

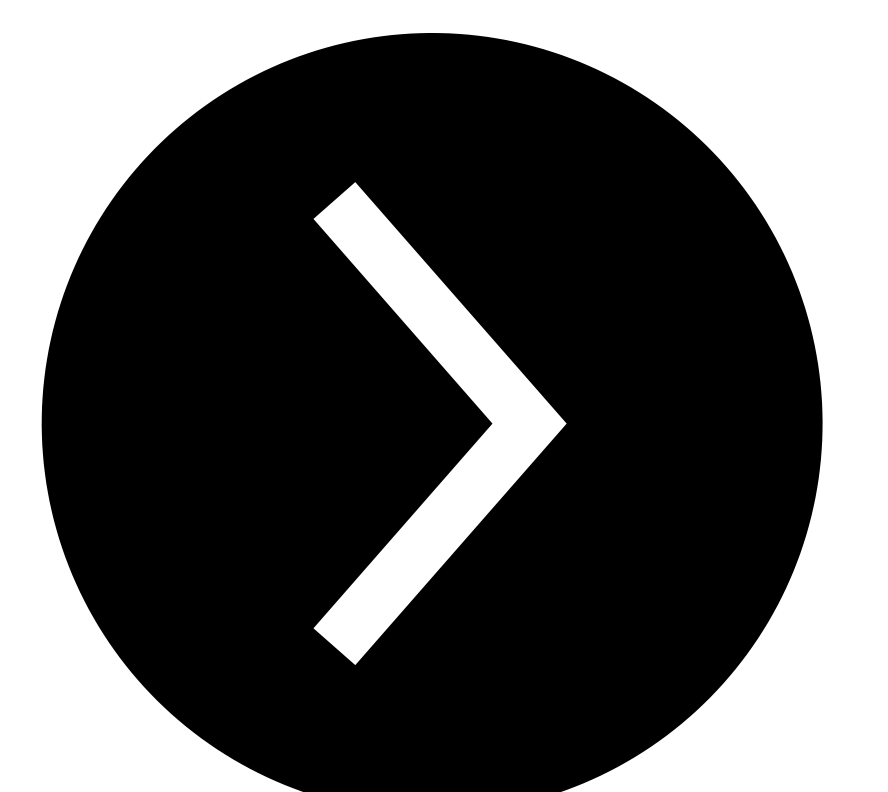
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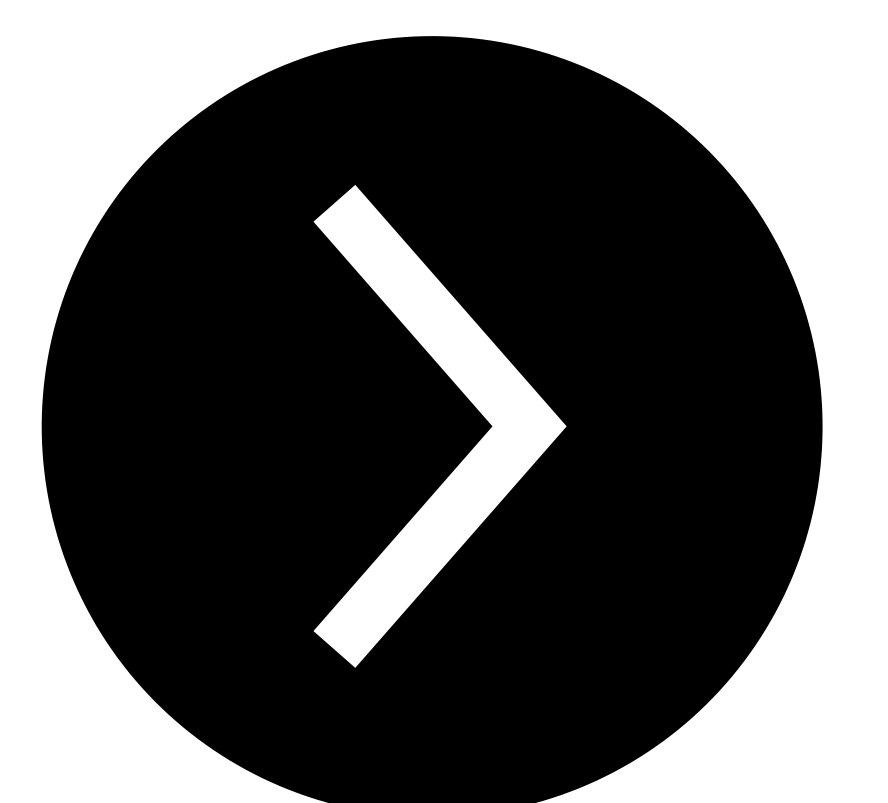
From waste cooking oil to scented candles

A social enterprise that reduces pollution by turning used cooking oil into eco-friendly candles and creating adapted jobs for people with disabilities.



The challenge

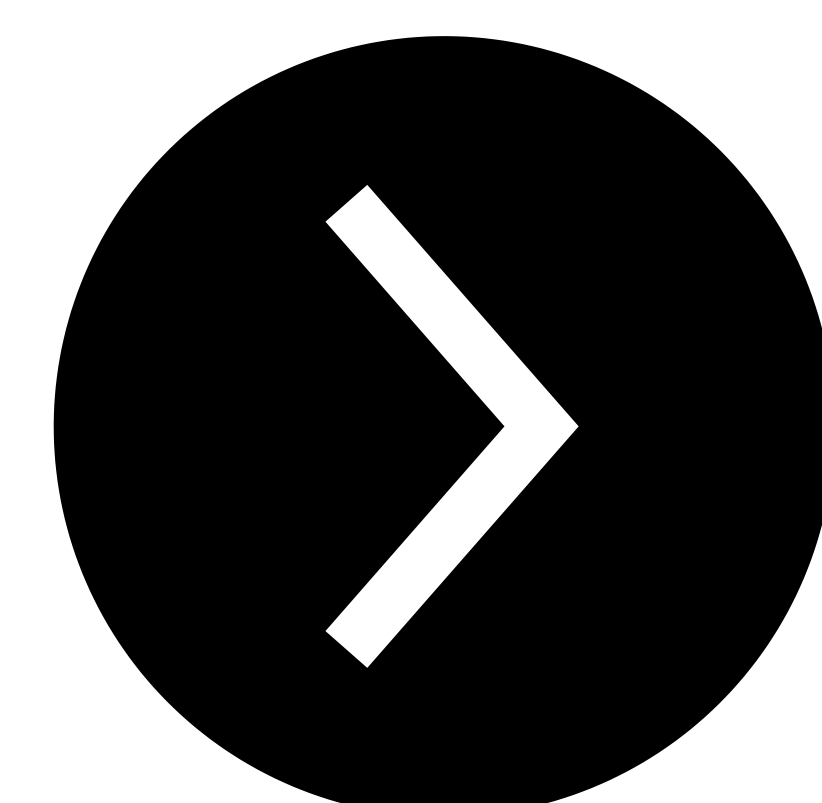
- Used cooking oil is often disposed of improperly, polluting water, soil and sewage systems.
- Many people are not aware of the environmental damage.
- Communities lack simple, sustainable solutions for collecting and recycling this common household waste.
- People with disabilities continue to face barriers to accessing adapted, stable jobs and participating in the labour market.





The idea

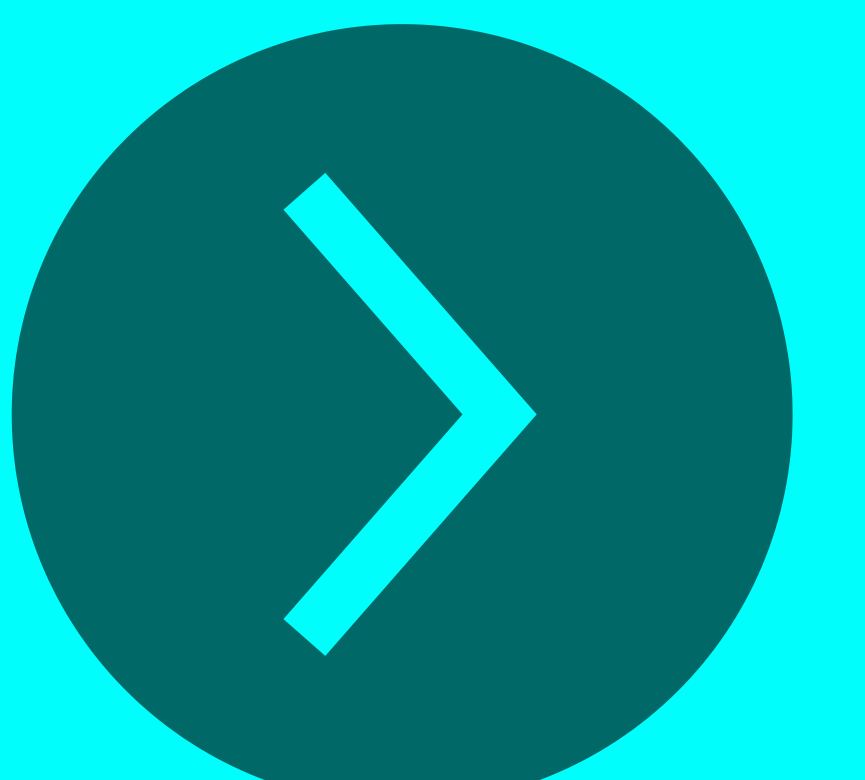
OilRight is a Romanian social enterprise that collects and turns used cooking oil into a sustainable material for eco-friendly candles, combining local recycling with inclusive production.






What's innovative here?

- **Pollution reduction:** used cooking oil is collected and recycled instead of polluting water and soil.
- **Circular model:** used cooking oil is transformed into a sustainable raw material instead of being treated as waste.
- **Local recycling:** turns a common household waste into a useful material, reducing the need for imported resources.
- **Inclusive employment:** production takes place in a protected unit, creating jobs for people with disabilities.



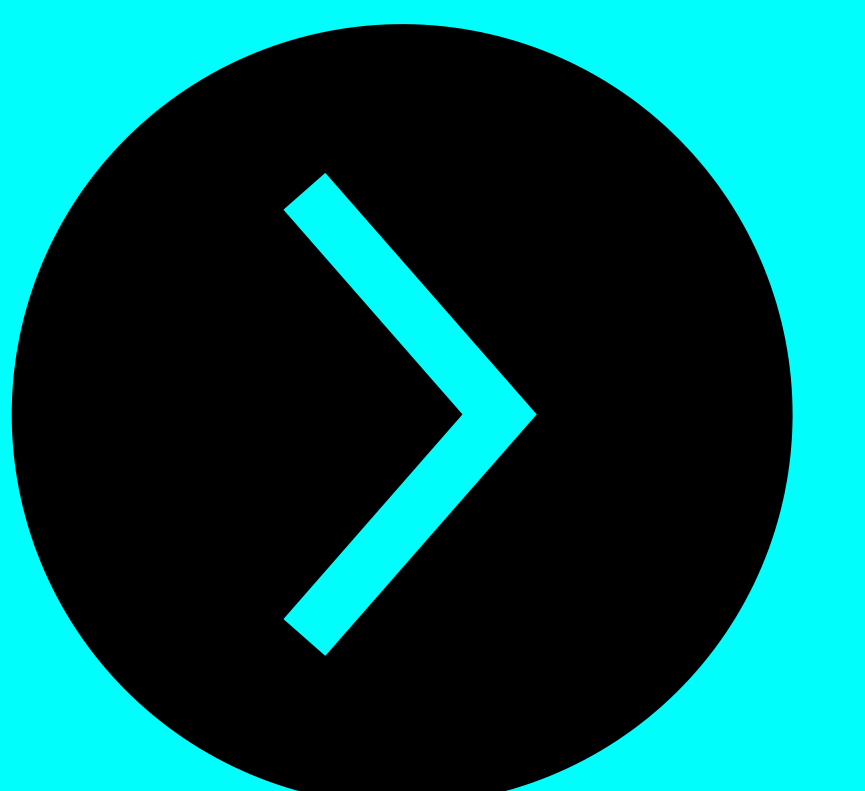
Impact so far

Reduces pollution of water, soil and sewage systems caused by improper oil disposal. 

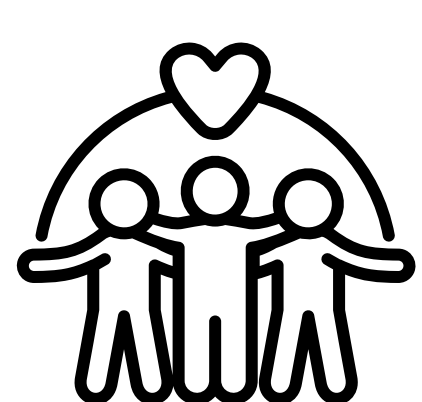
Encourages responsible disposal and recycling of used cooking oil. 

Supports more sustainable consumption habits in communities. 


Environmental

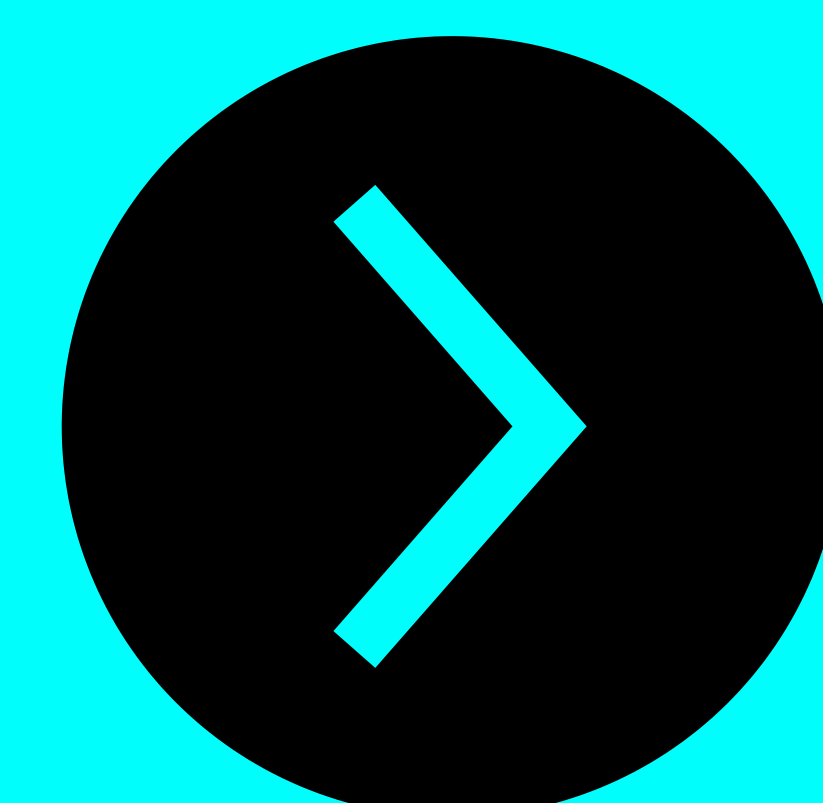


Impact so far

Creates adapted, meaningful jobs for people with disabilities. 

Supports stable work and active participation in society in a protected unit. 

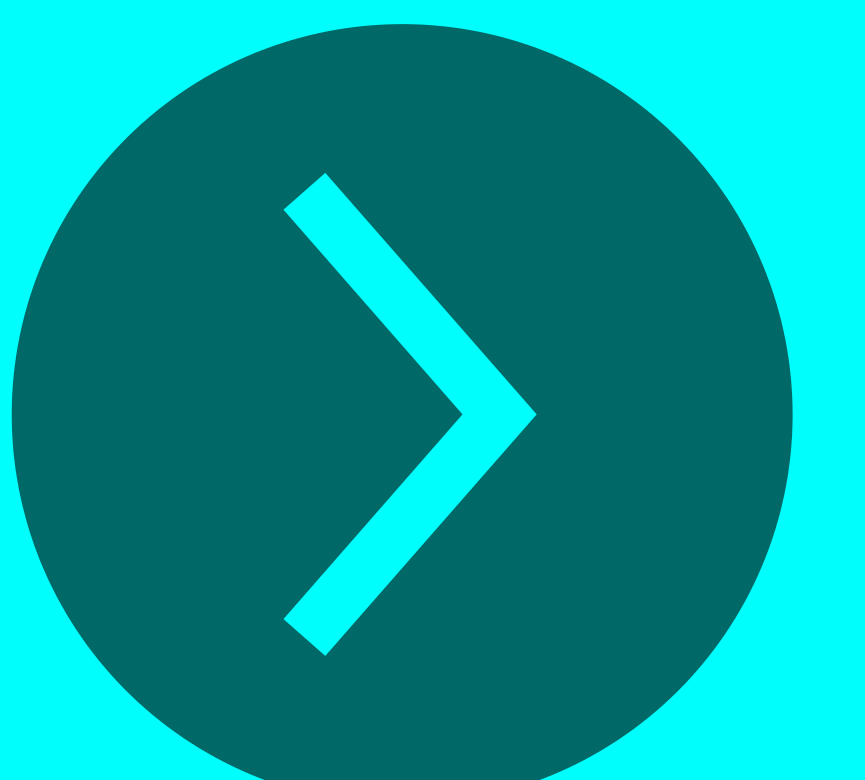
Offers a practical example of circular economy at local level. 





What you can replicate

- Collect used cooking oil in a container and take it to a collection point instead of disposing of it down the sink.
- Support protected units and choose products made from recycled materials.
- Encourage your household, school or workplace to collect used cooking oil.



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