**Reuse it or lose it! It’s a “Reduce, reuse, repair, recycle” event with an emphasis on repair.**

Saturday 20th. January 12 noon to 3.30 p.m.

At the Winlaton Centre, North Street, Winlaton NE21 6BY (short walk from the bus station on the other side of the road)

Save yourself some money and reduce pollution, landfill and litter. Bring any good quality item that you don’t want any more – presents, kitchen equipment, books and music, clothes, in fact anything that works and is clean. Put it on our give and take table for someone else who wants it to take away. Have a look and see if you want something in return. (All unwanted items at the end of the event will be given to a local charity shop or sold towards the cost of the event.)

We are also featuring our first Repair Café with FixIt Café, Durham Software Skills exchange and local menders including Chopwell Men’s Shed. Bring broken things or tools or specialist knowledge. Between us we will work out if it can be fixed, then how to fix it. We'll try anything (legal).

The Council recycling team and Groundwork will be able to explain about your blue bin and the Household Waste recycling centres and The Hop Garden will be there answering your questions about composting. We’ll also tell you about places (both real and virtual) where you can carry on swapping or giving away, and about projects that make sure food isn’t wasted.

We will have children’s upcycling activities and hope to have some gentle live music.

There will be a small entrance fee to cover costs. The Winlaton Centre will be providing refreshments .

The event is being organised by Transition West Gateshead, a local group looking at how we can reduce our use of coal and oil (the main factor in climate change). Facebook “Transition West Gateshead” or visit our website [www.transitionwestgateshead.org](http://www.transitionwestgateshead.org). to find out more or ring 07742 439 023 or e-mail info@transitionwestgateshead.org