

## **RepairTEDU Cafe**

The practice of repairing what we have rather than throwing away the broken/old and replacing it with a new one will have a significantly positive impact on a sustainable economy and future. The dwindling small craftsmanship globally makes it difficult to find a place to repair many items; In addition, consumer culture encourages purchasing the new. However, these practices are not sustainable due to the limited resources of the world. RepairTEDU Cafe Project aims to take the first step in Ankara in order to spread the repair culture, which is essential for a sustainable future. RepairTEDU Cafe is based on the idea of bringing together individuals with items to be repaired and those with some repair skills. This way, it aims to recover items that are slightly damaged but expensive to replace, and to transfer repair skills.

The Zero Waste idea behind this project also aims to reduce the amount of waste by using existing resources more efficiently or by recycling them. RepairTEDU Cafe has set itself the goal of raising public awareness about responsible and sustainable consumption, and repair culture. First, the dissemination of repair culture norms will be effective in reducing the waste culture and promoting responsible use of campus items among all members of the university. Second, it will contribute to the reduction of the generation gap between the older generation, which has the knowledge and skills to repair and tends to use objects for a longer period of time, and the lower generation, which does not have the necessary repair skills and tends to buy new ones instead of spending time on repairing. The key to sustainability is not just to offer temporary and short-term solutions, but to reduce the waste culture based on a more permanent and long-term solution. Therefore, this project aims to increase social awareness about the repair culture, to create channels for the transfer of knowledge between generations, to spread the norms of the repair culture, to reduce waste and excessive consumption habits, and to make responsible consumption and repair practices a permanent norm.