack skills to repair, repurpose and recycle clothing.
* Fast Fashion consumers, primarily those who buy from low cost providers and throw away their ripped, stretched and stained clothing.

**To enrol:** email – info.frnelson@gmail.com **or** <http://bit.ly/frwenrol>



**For more information:**

Check out our Facebook page for details: - <http://bit.ly/FRworkshop>

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**Who are we and what we do:**

Fashion Revolution Nelson Tasman is a group of concerned individuals with an interest in reducing the negative impact of the Fast Fashion industry. We do this through raising awareness in our community of the plight of the textile and garment workers involved with the production of cheap clothes and how to better care for the environment by reducing landfill and the waste of scarce resources.

We have Facebook and Instagram pages, work with our local councils, visit schools and community groups and run events such as:

* A “Swap ‘til you drop” clothes swap to coincide the anniversary of the garment factory collapse in Bangladesh on 24th April 2013. when 1134 garment workers were killed and more than 2,500 injured.
* Movie screenings such as ‘The True Cost’ in April 2017 and ‘RiverBlue’ planned for 28th November 2018
* Community workshops planned for 23rd September at Waimea College to teach ways of repairing, altering or repurposing and caring for your clothing.
* Ongoing education in co-operation with Enviro Schools Nelson.
* Supporting Yasmeen Jones-Chollet with her “Enslaved by Demand’’ campaign which raises awareness of the need to buy ethically made clothes.

**Why have these workshops?**

* Locally, clothing waste takes up a disproportionate space in landfills and takes decades to decompose.
* One way of combatting the profligate waste that leads to more pollution and resource use is to make clothes last longer and re-use textiles.

These workshops aim to raise consciousness about the detrimental environmental and human rights effects of *fast fashion*and at the same time promote skills to counter these effects.

“Fast fashion” refers to the abundant availability of cheap low-quality clothes. The consequences of fast fashion are:

* landfills overflowing with discarded clothing that take decades to decompose,
* pollution from textile dyes and
* the profligate use of scarce resources like water.

These workshops are designed to teach people one way of reducing pollution and how to value clothes by extending their use.

**Proposed Workshops**

**Workshop 1**

**Tutor –** Lani Bee

**Focus –** Caring for your clothing by teaching skills on repairing them through darning, patching, sewing on buttons, removing piling etc.

**Sessions offered –** Morning and Afternoon

**Workshop 2**

**Tutor –** Jo Kinross

**Focus –**  Introduction to simple natural dyeing using items from the kitchen and garden to make the dye baths.

**Sessions offered –** Morning and Afternoon

**Workshop 3**

**Tutor –** Marita Watson-Bol

**Focus –** Upcycling Fabric scraps and garments into new designs

**Sessions offered –** Morning and Afternoon

**Workshop 4**

**Tutor –** Ramona Redwood

**Focus –** Clothing Alterations and Modification

**Sessions offered –** Morning and Afternoon

**Workshop 5**

**Tutor –** Melanie Kinloch

**Focus –** How to make a no sew rag rug

**Sessions offered –** Morning and Afternoon

**Max number of participants –** 12 (TBC)

**Workshop 6**

**Tutor –** Odette Watson

**Focus –** How to make a bag from a tee-shirt

**Sessions offered –** Morning and Afternoon

**Workshop 7**

**Tutor –** Ronnie Martin

**Focus –** Small scale art objects with fabric

**Sessions offered –** Morning and Afternoon

**Workshop 8**

**Tutor –** TBC

**Focus –** Knitting

**Sessions offered –** Morning and Afternoon