ReImagine West Shore Community

Learn How to Grow Food for Your Family Get Stuff Repaired ∗ Discover Affordable DIY Solutions for Your Home ... and more!

FREE Workshops and Events 2026

January to June

ReImagine West Shore offers **FREE** workshops and community events.

Some of our events are drop-in and others require pre-registration. Visit our website to sign-up.

January
Nourishing & Delicious Veggie Stew Workshop

Saturday, January 24, 2026; 10am–12pm
Royal Bay Secondary School, Colwood
FREE; Space is Limited; Pre-registration Required

Join **Chef Michael Williams** of **Urban Forage** and learn to make a tasty and nourishing winter stew, taking advantage of one of the most affordable local veggies, green cabbage! We will also be incorporating local lentils from Saanichton, which are nutritional powerhouses in this tomato and coconut milk-based Moroccan vegetarian stew.

February
Plan and Prepare Your Garden Workshop

Saturday, February 7, 2026; 10am–12pm
Gordon United Church, Langford
FREE; Space is Limited; Pre-registration Required

It's the time of year when gardeners get excited about plotting and planning what they will be planting in their garden. Here on Southern Vancouver Island, good planning makes it possible to harvest produce from our gardens during every month of the year. Come and get yourself organized for the growing season!

Repair Café & Gardening Swap & Shop

Saturday, February 21, 2026; 11am–3pm
Gordon United Church, Langford
Drop-in; Free or By Donation

What do you do with a broken lamp or toaster? Throw them away? No way! Bring them to the Repair Café, where our fantastic volunteer repair team can assess and more than likely help you get your item repaired for free or by donation.

This Repair Café is paired with a Gardening Swap & Shop where folks can bring pots and garden tools that are still in good shape, but looking for new homes for the season.

Sunflower Growing Challenge

Check ReImagine West Shore's socials or website for info on how you can pick-up a free sunflower plant and learn to grow along with us this year.

March
Seedy Saturday

A collaboration with Flourish! School Food Society
Saturday, March 7, 2026; 11am–3pm
Royal Bay Secondary School, Colwood
Drop-in; Free or By Donation

Come connect with farmers, seed vendors, gardeners, and community groups to find your local seeds for the season, swap seeds and seed origin stories, learn how to grow more of your own food, and create nurturing spaces for pollinators.

This 3rd Annual West Shore Seedy Saturday will also feature the **"Eat Your Fruits & Veggies Quilt Show"** from Royal Bay Secondary School students.

Permaculture 101 Workshop

Saturday, March 14, 2026; 10am–12pm
Gordon United Church, Langford
FREE; Space is Limited; Pre-registration Required

Resilient lifestyles are necessary in these changing times. Discover how you can model your garden, home and life after nature, using the permaculture principles. Permaculture is a sustainable design theory modelled on natural ecosystems. You'll be introduced to the ethics and principles of permaculture, and we'll talk about scalable ways to apply the theory to your garden, home and life.

April
Container Gardening Workshop

Thursday, April 9, 2026; 7–9pm
Gordon United Church, Langford
FREE; Space is Limited; Pre-registration Required

Growing veggies, flowers and fruits is not only for the garden – growing in containers can be an incredibly rewarding and abundant way to add nourishment and local veg to your meals. Come learn about what types of containers are the best to use, how to replenish nutrients and choose the right soil, and what varieties of fruit, veg and flowers are best grown in containers.
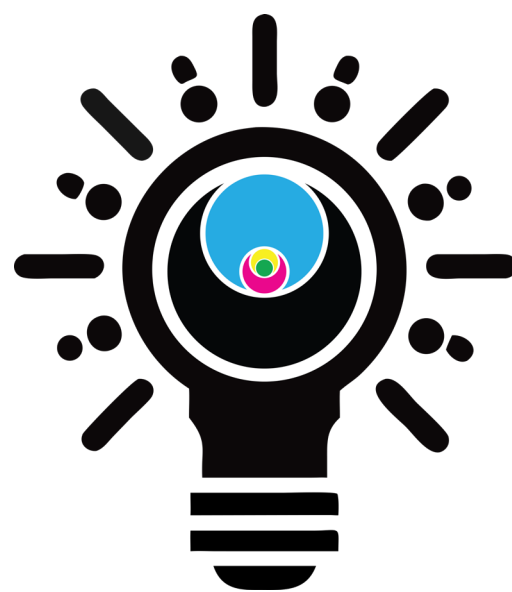
Sewing Makerspace & Spring Clothing Swap

Saturday, April 11, 2026; 11am–3pm
Emery Hall, 537 Glencairn Lane, Colwood
FREE; Space is Limited; Pre-registration Required for Workshop; Drop-in for the Clothing Swap

A fantastic opportunity to get some expert help, learn new techniques, and connect with fellow sewing enthusiasts. This workshop is intended for folks who are already working on a project, NOT for people just learning how to sew.

Got no time to sew, but have cool clothes to swap? Drop by to find something new-to-you for Spring!

Westhills Park Restoration and FireSmart Event

A collaboration with Langford Parks & Fire Rescue
Saturday, April 18, 2026; 9:45am–1pm
Westhills Park, Langford
FREE; Pre-registration Requested (for tool and refreshment planning); Drop-ins OK, too! 😊

Keep the park FireSmart safe and support the natural ecosystem by helping to remove flammable wood and invasive species. A great outdoor event for folks of all ages who love nature and want to help out! Snacks, water and tools will be provided.

Do It Yourself (DIY) DAY

A collaboration with South Island Climate Action Network
Saturday, April 25, 2026; 11am–3pm
Anglican Church of the Advent, Colwood
Drop-in; Free or By Donation

Looking for ways to connect with practical DIY actions you can take to become more resourceful, save money for your family, reduce waste, and live a more sustainable life? Then we've got the Saturday happening for YOU and your family!!!

DIY DAY is a one-stop shop where you can get tips and info about Repairing Stuff, Growing, Cooking & Preserving Your Own Food, Recycling Beyond the Blue Box, Saving Energy at Home, Protecting Green Spaces, and more!

May
Gardening for Pollinators and Other Wildlife

Sunday, May 3, 2026; 10–11:30am
Goldfinch Art Centre, 170 Goldfinch Road, Colwood
FREE; Space is Limited; Pre-registration Required

Done with the Kentucky bluegrass and ready to make a welcoming space for BC pollinators and birds? There's lots you can do to invite more nature into your life, and it's fun to chat with other nature-lovers, too! Discover what you can do to support pollinators and other wildlife in your backyard!

June
Food Preservation Basics

Thursday, June 18, 2026; 7–9pm
Gordon United Church, Langford
FREE; Space is Limited; Pre-registration Required

Come learn how to preserve the summer and autumn abundance. We will cover the basics of dehydrating, how best to freeze foods, store foods, and the science behind hot water bath canning and fermenting, too.

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