



City of Lund

Local reuse center – pilot project

A local reuse center is a concept that aims to prevent waste by bringing reuse and recycling closer to the local inhabitants. The idea is to promote reuse of products by creating a space close to the local inhabitants that facilitates the disposal of unwanted products. The local reuse center also acts as a meeting place where transfer of knowledge regarding reuse can take place, for example through lectures, repair workshops and other initiatives from the local residents.

Today, the conventional recycling centers are often placed on the outskirts of cities and require a car to reach. A local reuse center can in this context act as a complement to the conventional recycling centers, by bringing an easy and convenient way of reusing and recycling to the local inhabitants, who previously might not have had access to a recycling facility.

Local reuse centers can play an integral part in a city's ecological sustainability. The disposal of waste and other products is a daily routine, making the local reuse center a natural meeting place in the community. By helping the local community grow and bringing people together, the local reuse center can also improve the city's social sustainability. The local reuse center can also help create new jobs, which contributes to the city's economic sustainability.

The second-hand movement is growing in Lund. However, this growing interest in second-hand shopping has not yet established itself as the first choice consumers make when considering a new purchase. In other words, second-hand shopping currently stops at individual purchases. A local reuse center can act as a meeting place where opportunities arise that makes second-hand the first natural alternative for consumers, and can also help to increase awareness of the environmental impact of our consumption.

Lund municipality is currently looking for funding for a local reuse center pilot project. The goal is to create a pilot facility with a space for exchanging used products, a small workshop, and a meeting room with a café. The project also seeks to engage other actors and stakeholders in the local area, such as property owners, associations and small businesses. A project manager will be recruited to run the daily operations and conduct activities to increase the participation among local inhabitants. The aim and purpose of the project is to create incentives for increased reuse among the inhabitants of Lund.