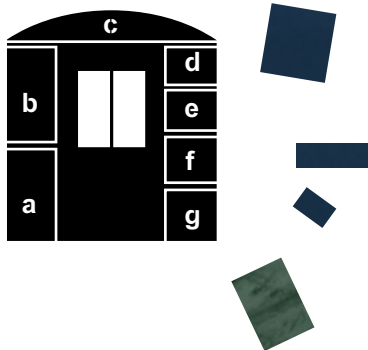
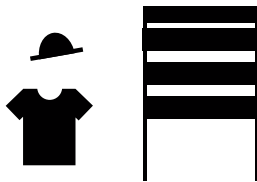
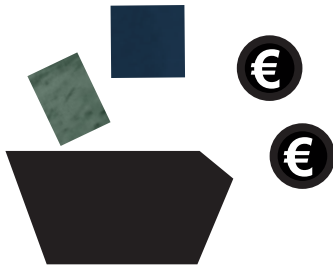


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research

Step 1 – gather facts

Dive into the trash at your college and find out, what it consists off and how it could be saved. Could there be economical benefits for the students and the institution?

Step 2 – create a knowledge map

Talk to the relevant stakeholders at your college: the administration, the head of the institution, the caretakers, students, teachers and workshop-masters to gather trash information. Try to get them involved.

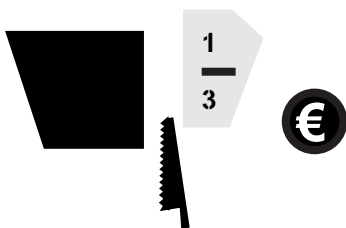
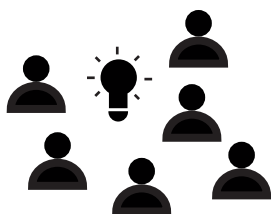
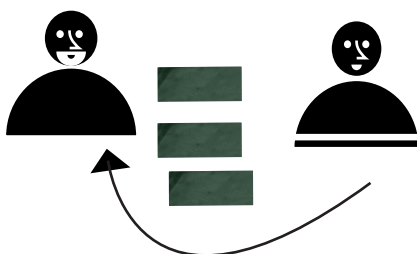
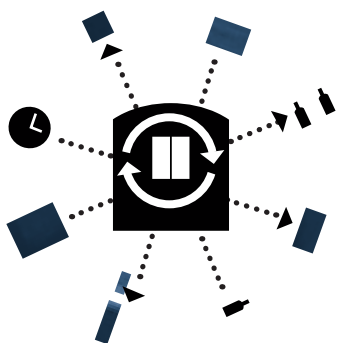
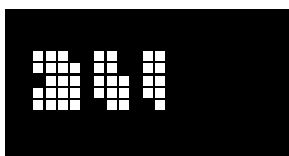
Step 3 – find a physical location

Find a space on the college grounds that can house your material storage and is positioned at a very visible and practical spot. For objects you can easily place a ‘free buffet’ somewhere. Besides saving objects this can provide a means to create awareness.

space

Step 4 – develop the physical space

Build up the storage and organisation system for the materials. Sorting them by size helps to save space. Think of a numbering system that helps to retrieve the materials quickly, a simple excel sheet might work fine.



system

motivation

development

Step 5 – exhibit the materials

Create a display that shows all your available materials. Exhibiting small samples on this display provides a way to show the exact condition of the materials efficiently.

Step 6 – create an exchange system

Develop a material exchange system.

Find out what the students at your institution would prefer as a currency. Materials could be only exchanged against other materials, or also against time, beer, money etc.

Step 7 – communicate the project

Communicate the project and how it works by designing posters, giving talks, describing it on the college website etc.

Step 8 – encourage participation

Motivate people to participate by visualizing the benefits their involvement has for themselves and for the environment. This can be done in form of events, workshops, or pictures that show the treasures one can find in the college trash.

Step 9 – keep it going

Use your gathered knowledge to find a way of financing a job at the lab. This could be achieved by applying for funding, cutting the garbage disposal cost and using the savings, by selling materials or beers etc.