

Eskici Ender

I visited Eskici Ender, a secondhand shop in Istanbul. It's a tiny little shop with a huge collection of history in it's clothing, furniture, accessories, etc. I interviewed the owner himself and he was a lovely old man who makes a living out of reviving old, no longer desired stuff to sell to their new owners..

1-HOUSEHOLD WASTE (The waste products from the houses) come here in various ways, for example, waste can be made up of anything in your household that you no longer want, need or would like to simply donate and find that there is no need for extra baggage if you are planning on moving your house and just want to get rid of those things and make other people happy. So its just like recycling joy and happiness and at the same time saving time and money and stress we put in shopping. Garments, jackets, clothes etc. come in at the time of the owner going through some changes physically or the owner of the clothes has gained weight, or they used to be their childhood clothes... all of these "waste" are brought here to evaluate what we can do and make something out of nothing. Also, we all know that leather is something that can be used in various pieces of accessories, clothings, furniture and other stuff that have been used for decades in homes and have been worn for decades because of its organic quality. For example; a leather jacket that is 30 to 40 years old and still looks brand new or shall I say, aged like wine! So usually when people go to vintage/second hand shops, they usually want to save money, stay on a budget, protect the environment without contributing and adding to the production of brands that consume too much money from their buyers. And at the same time we dont ever let stuff go to the trash, we can always turn something old into something gold! 2-In terms of global warming, these "household waste" we find lying around on the street by the trash can, or the ones that people donate to secondhand shops are supporting 100 percent of our cause to protect the environment by not unnecessarily consuming our planets valuable energy sources, and just all kinds of sources that we can actually benefit from for greater things and greater causes. 3-The positive contribution to the local community is directly to the family budget and students budget we totally support and understand cause we have all been students with little to no money trying to live in an expensive and pollution controlled city. We think it is very efficient in terms of contribution to saving money, saving time and just being stress free from spending all that money on something that may not last as much as the things that are being sold at secondhand/ vintage stores. Those things are being sold there because they have lasted many many years and just some people decided to let other people benefit from those things they have benefited from, or enjoyed wearing, enjoyed using, enjoyed accessorizing with their outfits :)

4- In terms of negative impact on circular economy, and using energy resources:

Usually leather goods are organic material thus these materials are not harmful ecologically. But if people decide to pollute our environment by throwing these household waste that they no longer want or need, instead of donating them to secondhand stores, then yes this is a negative impact that people, all people should prevent themselves from doing.

"Thank you and please donate, do not pollute"

Greetings,

Fatih from the Turkish Team.

