



STARTER KIT

# PRECIOUS PLASTICS

GIVING HOUSEHOLD WASTE PLASTICS A NEW PURPOSE



# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Take your recycling to the next level!

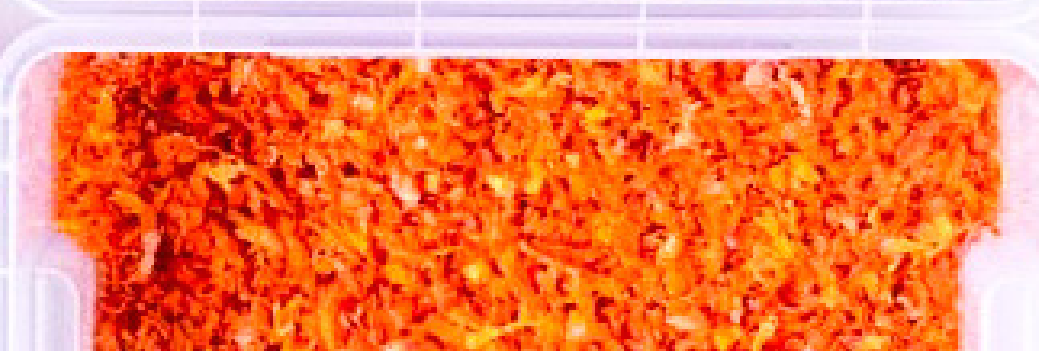
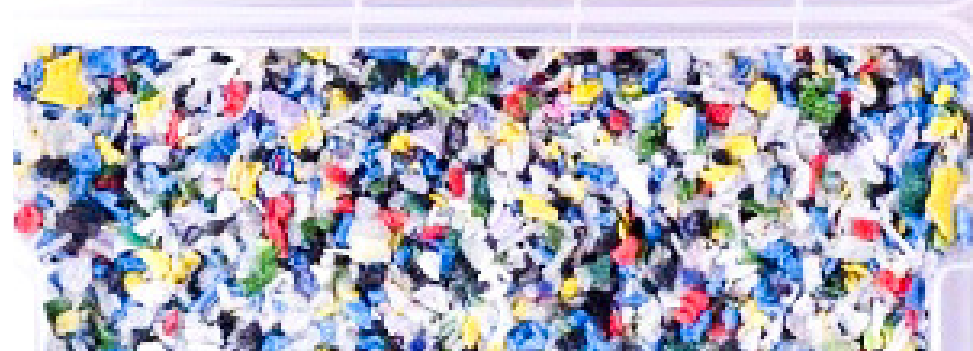
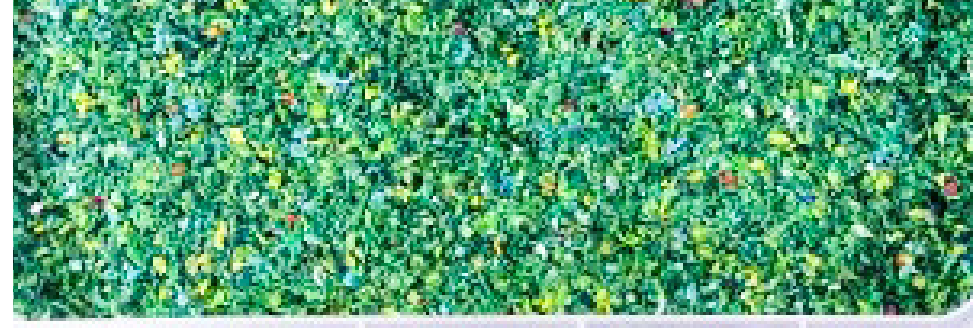
Precious Plastics are a global community of 80,000 people! People who are connecting and creating new and exciting ways to recycle locally and reuse the unavoidable waste plastic.

Your street can join them and make a big difference here in Barking and Dagenham. Together with your neighbours you'll learn how to shred, sort and transform plastic.

Imagine an empty milk bottle into a keyring, or an empty bleach bottle turned into a coaster.

It's easy, your street will receive everything you need to set up a collection and shredding points. Everything that you collect will be stopped from going to landfill and can be recycled right in front of your eye.

There are lots of different types of plastic, so there's lots to learn about how to make things with waste.



# WHAT'S IN THE KIT



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PLASTIC  
BOTTLE  
CRUSHERS



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BOTTLE  
CUTTING  
TOOLS



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STRONG  
SCISSORS



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IRONS



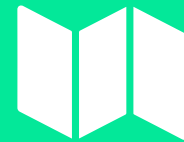
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BAKING PAPER



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COLLECTION  
BAGS



PROMOTIONAL  
MATERIALS



SUPPORT



WORKSHOP  
& TRAINING



INSURANCE

# WORKSHOPS & NETWORKS

To help with the planning and organising of your Tomorrow Today Street, a number of workshops have been designed and scheduled across a 5 week period. These workshops will be scheduled at different times and repeated each week so everybody has a chance to join in!

Workshops will be informative and informal, guiding you and your neighbours through the nitty gritty details of the projects work and how you can start them on your street.

Follow the link to keep updates: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/weareeveryone.org/events/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/weareeveryone.org/events/?ref=page_internal)

## HOW TO ORGANISE TOMORROW TODAY STREET

How to plan and organise a Tomorrow Today Street with your neighbours. Learn how to get others involved in your neighbourhood and start a team. We'll go through ways to asset map ideas to get you and your project started.

Some of the projects require online Health and Safety training which we will explain how to carry out and complete.



## HOW WE WORK

Learn about our principles and how they can help you to make your project inclusive and welcoming to all of your neighbours as the project grows.



## DIGITAL BRIEFINGS

Introduction to the digital tools you can use to support the Tomorrow Today Street projects. We'll go through the uses of different social media platforms and softwares, and follow easy steps.





## ALL ABOUT PRECIOUS PLASTICS!

In this workshop you and your neighbours can find out all about the Precious Plastic project and the amazing things you can do with plastic waste! Hear more about the bigger project making furniture, jewellery and more at the Warehouse, a public makerspace in Barking and how your street can get involved.



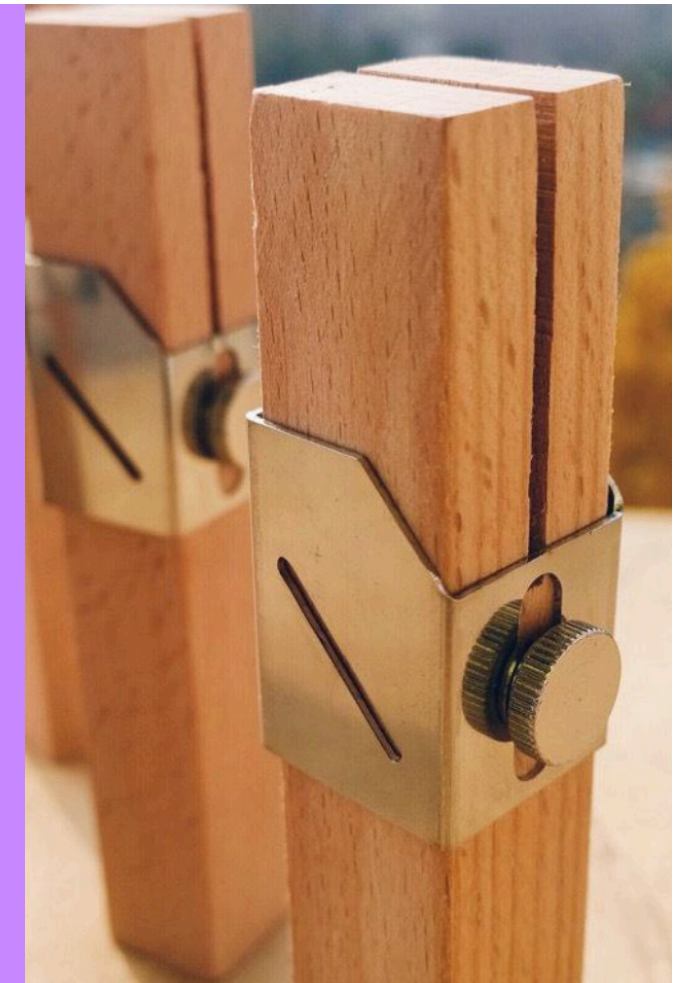
## MAKE YOUR OWN BAG FOR LIFE

In this workshop you'll learn how to turn 3 regular plastics bags into one extra strong Bag for Life. Come along with your neighbours and the bits listed in the "Making Instructions" section of this Starter Kit and learn how to start transforming plastic right in your home!



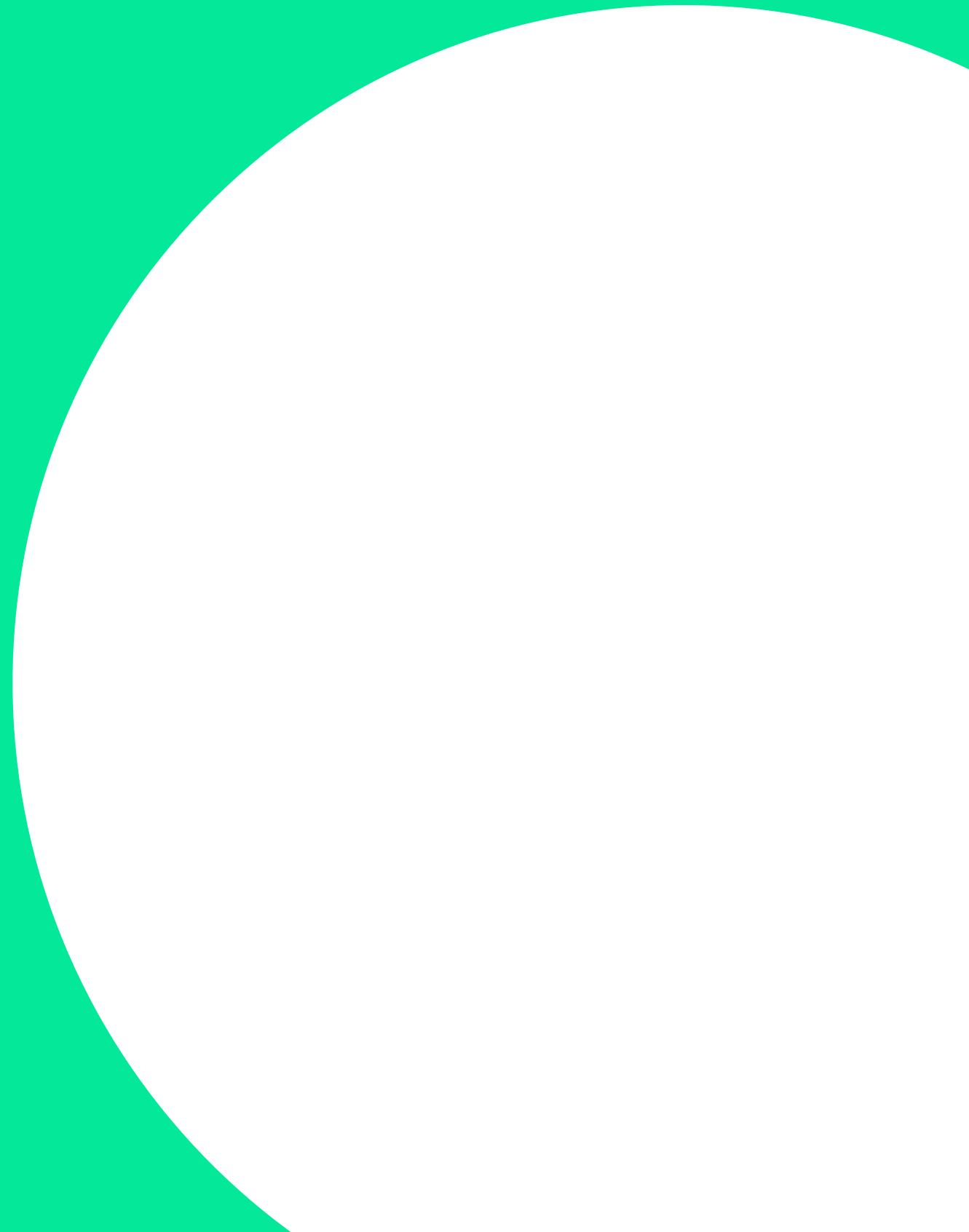
## BOTTLE ROPE

You don't realise you need rope until you need it! In this workshop you'll find out how to use your bottle cutter to create all kinds of ropes. Discover how else to use your plastic rope, including decorations, or to tie up posters, or even to help vines grow vertically.





# THE BIGGER PICTURE





# ABOUT EVERY ONE EVERY DAY

For the past two years Every One Every Day has been working with people across the borough, joining together to share skills, start projects and make friends. Residents have been pouring their creativity and energy into these projects, ranging from cooking, making, sewing, playing, growing, sharing, composting, film and writing.

## WHAT IS EVERY ONE EVERY DAY ABOUT?

There are five high street shops around the borough and one large public makerspace called The Warehouse in Thames.

People pop in to have a cup of tea and share their project or collaborative business idea and then work with the design team.

Over the last two years the project has grown a large enthusiastic network of over 6000 local people, who are doing practical things together to make everyday life better for everyone.

So far more than 150 neighbourhood projects have started with lots of local people participating, with as much or as little support as needed, including cooking, beekeeping, growing, making, repairing and much more.

Many small things done by many people really add up, and really do make friendly, healthy and happy neighbourhoods.

Lots of wonderful things are being achieved by local people, families, friends and neighbours!

## HOW DOES EVERY ONE EVERY DAY WORK?

Practical hands on ideas – not lots of meetings Every One Every Day builds on the ‘hands on’ projects that people have been creating over the last few years in their own neighbourhoods. These types of projects welcome people from all walks of life.

These projects include:

- Sharing skills, spaces and resources.
- Families working and playing together.
- Batch cooking and community meals.
- Food growing and tree planting.
- Trading, making and repairing.





# HOW IT WORKS



1

APPLY TO BECOME A TOMORROW TODAY STREET WITH A SIMPLE FORM

2

TALK TO THE TEAM ABOUT HOW THE PROJECT WORKS

3

YOU'LL GET 3 STARTER KITS SENT TO YOU WHEN YOU CONFIRM

4

CREATE CONTACT LISTS THROUGH FLYERS AND POSTERS

5

START WORKING ON 3 PROJECTS WHEN THEY ARRIVE

6

ONLINE ACCREDITED TRAINING FOR YOUR TEAMS

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LAUNCH STREET PARTY

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HOLD WORKSHOPS WITH NEIGHBOURS TO SURFACE SKILLS AND IDEAS

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CHOOSE FROM 21 OTHER PROJECTS WITH YOUR 20 POINTS

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LEARN WITH OTHER TOMORROW TODAY STREETS





# INCLUSIVE PRINCIPLES

HOW THE TOMORROW TODAY STREETS WILL WORK WITH NEIGHBOURS AND THE EVERY ONE EVERY DAY TEAM

**1**

**OPEN TO EVERYONE  
- NOT EXCLUSIVE GROUPS OR CLUBS**

Anyone can start a Tomorrow Today Street, as long as you live in the borough you're ready to go! If you need help connecting with your neighbours to get started the Neighbourhood Shop Teams are ready to help.

**2**

**EVERYONE IS VALUED, ON AN EQUAL FOOTING**

The whole street matters! Starting a Tomorrow Today Street means creating space for everyone to have a say in picking projects, planning and taking part.

**3**

**PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT THE WHOLE STREET - NOT JUST INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS**

The projects are designed to work together and benefit everyone in your street. The Starter Kits are full of great bits for everyone on your street to use, it's important to make sure that material and equipment are accessible and are easy to borrow and keep safe.

**4**

**PRACTICAL SPEEDY WAYS OF WORKING IN PROJECT TEAMS - NOT COMMITTEES**

It's important that when planning the projects to start on your street, you and your neighbours share responsibility and make decisions together so you can get started quickly. Different people will form small teams around each project, and those who are actively involved will have the most influence over the decisions.

**5**

**CHILDREN ENCOURAGED TO BE INVOLVED IN PRACTICAL PROJECTS AS MINI-MAKERS - NOT JUST SPECTATORS**

There's always something for the kids! Across the 24 projects you'll find lots of activities that children and young people can host, take part in, learn from and enjoy! At Every One Every Day children are mini-makers, creating, learning and sharing their skills.

**6**

**SUPPORT FROM EVERY ONE EVERY DAY**

The Every One Every Day team will help you every step of the way. They will support your street with lots of tools, ideas and plans to kick off your Tomorrow Today Street the right way. We're learning and researching together to make everyday life better in your street.

# BIG TEAMING ON YOUR STREET

Every person on your street has something amazing they can contribute to making your Tomorrow Today Street wonderful! Big teaming is a different way of working, the aim is to get as many people in your street benefiting and contributing from these practical projects as soon you can.

Often with neighbourhood projects committees are established to control and direct activity. This is mostly done because small groups may be managing money and some kind of governance is required. Working through committees often leaves people working on them exhausted, it can slow things down, and make it hard to move things from talking to action and cause people to lose interest.

The Tomorrow Today Street project is set up so that people can get things done and done quickly, not wasting any precious enthusiasm.

The Starter Kits come complete with equipment, materials, insurance and support so there is no need for governance around money in the usual way.

The aim of big teaming is to allow smaller groups of people to collaborate together on individual projects that engage their skills and ideas and fit within their daily life. For example 4 people may come together to start a bread making project like Loaf — that bakes regularly and shares this bread with neighbours. Another set of neighbours may come together to plant and look after an orchard, share the harvest or arrange jam making. A group of parents may collaborate to start a walking bus.

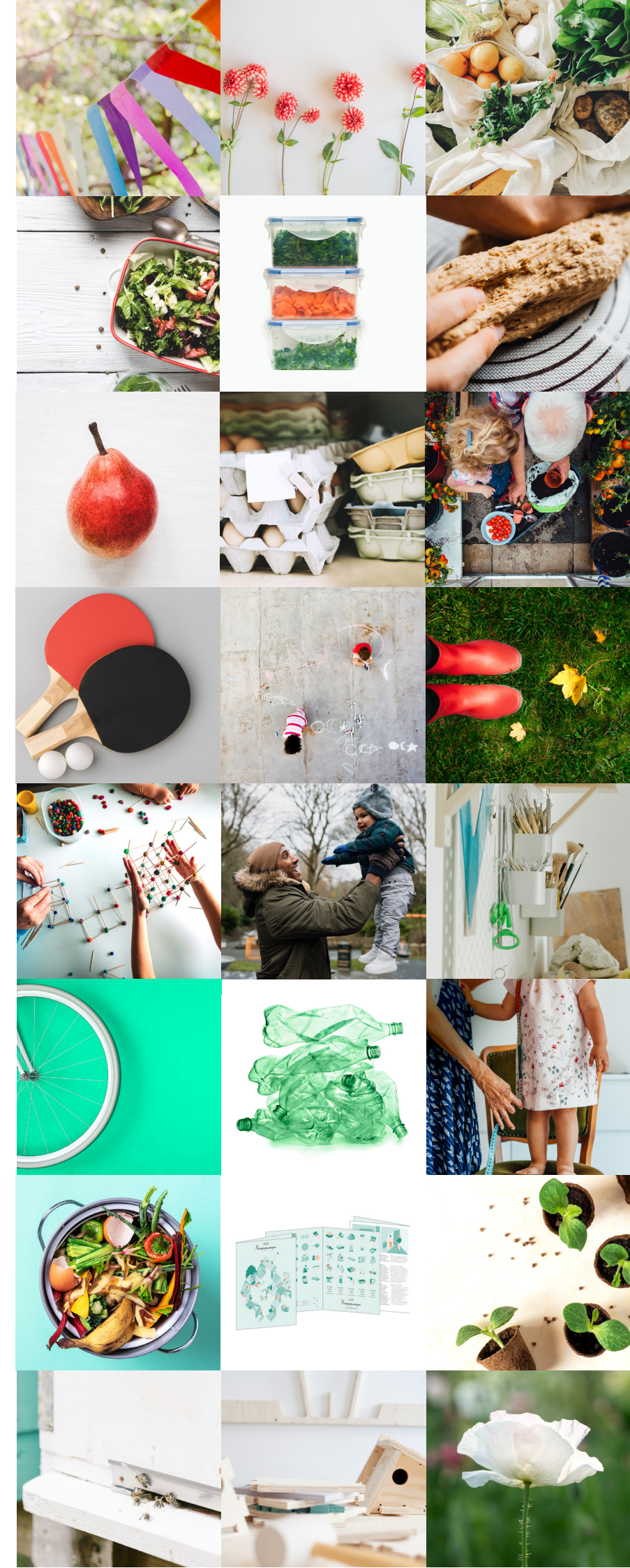
As the teams and projects grow - many people will participate and be involved, get to know their neighbours and share ideas, food, skills and friendships.

Every Tomorrow Today Street has automatic projects which will help neighbours get to know one another better. Decisions will

need to be made about which other projects will be chosen for your street.

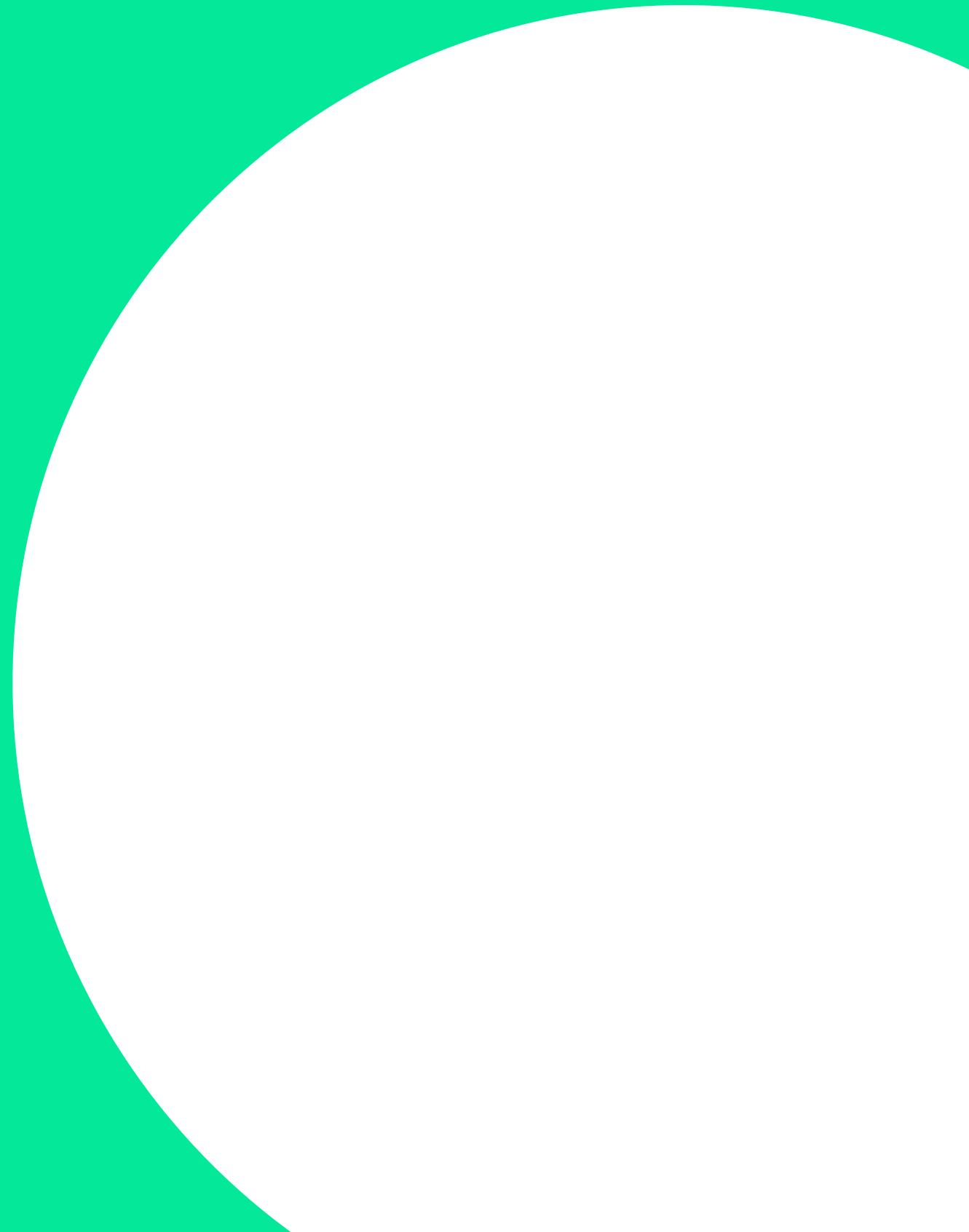
The Every One Every Day team will arrange a workshop for your street where this can be discussed and projects chosen. Importantly, skills and enthusiasms will need to be gathered from people who attend the workshop and those who couldn't make it.

If three people come forward during this process and want to start one of the projects together, all efforts should be made to make this happen as quickly as possible.





# TOOLS TO ACT



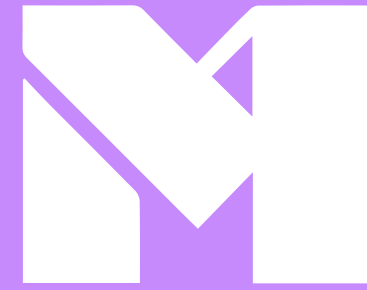


# DIGITAL TOOLS

There are many digital tools you can use to help you and your neighbours stay organised, plan together, share ideas and show your street to the world.

You will learn exactly how each digital tool could help you and which one is best for your street in the Digital Briefing Workshop (see workshop section).

The every one every day team will help you set up to organise your tomorrow today streets using some of these platforms.



## MIGHTY NETWORK

A social platform where you can organise as a street, document your progress and find all information regarding workshops.



## WHATSAPP

A great app for sending instant messages and pictures, Whatsapp is a great tool to chat and organise with your neighbours.



## INSTAGRAM

You can use Instagram as a photodiary, sharing lovely pictures of your street with family, friends and the world!



## MONDAY.COM

A great planning website which will help you create task lists with deadlines and assign roles to each person on your team. You can create a Monday's board with your Street Mentor so they can help you plan and stay on track.



## MURAL

A giant online notepad you can use to draw plans, create moodboards and workflows.



# RESEARCH

SHARE THE STORY OF YOUR STREET



**BECOMING A MEMBER OF EVERY ONE EVERY DAY**

As your Tomorrow Today Street grows and more of your neighbours become involved, it's important that they become members of Every One Every Day so they are covered by the insurance policy and can take part in the programmes evaluation. A simple online digital sign up form has been created for you to share at sessions.

**INTERESTING RESEARCH ROLES**

Research isn't just about writing notes and recording numbers. You and your neighbours can take on different roles to keep track of your project and showcase all the amazing work you'll be doing together. The Photographer, The Counter, The Maker and The Writer are all roles for people to find creative ways to tell your streets story.

- How much plastic you've collected.
- Pictures of your plastic creations.
- Places where you collect plastic.
- Pictures of the making process.

**EVERY ONE EVERY DAY PRIVACY POLICY**

Download and share the privacy policy with neighbours taking part in sessions so they know exactly how their information will be used.

# HEALTH & SAFETY

To ensure the safety of everyone, we ask that residents running Precious Plastics have certain training prior to the event, this will include demonstration that you understand how to use the Plastic Identifying sheet. This is to align to our insurance policy - just in case!



**WASHING YOUR HANDS THOROUGHLY BEFORE AND AFTER USE OF EQUIPMENT.**

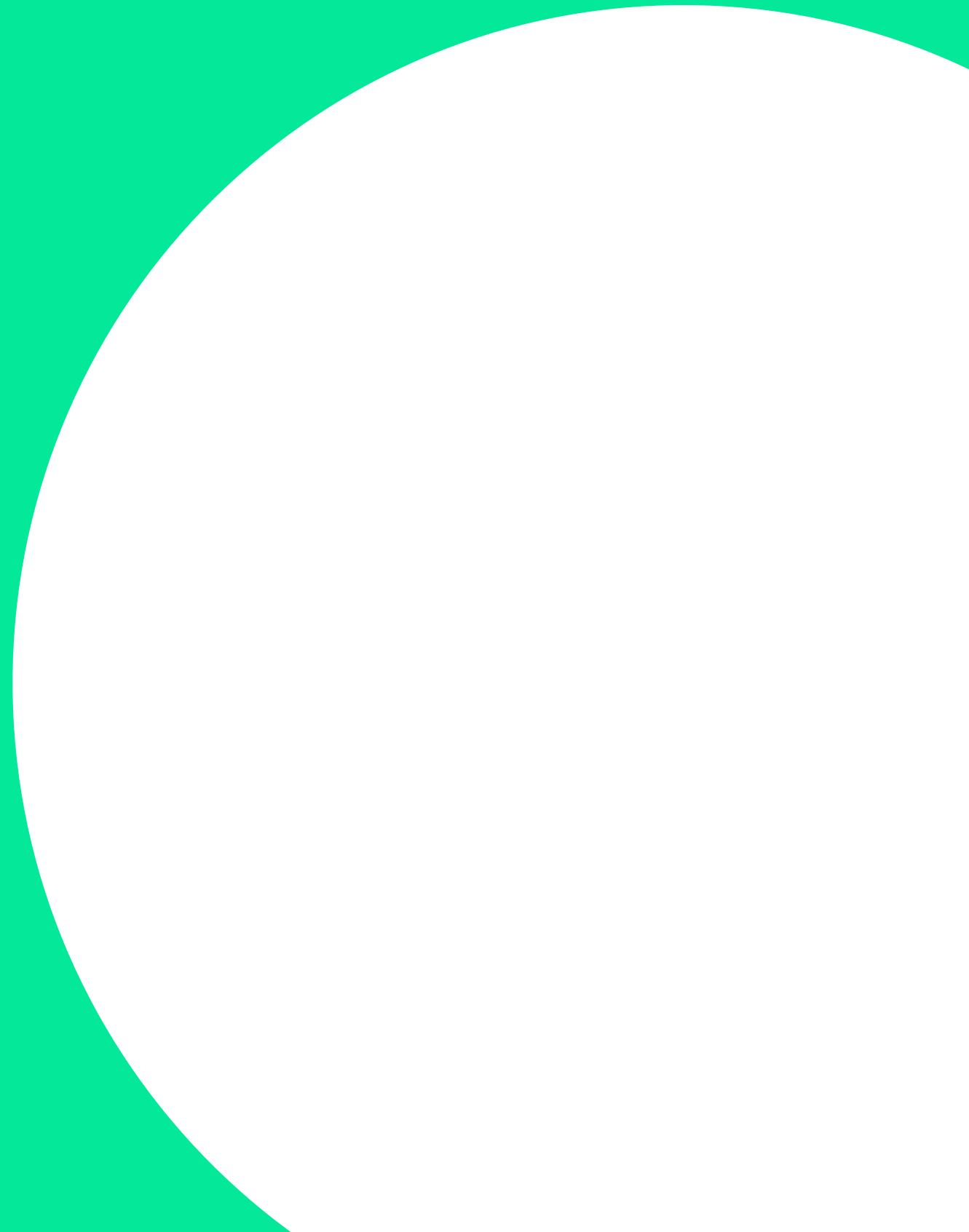
**WEARING GLOVES IF COLLECTING LITTERED PLASTIC IN PUBLIC SPACES.**

**CLEANING SHARED EQUIPMENT BEFORE AND AFTER USE.**

**MONITORING CHILDREN WHILST USING HOT ITEMS.**



# GETTING NEIGHBOURS INVOLVED



# ROLES IN YOUR STREET

Tomorrow Today Street projects include a variety of roles that allows different people on your street to get involved in ways that best match their individual interests, skills and abilities. Here are some examples of roles that you might need for your street.

## TEA MAKER

You will have the very important role of spreading positivity and putting smiles on faces by making and sharing warm beverages as everyone joins in with activities, sessions and games.

## MEETER & GREETER

Help your neighbours feel welcomed as they show interest and join in with your project.

## PHOTOGRAPHER

As the photographer, your role will be to capture memories and moments that shows your street as you take part in projects together. Ideas: how neighbours make decisions, how ideas grow and how much fun you have and what you learn during projects.



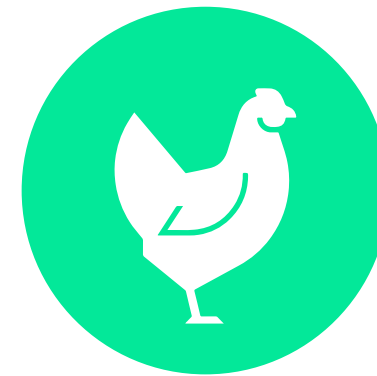
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(HEAD OF GAMES)**



**BEE  
BUDDY**



**STORYTELLER**



**CHICKEN  
WHISPERER**



**FIRST  
AIDER**



**PING PONG  
PLAYER**



**SHOPPER**



**WASHER  
UPPER**



**COOK**





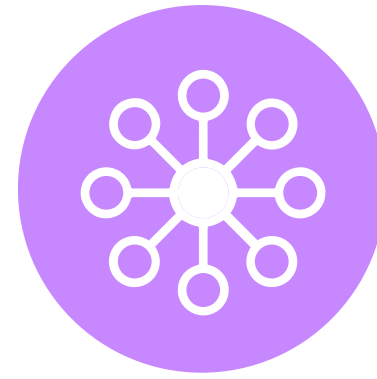
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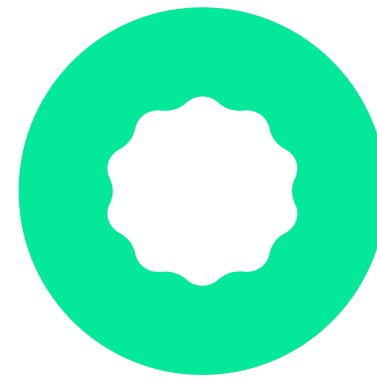
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MENDER



FILM  
MAKER



BADGE  
MAKER



BAKER



KNITTER



WRITER



DIY  
EXPERT



RESEARCHER



DOG  
WALKER



LISTENER



MAKER

# HOW TO COMMUNICATE

There are as many ways to communicate as there are ways to help each other out! For your group conversations, you can use a WhatsApp or Facebook group that everyone can join to stay up to date.

People over the world have different ways to talk to their neighbours, from putting up a note on their windows to writing nice messages on post-it notes... let your imagination fly!

A phone call to check in, a chat over the fence or on the street are also all good ways to share some neighbourliness.

For the less tech savvy amongst the group, these add a personal touch that all the other formats may not, so don't underestimate how far a text can go!

There are loads of ways to get neighbours involved, and a simple conversation is usually a good way to get things going. If there are neighbours you know that have children around a similar age, a knock on the door and a quick chat never goes a miss.

You can also put one or several posters up on your street to describe what the project is about and how your neighbours can get involved.



## WHATSAPP

Whatsapp groups have become very popular because they allow people to send and receive messages, pictures, videos and voice notes.

Your Street Mentor can help you moderate your group if you need or give you advice on how to manage the group.

## LEAFLETS, POSTERS & NEWSPAPERS

Posting leaflets through doors, and putting posters in the area helps inform those who you may not reach through door knocking.

You can leaflet to get people involved in your Tomorrow Today Street or inform them of an upcoming event.

## FACEBOOK

You may want to create a private Facebook page, it's a popular way people can share videos, photos and plan! It's also a good way to create events and keep track of those coming along to sessions.

It's also a great way to save memory on your phones and computers by keeping it all online.

## NEXT DOOR APP

The app is localised, so people living on nearby streets can recommend message each other, reach out for support or invite people to events.



# GETTING OTHER PEOPLE INVOLVED

Don't forget that some of your neighbours might not be online so phone calls and chats over the fence or on the streets are also a good way to communicate and get people thinking about the future together.

It's really useful to have a way of staying in touch with everyone who's involved. Some people may want to be super involved, and others may want to help out for a little and take a pause, whatever the circumstance, you'll need to have an easy way to talk to each other.

## GETTING PEOPLE EXCITED

There are some quick and easy videos in the links that are great for getting people excited about the Street Plastics project, showing just how beautiful rubbish can be with a bit of creativity. Post these videos in your groups and this may begin some exciting conversations, and is a great way to see who else is interested in creating fun ways to be planet positive.

## BUDDY UP

There may be some people that aren't online, or have access to the internet that you've spoken to about the plastics project. To keep them in the loop, buddy that person up with someone who preferably lives nearby who can hand deliver the message, or give them a ring about important changes, meetings and fun goings-on.

## VIDEOS

### Bottles Into String

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=JMbT4DOi21U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JMbT4DOi21U)

### Bottles As Brackets For Furniture

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=OKgtl8gD0ZA&t=2s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OKgtl8gD0ZA&t=2s)

### Ecobrick Ideas

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQYsXxHKgMk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQYsXxHKgMk)

### Gomi Radios

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBfeRIGIEl0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PBfeRIGIEl0)

### PP Tiles

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFrPdqNtDk0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFrPdqNtDk0)

## MEETINGS

It's very easy for meetings to become a bit tiresome! But residents have developed all sorts of ways of keeping meetings light and efficient. They remain a great way of checking in, supporting each other and making group decisions to get things done!

- Set a time and try to stick to it.
- At the start of your meeting decide as a group what you want to discuss but leave space at the end for comments.
- Take it in turns keeping notes.
- If there is time prepare refreshments together.
- Bring inspirational prompts, you can even use music.

Remember this is a group project so we'll help to ensure no residents are left in a position whereby they're having to take on control of group decision-making and that opportunities are spread equally through the group.

# MAKE MAGIC COMBINATIONS WITH NEIGHBOURS BY MIXING UP PROJECTS TOGETHER!



## PLASTIC UPCYCLE

### PRECIOUS PLASTICS

MAKE DIY BAGS FOR LIFE



### SHARE AND MEND

USE SEWING MACHINE AND TOOLS TO DECORATE



### TRADE SCHOOL

RUN SESSIONS ON HOW TO USE PRECIOUS PLASTIC KIT



## CHICKEN SWING

### PRECIOUS PLASTICS

MAKE ROPE OUT OF PLASTIC



### COOP

MAKE A SWING FOR THE CHICKENS USING THE ROPE



# PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

THESE BRIGHT AND COLOURFUL LEAFLETS AND POSTERS WILL HELP YOU GET YOUR NEIGHBOURS EXCITED AND LET THEM KNOW THEIR ROAD IS ABOUT TO BECOME A TOMORROW TODAY STREET!

## INDOOR & OUTDOOR POSTERS

Waterproof and regular posters to catch your neighbours eye as they walk by. Pick a lamp post that gets a lot of traffic!

## LEAFLETS

Pop these leaflets through your neighbours door.

## NEWSPAPERS

Once you and two of your neighbours have started, you will be sent 30-50 newspapers to get even more people involved. The newspapers contain a breakdown of all 24 projects and all the introduction information.

## CONTACT CARDS

A small card for you to write your name, email or phone number so your neighbours can get in touch to find out more.



# OTHER MATERIALS

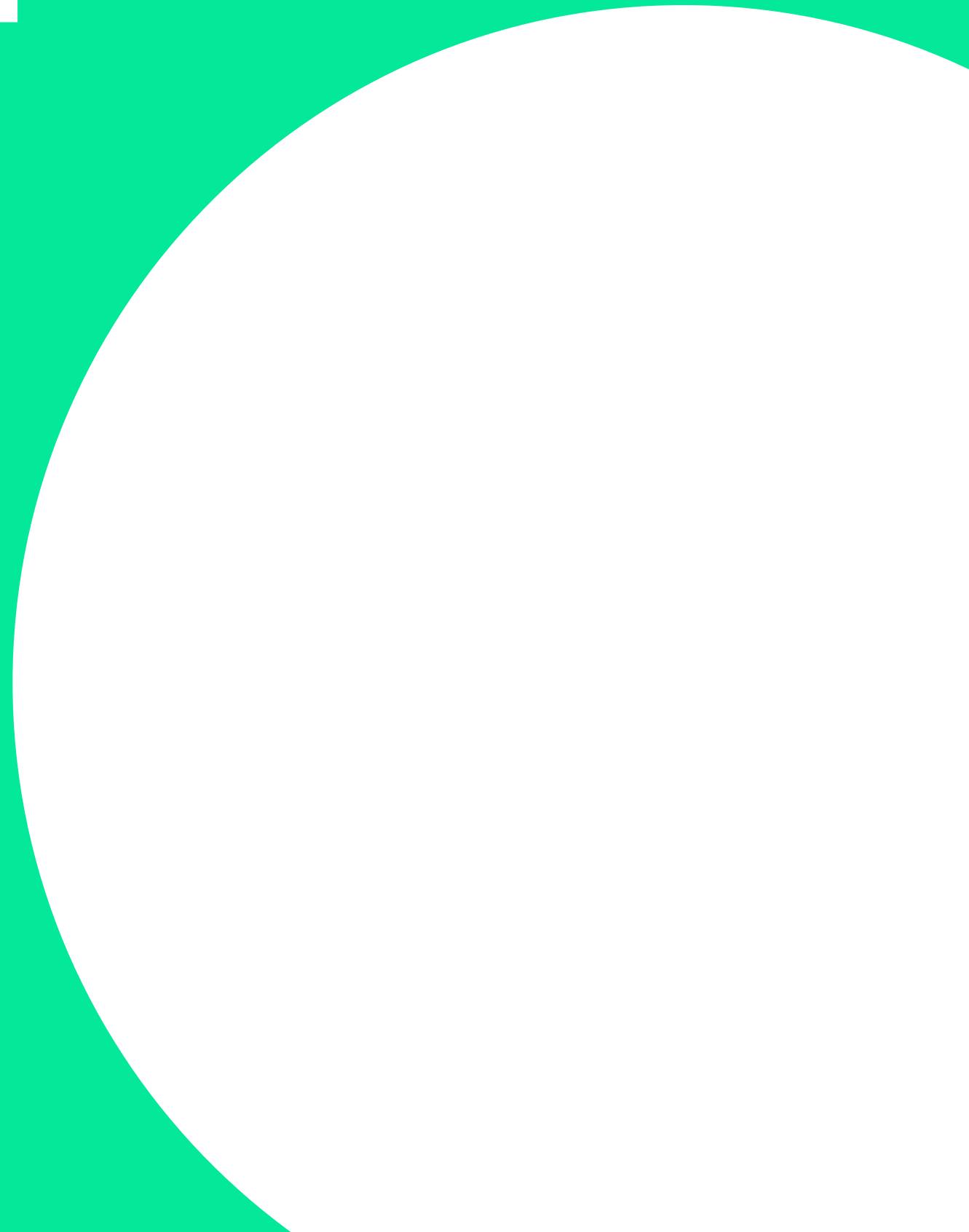
Posters, leaflets and social media are the best way to promote your event, you can place them on your street, at nearby cafes, communities spaces (such as libraries) and your front window. Our Every One Every Day shops will be more than happy to promote your event with posters and leaflets.

- Poster - The Wonders of Plastic Waste.
- Flyer - The Wonders of Plastic Waste.
- Poster - Plastic Collection Point.
- Flyer - Plastic Collection Point.
- DIY Bag for Life Template Guide.
- Precious Plastics Information Guide.





# HOW WILL THIS WORK ON STREET





# IDEAS FOR RECYCLING TOGETHER

There are some easy ways to get together and do exciting things with plastic. In this pack are some tried and tested starting points, for connecting and collecting together.

## PLASTICS FORAGING

Arrange a walk, where you actively go and collect plastic that has not quite made it into a bin. When you get this plastic home, it'll need a good clean and any labels taken off by soaking them in hot water. Then use the Plastics Identifying sheet to help you sort them into different piles of plastic. Make sure to wear gloves!

## PLASTICS POSTER

Not everyone has WhatsApp or access to the internet, so make sure you put up posters in your window, or somewhere close by and public. It's a great way to see who happens upon the project and wants to get involved.

## SHARE YOUR CREATIONS

For those who do, join a WhatsApp group or Facebook group. Sharing what you've been experimenting with or doing is a great way to connect, get tips and help others. This is also a great time to spot people who have been making amazing things and may want to run a session.

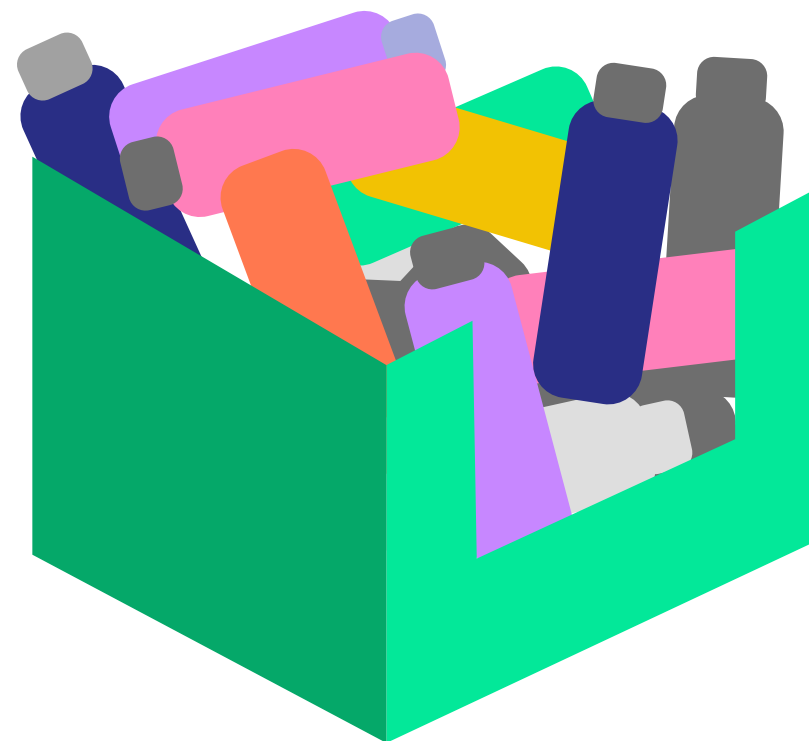


# SHARING MATERIALS

There are plenty of materials for everyone to have a go, with just a few things to consider beforehand. Some items might be best to keep somewhere accessible, or at a house of someone that is happy to make them available.

Keeping a record of where things are and where go to next is a good way to share items. Some people may have access to their own iron so will not need to borrow the one inside the kit, some people may also be happy to let other use their iron, scissors, etc - all you need to do is ask!

**If you need any help in getting anything organised, speak to your Street Mentor.**



## BAKING PAPER

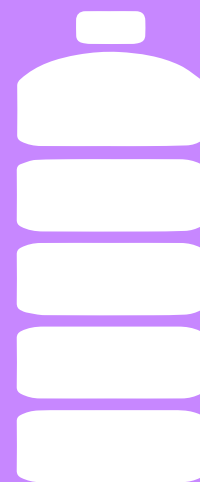
Baking paper can be found in most supermarkets. Some people may not be able to afford their own, so if you can afford it save the supplies in the kit for others. What's great is that the baking paper can be used over and over again, even if it gets a little messy - so don't throw it out when you're done!



## BOTTLE CUTTING

The bottle cutters are such a useful tool to use once you get the hang of them. Simple things like using more smooth plastic bottles make them easier to use, and fixing them somewhere strong also helps (like a vice). To make sure everyone gets a go, perhaps create a pass-it-along system every 2-3 days, then people can share tips on how to get the best results.

There are also lots of tutorials on how to make your own bottle cutter for those that can wait! Just type 'Make plastic bottle cutter' into YouTube.



## BOTTLE CRUSHER

The Bottle Crusher is a great tool. Lightweight and portable, the compactor is designed for plastic bottles (PET) and aluminum beverage cans. You can kickstart all sorts of interesting projects using this method.



# MAKING INSTRUCTIONS

## WORKSHOP: DIY BAG FOR LIFE

Follow these simple instructions so you can continue at home once you've attended the workshop. Each of these workshops will be taught online with a Project Designer, so don't worry too much if you're a little confused!

### STEPS TO FOLLOW

**1** To make your Bag for Life really durable you'll first need to cut each plastic bag into a single sheet and layer 3 pieces on top of each other.

**2** Place the 3 pieces of plastic in between 2 pieces of baking paper and then use an iron to seal the 3 layers together.

**3** Once you have made a few pieces like this, use the simple template to assemble the labelled edges together and cut them evenly.

**4** Make a handle by cutting thin or thick strips of plastic, check that they fit over your shoulder if you are making a tote bag and then iron them on.

### WHAT YOU NEED



COLLECTION BAGS



IRONS



50M INDUSTRIAL BAKING PAPER



STRONG SCISSORS



TEMPLATE GUIDE





# MAKING INSTRUCTIONS

## WORKSHOP: BOTTLE ROPE

There are tonnes of things you can do with plastic bottles, and the bottle cutter helps you turn those bottles into really strong rope! These can be used as decorations, or to tie up posters, or even to help vines grow vertically.

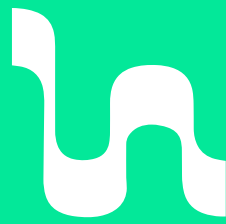
Watch this quick YouTube tutorial to show you how to get started.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JMbT4DOi21U>

## WHAT YOU NEED



PLASTIC BOTTLE



BOTTLE CUTTING TOOLS



IRONS OR HAIR DRYER



BAKING PAPER



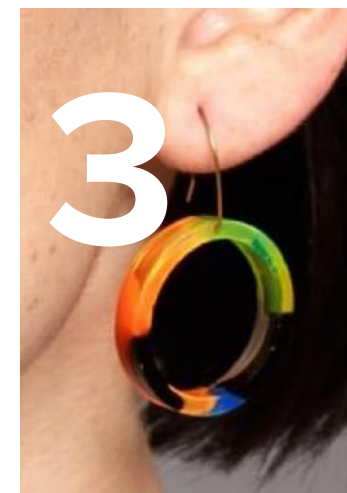
First you'll have to thoroughly clean and de-label the plastic you've brought in! This is so your item doesn't smell or get burnt!

Then you need to identify the plastic type... this is really important to make sure different plastic types don't get mixed up, and then can't be recycled at all. Use the Plastics Identification Chart (on the right) to help or ask one of the team if you're not sure what to do... maybe next time you can show someone else!



There are lots of different types of plastic. Identifying them can be tricky - so use the sheet on the right to help you! Here, we're keeping things simple and working with HDPE plastic only.

For all the other plastic you and your neighbours have collected and identified, use a marker pen to write its number on it somewhere. It will make it super easy to sort the different types later at The Warehouse. But for now, once it's marked, pop it in the 'Other' bag.



Once the HDPE plastics is shredded, then its time to get inspired! There are more detailed instructions below on how to do the next step.

But go for it! Once you've made something, could drill a small hole into the shape and make yourself a key ring? Or make two of the same shape and turn them into earrings? Or link them together to make a wall hanging? The possibilities are endless...



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