

[Sustainability Options](#) is a social business committed to visiting as many homes as possible providing free, independent & trustworthy sustainability advice to help create warm, drier healthy homes as well as supporting good decisions now that will positively affect our future generations.

We've visited hundreds of homes, identifying needs and providing advice on home performance (how to create a warm, dry, healthy home), but through our vast experience we know our advice takes a back seat until vital maintenance work can be completed.

We see many homes that need minor repairs, and if these are done, the home and its residents would be so much better off. The needs range from installing or fixing bathroom and kitchen ventilation, fixing windows, window joinery, draft stopping, fixing rotten floor boards, fixing guttering and drainage and fixing leaks in the roof and leaks in plumbing, to fixing poor and unsafe wiring, rotten steps, rotten shower cubicles and broken windows.

We know that these repairs are often the stumbling block to homes being warmer and drier, and together we want to help those most vulnerable in our community have a higher quality of life.

Introducing Tradebank, a 100% voluntary based initiative born out of a desire and necessity to support healthier, warm, dry and comfortable living conditions to the most vulnerable and at risk in our community by connecting 'tradies' with households in need of vital repairs and maintenance..



How it works:

Tradespeople with big hearts, professional skills and qualifications volunteer their time, energy and skills to help the most vulnerable and at risk in our community who need house related repairs. Tradespeople can log on to our app and load their availability on any given day of the week at any time of the day, alternatively, they can just make contact and let us know they are keen to help. Tradebank then identifies, describes and qualifies the housing repair needs for vulnerable and at risk homes and act as brokers.

We have gone to great lengths to make this process simple for all parties involved, making sure the ultimate goal is removing barriers for people to get essential maintenance work completed on their homes that otherwise wouldn't get carried out. Whether Tradies choose to use the online booking system, or just communicate via email, we are geared up to make things easy (either way).

What about cost of materials:

This will be something Tradebank will manage on a case by case scenario, as there are various options to work through; the tenant or homeowner pays, the landlord pays, we seek funding, the tradesperson donates all or some of the materials as well as time. Check out the site for [FAQ's](#).

Where to find more information:

Check out www.tradebank.org.nz for all information about this initiative. If you would like to connect to our app, you will need to go through the [sign up process](#) first which includes agreeing to the [Tradebank Terms and Conditions](#). You can also contact Jo Wills from Sustainability Options who is project managing Tradebank on 021 2777 042 or jo.wills@so.org.nz to find out more.

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