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## **Imagination Station Hosts Upcycling Celebration**

TOLEDO, Ohio – Earth is our home and remains the only known planet to sustain life, so it's important that everyone do their part to keep it clean and healthy. Imagination Station will host an *Upcycling Celebration* April 15 – April 22 to help visitors learn how to care for the planet while turning trash into treasure.

Upcycling is the process of converting unwanted or discarded materials into something useful or beautiful for a new purpose.

“The process of upcycling helps reduce pollution, saves usable materials from the landfill and encourages craftsmanship,” said Kate Pixler, Communication Director at Imagination Station. “We are excited to provide this opportunity to show visitors how they can do their part to reduce waste by creating a one-of-a-kind item from a variety of scrap materials.”

The Upcycling Celebration is hosted in partnership with Imagination Station volunteer, Amanda Metzger who is serving as an artist-in-residence. Several of her pieces of upcycled art will be on-site as inspiration for science center visitors.

Imagination Station will also collect unwanted cell phones and tablets for recycling. Visitors who recycle these small electronics will receive free admission to the science center's temporary exhibit *Popnology: From Sci-Fi to Wi-Fi*.

*Upcycling Celebration* activities are included in science center admission. All Lucas County residents receive a \$2 discount and FREE Saturday admission for kids, 12 and under with paid adult admission, limit two children per adult. For more information, please call 419.244.2674 or visit [www.imaginationstationtoledo.org](http://www.imaginationstationtoledo.org).

Imagination Station provides a critical layer of science enrichment by serving as an educational partner for teachers, schools and parents. It's with a thoughtful blend of exhibits, experiences, education and excitement that Imagination Station inspires visitors to pursue STEM careers in Northwest Ohio.

**WHAT: Upcycling Celebration**

**WHEN: April 15 – 22  
Monday – Saturday: 10am – 5pm**

**Note:  
Imagination Station is OPEN Monday, April 15 and Monday, April 22.  
The science center is CLOSED Sunday, April 21.**

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