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Daniel Zeichner with, from left, volunteer repairer John Crosher, Nicole Barton, from Cambridge Carbon Footprint, and Kettle's Yard community officer Karen Thomas

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# MP visits cafe that aims to fix the world

## POPULAR EVENT PROMOTES SUSTAINABLE LIVING

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CAMBRIDGE'S MP attended an event at Kettle's Yard on Saturday designed to promote sustainable living.

Labour MP Daniel Zeichner attended the Cambridge Repair Cafe in Castle Street, where people have broken items matched with people that can fix them for free, ranging from kitchen appliances to laptops and printers. The event was designed to encourage sharing and reusing items.

Mr Zeichner brought a broken lamp to be repaired, while last year he got his iPad fixed – an appliance that is still working to its full capability today.

He said: "I am delighted to be supporting this event again which has been popularly received in other areas of the city including Arbury and East Chesterton. These innovative approaches to tackling unnecessary waste is exactly what is needed in the fight against climate change, and its popularity

shows that Cambridge residents care about the environment and want to do their bit to help."

Co-organiser Nicole Barton, from Cambridge Carbon Footprint, said: "We are delighted that the city's MP Daniel Zeichner is joining the hundreds of people in Cambridgeshire that are flocking to local repair cafes.

"Hugely popular, these events bring together people who have broken items such as electrical, clothes and books with the people who can fix them.

"Both repairers and visitors tend to be passionate about keeping waste out of landfill and tackling climate change – it's estimated that repairing, rather than replacing a 13" MacBook saves the equivalent of two-thirds

of a tonne of CO2." A Kettle's Yard spokesperson said: "To coincide with Open House artist-in-residence Hannah Kemp-Welch's research into Pye Radio and the founder of Kettle's Yard Jim Ede's own history of broadcasting, Kettle's Yard is delighted to host an Electronic Repair Cafe.

"Repair cafes reduce waste, cut CO2 emissions and bring people with a common goal together. Hyperlocal Radio, currently on display at Kettle's Yard, explores sound and radio through projects made by communities and groups in North Cambridge with Hannah Kemp-Welch.

"We hope that visitors who come with items to be fixed might also find out more about the work of Open House and discover something new about radio and its connection to Cambridge."

Innovative approaches to tackling unnecessary waste is what is needed.

Daniel Zeichner