

INTERESTING

LITHUANIA

Clothes-special bins to donate them, second hand stores, giveaway facebook groups

Everyone who wants to give away some clothes in Lithuania can do so by putting them into the special fabric disposal bins located all over the cities. In case the clothes are in good shape there is an Lithuanian app called Vinted, that is now being used internationally in countries such as Germany and USA and serves as an online marketplace for people to sell their clothes. This way of exchanging clothes is very popular in Lithuania also through Facebook groups and online forums. Thrift shopping is getting more popular as well as local sustainable brand are competing to fast fashion.

As in all north eastern European

countries, there is a tradition of making jars filled with pickled products as well honey and jams. These jars can be reused by Lithuanians, all over the house either to be refilled with these products or containers for other kinds of products or things around the house.

Same as Vinted there is another version of the app called "Musu mazyliai" where Lithuanian parents can exchange and sell their children's clothes and toys. Another way that Lithuanians are reusing the plastic toys of their children is by selling them in special markets that are organized year-round.

Klaipeda city offers to exchange furniture, citizens are invited to bring the furniture they don't use to special containers while others can come and take it for free.

GERMANY

The worldwide Freecycle™ network organizes the exchange of free items in local groups. With "Freecycle" you can offer or search for items to give away, the website directs visitors to the various local groups in Germany.

With the German sharing network "Tauschticket" you can exchange your articles economically and comfortably with other members. The participation with "Tauschticket" is free of charge, in order to be able to exchange, one needs so-called "tickets", the exchange currency.

Replace disposable bottles with returnable bottles - preferably made of glass.

Returnable bottles can be refilled up to 50 times. Disposable bottles, on the other hand, immediately end up in the garbage, by 2015 this was 17 billion one-way drinks packages and 2 billion cans in Germany.

Clothes can be repaired. It is estimated that in Germany we donate around 100,000 tons of clothing a year, in old clothes containers, street collections and recycling yards. Other estimates suggest up to 1.5 million tons of textile waste per year. That would not have to be necessary...

From September 07-13 the annual "Zero Waste Week" took place even in Germany. This year's theme was "Reuse".