



Open it up. See how it works. Hopefully fix it.

Our Mission

Fixit Clinic conveys basic disassembly, troubleshooting, and repair skills using peoples' own broken things as the vehicle. By sharing these skills while transferring them to others we teach critical thinking through the lens of our relationship to consumption and sustainability. We strive to demystify science and technology so that we can ultimately make better policy choices as a society.

"Education, entertainment, empowerment, elucidation, and, ultimately, enlightenment through guided disassembly of your broken stuff."

Fixit Clinic is a "pop-up" activity where people bring their broken things to disassemble: many participants have never attempted opening up something before, often special tools are necessary to get inside. We provide Fixit Coaches to help guide participants through their disassembly process, and have the special tools on hand.

Our experience is that fixing many broken items is possible, even easy. But even if the item isn't fixed, there's a valuable educational aspect to understanding why it stopped working.

Clinics provide a forum for the general public to bring broken, non-functioning items—electronics, appliances, computers, toys, sewing machines, bicycles, fabric items, etc.—for assessment, disassembly, and possible repair. The clinics provide work space, specialty tools, and guidance from coaches.

Attend an Event

Fixit Clinic is staffed by volunteer Fixit Coaches and is not a hands-off free repair service. Fixit Clinic is a troubleshooting and discovery workshop: you are expected to actively participate in the disassembly, troubleshooting, and repair of your item so that you leave fully empowered to share your new-found confidence and insight with your friends, neighbors, and the community at large.

In the past year Fixit Clinics have been held at these Alameda County Library System Branches: Castro Valley, Fremont, Newark, Union City, and now... San Lorenzo.

Contact us

If you want to hold a Fixit Clinic in your area email us at fixitclinic@gmail.com

StopWaste

StopWaste has awarded Fix It Clinic two \$5,000 mini grants to expand the number of coaches and clinics held in Alameda County. Over the two-year period, they have held 30 clinics with over 300 participants in the county. Grant funding helped Fix It Clinic recruit new coaches, specifically in the south and eastern parts of the county.