

TDEG AGM (24 June 2020) - comments from break out rooms after presentation

Ruth asked us to discuss three key questions:

Q1. What key changes would you like to see happen or campaigned more for in this area?

Several of us mentioned the need for greater regulation - e.g. Legislation to stop unused fashion going to landfill and greater regulation on imports from unsustainable and unethical suppliers. Could we support campaigns in this area?

But changing behaviour was also as important as new regulations, even though it might be difficult to change consumer behaviour

E.g. Promote `small steps` which people can easily take and then see they've made a difference

Important to reach and educate young people on the impacts of their clothes purchases early.

And let's demonstrate through our own action - e.g. Rescheduling the clothes swap sale as soon as we can (and could we get a fashion celeb to attend to attract younger people, or could we have a running slideshow showing the fast fashion facts at the clothes swap/sale?).

Could we run workshops to help mend clothes for local people?

Q2. Can you make any local connections to what you've read? E.g. Someone with knowledge, a business or organisation, a campaign group?

Our local contacts could be at the `consumer` end e.g. youth groups, local schools and universities, but also at the `supplier` end through local sustainable/ethical shops.

Carrie could run some 'mending'/repair workshops for us? Can we encourage cubs and scouts to try sewing and making activities? Could the `Scrubs group` transform to repair group?

We need innovative and engaging ways of encouraging young people to think about the impact of `fast fashion` (e.g. journey of a pair of jeans).

We need to link young people's passion re climate crisis with greenhouse gas emissions associated with fast fashion.

Q3. Are there any particular points you would like to publicise / take action on?

Buy organic cotton (I had no idea of the greenhouse gas impact of cotton).

See if we can get a visit to Monkey Jeans in Youlgreave!

Publicise good opportunities on our Facebook page and website, for more sustainable/ethical shopping, and also ways of reducing the purchase of new stuff (e.g. Eyam Repair workshops) and reducing waste (e.g. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust for recycling old clothes and other items).