

Our Workshop Bus

A Mobile Repair Café

About Us

- Jena: 100.000 inhabitants
- Repair Café was founded in Summer 2014
- 10-30 active members
- Monthly repair cafés, mainly electrical appliances, bikes, textiles





- Biggest issue: No permanent home
- In 5 years already 3 different locations, which never lasted



- The Idea of a mobile Workshop Bus was born and I wrote a funding application to "Deutsche Postcode Lotterie"
- In November 2017 we got an E-Mail: You won 10.000 Euro of funding
- In May 2018 we bought a 20-year-old MAN public bus for 5.000 Euro



- In summer 2018 we built a workshop inside the bus
- 500 voluntary hours, mainly recycling materials
- costs: 500 Euro materials, 800 Euro repairs, 1300 Euro insurance, 300 Euro taxes, 2000 Euro print, 200 Euro licensing



- In autumn 2018 the work was done: We removed seats, built serveral folding tables, workbenches, storage units, power outlets and a sewing corner
- For the winter we found a parking garage at a farm

- Over the summer we had 6 Repair-Cafés in and around Jena
- Bus worked out as great eye catcher



Pros and cons of the bus

- Pro: Attention, we are mobile, workshop is working well, good engine
- Cons: No driver, no parking space inside the city, a lot of organizational efforts