



Festival of Sustainable Fashion, London Community Resource Network (LCRN)



LCRN received funding in 2018 and 2019 to promote textile reuse and repair by developing a network of clothing repair specialists and organising a working group to look at how to increase textile repair and reuse resources to encourage greater public awareness around textiles waste. Following a preparatory scoping event, a large public event was also delivered in November 2018 in Hackney, called 'Sustainable Threads'. The event aimed to engage north London residents in textiles reuse and repair and included a clothes swap, a textiles repair café with practical demonstrations of how to fix garments and presentations on how to reduce the environmental impact that clothes can have.

- In 2018, the Festival of Sustainable Fashion attracted 300 people, leading to 259kg of textile waste being diverted. In 2019, the Festival of Sustainable Fashion attracted 450 people, leading to approximately 600kg of textile waste being diverted.
- Both events showcased three routes to behaviour change and allowed people to see how to prolong life of clothing and showed the potential damage of 'fast fashion.

For a short video showcasing last year's event, please see this link.

