



City of Gothenburg

REturen - Creative Recycling Center for Children and Students

REturen is a creative recycling center for children and students in one of the ten districts in Gothenburg (Northern Hisingen) with 33 preschools and 19 schools. REturen take care of residual materials donated from local stores and industries. The material becomes creative teaching aids for children and student and the creative process allows everyone to share their knowledge. The center serves as a meeting point where preschools, schools and other activities in the district can develop in a way that favors social, ecological and economic sustainability. The operations are intended to help reduce material consumption, increase recycling and knowledge of materials. In the future this will hopefully contribute to a more sustainable lifestyle.

The idea to start REturen has been around for many years, but the formal decision was taken in August 2014. The project could start thanks to funds for the implementation of the Environmental Programme (see other action). The project is inspired by Remida Center in Italy like some similar recycling centers in Sweden. The model in Gothenburg has evolved a step further by using recycled materials together with modern technical equipment such as iPads and computers.

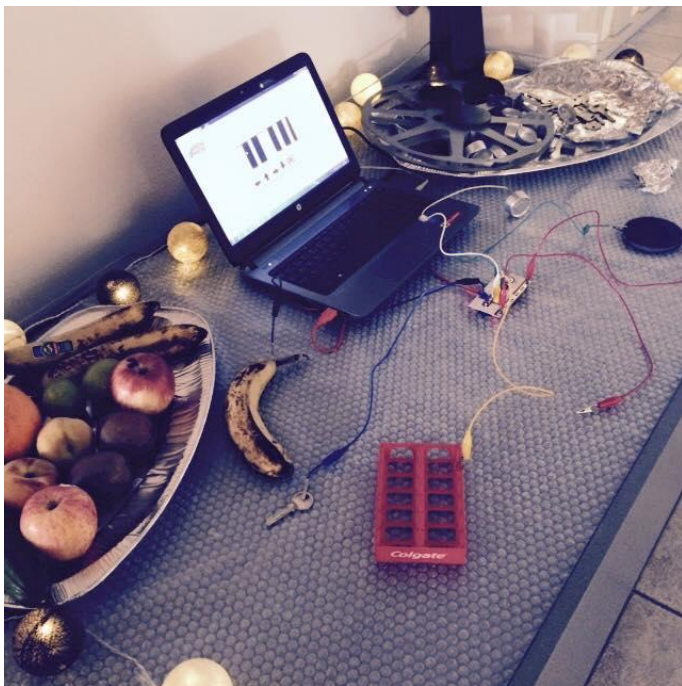
The staff at REmida always checks that the received material does not contain toxic substances or hazardous waste. The center has led to a close collaboration with local stores and businesses which themselves take action for the environment by donating leftover materials instead of throwing it away.

The project is ongoing in 2015, but hopefully it will be a part of the district's regular activities from 2016. REturen can also serve as a model for the other nine districts of Gothenburg in the future.

More information:

REturen web page (in Swedish):

<https://kreativareturen.wordpress.com>



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