



**Joint Western Arun Area Committee**  
**Community Initiative Fund application**



**CLC Reference:** 402/JWAAC

**Local Councillor:** Ashvin Patel

**Status:** Fundraising Stage

Overfunding enabled (refer to 'what we'll deliver' section)

**Project cost:** £5,907.00

**Crowdfunding target:** £5,872.00

**Project Title:** EcoSwap community workshops

**About:**

EcoSwap CIC aim to deliver community workshops integrating different community groups for the benefit of the entire community and local environment.

EcoSwap CIC is a not for profit organisation that has four key aims which include education. Without changing the habits of our community we are unlikely to make a collective difference to the environmental emergency we are facing. We aim to provide a range of workshops and activity sessions which promote a more sustainable ethos through making, mending, repurposing and sharing skills. We hope to connect residents of the community with one another so we can bridge the gap between generations, religious beliefs, social background, political alliances and many more to bring the community together to work as one. We would like to approach the older community and invite them to share skills with the younger generations hoping to save some of the vital skills they possess such as bobbin lace making, darning and dressmaking. Meanwhile the younger generation will be able to share their skills with modern technology to assist the older generation in making more sustainable decisions.

**Project Delivery Manager:** EcoSwap

## **About me:**

EcoSwap CIC was founded in June 2019 with four key aims.

- Providing community produce and reducing FOOD waste
- Providing environmental based EDUCATION
- Helping the community with SAVING MONEY at the same time as reducing environmental impact
- Ensuring the COMMUNITY works together for the betterment of their environment.

The management consists of three directors whom are accountable to a community led forum who are regularly consulted about the way in which the organisation is run including financial decisions.

Gemma has a young son and is passionate about educating the community's children and young people to enable them to make a difference to their environment.

Caitlin has previously worked in local government and is keen to empower the community to work in harmony with policies to create a better environment

Mandy has run two successful businesses and is passionate about reducing the amount of waste in landfill

Kloe runs a successful photography business and is also a support worker for a young woman with Downs Syndrome. Along with five children she has become an expert in finding sustainable, convenient and low cost options which she is keen to share with others

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/ecoswapcic/>

## **Why we're pitching for a pledge:**

We are a passionate and driven organisation determined to bring back the sense of community in order to improve our local environment.

## **What we'll deliver:**

- deliver workshops which integrate the community for the betterment of the local environment

## **How any extra funds raised from overfunding will be spent:**

- Provide more workshops including house workshops at residential nursing homes

## **Why it's a great idea:**

Despite modern technology making communication easier than ever, social isolation is at an all time high. We aspire to bring back the sense of community that has been lost in order to make our local environment a better place to live for us, our wildlife and our native fauna. Individually our changes make a little impact, but working together as a community, learning from one another we can make long term, sustainable changes.

## **Steps to get it done:**

- Deliver workshops