

## Visit to The Tool Library, Stirling

Transition Stirling ie basically The Tool Library is funded by the Climate Challenge Fund and the European Regional Development Fund. The funding includes a requirement to host a number of related skills events, workshops and awareness raising activities.

Situated in the centre of Stirling in a shopping arcade, in its second year, the Tool Library loans tools out. MyTurn software used for registration. It works just like a lending library, new members need to offer proof of ID and address including a photo, they then sign up to a series of terms and conditions and an on-line account. Suggested voluntary donation of £20. They become members of the charity, but need to specifically request the newsletter. 300+ tools of varying sizes and types (hand/power, kitchen and gardening equipment) donated by public or bought (eg pressure washer) - they keep note of requests to add to the range.

Loans are for seven days, after which items can be renewed for up to another two weeks on-line, by phone or in person. This service is free. They also operate a tool delivery and collection service for £5. Lenders are sent an automatic email one day before the loan expires and then a request to return or renew one day after the loan has expired. Late returns may be charged an overdue fee of £1 per day.

CCF funding allows the premises rental, 6 members of staff (project manager -responsible for organising and fund raising/bids, reports to Board of Directors, volunteer coordinator, marketing/ PR, technician and two tool library assistants whose roles involves signing up new members, administering loans, looking after a little cafe on site and chatting to people about what they do...all p/t - except possibly the technician)

Have an old van for delivery, shared with another charity.

The Library premises acts as a repair cafe..you can bring an item in and the technician will either help you to or mend the item. Donation basis. There's a repair procedure and electrical items are PAT tested (one of the TL assistants is a qualified electrician, he and technician PAT trained) They also host a variety of workshops and activities - a regular repair workshop (electrical and mechanical, textiles, jewellery. Volunteers come to help the technician eg to operate sewing machines.); foraging workshop, herbs/nutrition workshop, basic sewing workshop, up cycling furniture workshop, carbon conversations.

Bid being put in for next round of funding (March 2018) - to continue the Library, also plastic recycling , paint reuse.