

## Let's Get Swapping!



**Stage: 0 - 4**



**Time: 2 - 4 hours**

**Introduction:** Following our Spring Clean Week 2026 Live Lesson, we invite you to reduce waste by organising a swap event or second-hand sale in your school or nursery.

### Curriculum links

**HWB** 0-4-12a, 0-4-13a, **SOC** 0-4-08a, **TCH** 0-4-06a

### What can we reuse / repair / upcycle?

First, we need to think about what to include in our swap event. Ask pupils to think about things that they use each day that could be reused, repaired or upcycled (when waste materials or unwanted products are given a new life by re-purposing them)

Ask pupils to make a list of the things they have identified. This could include clothes, shoes, books, toys.

Tell pupils that they are going to host a swap event or second-hand sale and ask them to decide which of the items on their list they would like to include in the event.

### Organise a swap shop / second hand sale

Organise a swap event or second-hand sale for the items you identified. You can use our planner on page 2 (English) or page 3 (Gaelic) to help you.

Explain to pupils that when they ask for donations for their swap / second hand sale, donations will come in three categories:

- Items in good condition should be swapped / sold as they are.
- Items with minor damage can be repaired and then sold.
  - You could ask for community help with repairing items.
- Items with major damaged can be upcycled.
  - Maybe do an upcycling project as part of your sale (have a look at the upcycling resource for our P4-S2 lesson to help you plan your upcycling project)

Decide which of the three categories you can accept. Ask for donations of items in these categories.

Don't forget to plan for what you will do with any items that aren't swapped / sold at the end of your event.

### Advertise your event

Make a poster advertising your swap event.

Share your event on social media and in school newsletters.

Don't forget to invite members of your local community.

| <b>Swap event Planner</b>  |  |
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| <p><b>Date/Time</b><br/>What date and time will our swap event be held?</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Location</b><br/>Where is the best place to hold our swap event?<br/>Is our chosen location accessible?</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Guests</b><br/>Who will we invite to our swap event?</p>   |  |
| <p><b>What to swap</b><br/>What items do we want to swap at our event? (e.g. clothing, books, toys)<br/>Do we want to upcycle any items to swap/sell?</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Getting donations</b><br/>Who will we ask for donations?<br/>Where will we store donations before the event?</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Involving your culture and community</b><br/>How can we represent our school and our cultural backgrounds in our swap event?<br/>Are there any community members who could help us repair/upcycle items?</p> |  |
| <p><b>Setting up</b><br/>How will we arrange donations? (e.g. by type/age range)<br/>Will we charge for items or will they be free?</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Donations not swapped</b><br/>What will we do with any items that are left at the end of the event? (e.g. store for another event, advertise online, donate to a charity shop)</p>                           |  |
| <p><b>Other things we want to include</b><br/>Do we want to include anything else with our swap event? (e.g. competitions, bake sale, sales of environmentally friendly items)</p>                                 |  |
| <p>Are there anything else we need to plan for?</p>  |  |

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| <b>Plana</b>   |  |
| <b>Ceann-là/Àm</b><br>Cuin a bu chòir don tachartas a bhith ann?   |  |
| <b>Àite</b><br>Càit' a bu chòir dhuinn an tachartas a chumail?   |  |
| <b>Cò bhios ann?</b><br>Cò gheibh cuireadh?  |  |
| <b>Na rudan gus swap a dhèanamh</b><br>Dè dìreach a tha sinn airson daoine a thoirt – aodach, brògan, leabhraichean, dèideagan, msaa?  |  |
| <b>Tabhartasan (airgead)</b><br>Cò as urrainn dhuinn iarraidh air gus airgead a thoirt dhuinn?<br>Càite an cùm sinn an t-airgead?  |  |
| <b>Ar cultar is ar coimhearsnachd</b><br>Ciamar a sheallas sinn ar sgoil agus ar cultar aig an tachartas?<br>A bheil cuideigin sa choimhearsnachd a dh'fhaodadh ar cuideachadh?  |  |
| <b>Ag ullachadh</b><br>Ciamar a bhios sinn a' sireadh nan rudan – le seòrsa, le aois, msaa?<br>Am bi na rudan an-asgaidh no am bi cosgais bheag ann?   |  |
| <b>Rudan nach urrainn dhut swap a dhèanamh leotha</b><br>Dè nì sinn leis na rudan a tha air fhàgail aig an deireadh? (e.g. store for another event, advertise online, donate to a charity shop)  |  |
| <b>Rudan eile a tha sinn airson a chur ris</b><br>A bheil rudan eile a tha sinn airson a chur ris an tachartas) (e.g. competitions, bake sale, sales of environmentally friendly items)<br>A bheil rud sam bith eile a dh'fheumas sinn smaoinichadh air? |  |