

The logo for Circular Communities Scotland features a circular arrangement of dots in shades of green and yellow, with the text 'CIRCULAR COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND' overlaid.

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SCOTLAND

ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
2023

UNITING FOR A CIRCULAR SCOTLAND

Michael Cook, CEO



A YEAR OF DIVISION?



Scottish scheme delayed until October 2025 at the earliest

deposit
return

Returning for
SCOTLAND

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A YEAR OF UNCERTAINTY?

POPs

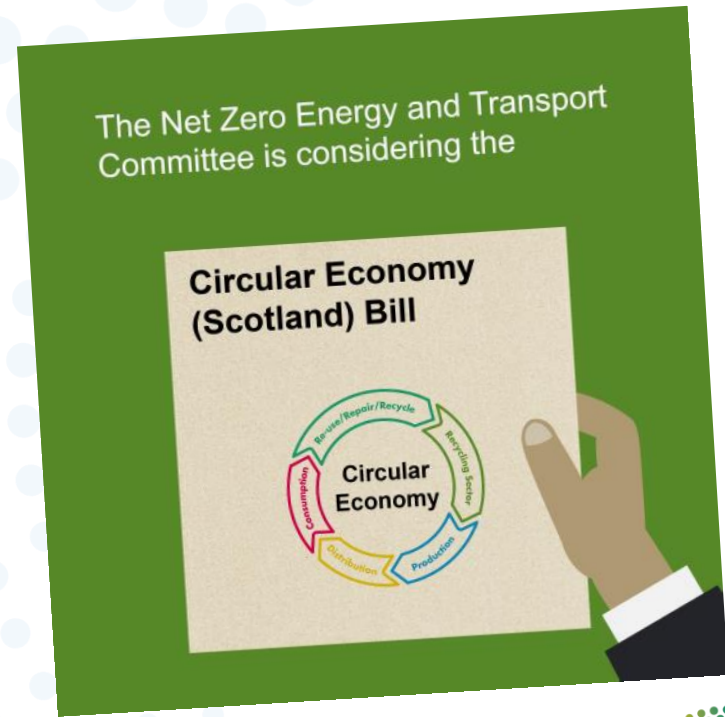
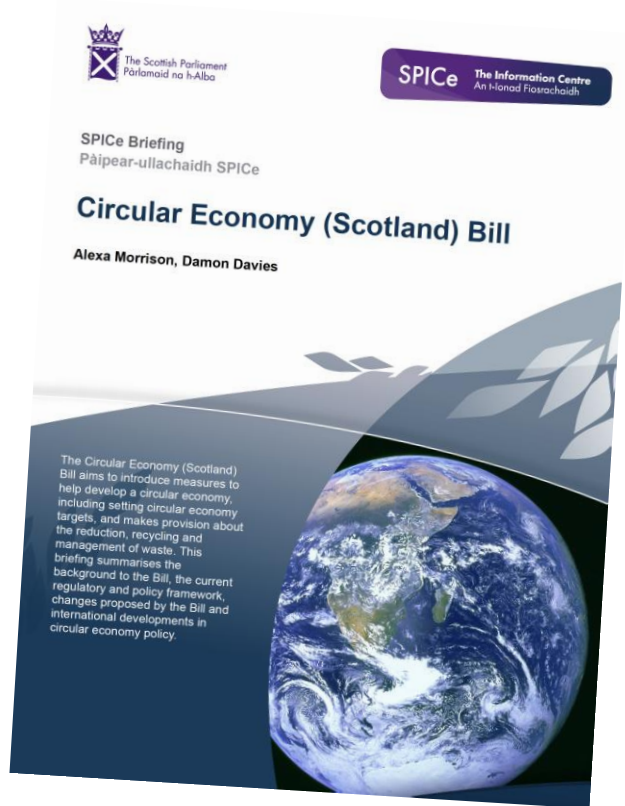
Persistent Organic Pollutants

Scotland set to roll out instant ban on upholstered seating to landfill

The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) outlined on 1 November guidance which will ban waste upholstered domestic seating (WUDs) containing persistent organic pollutants (POPs) from being sent to landfill.



A YEAR OF OPPORTUNITY?

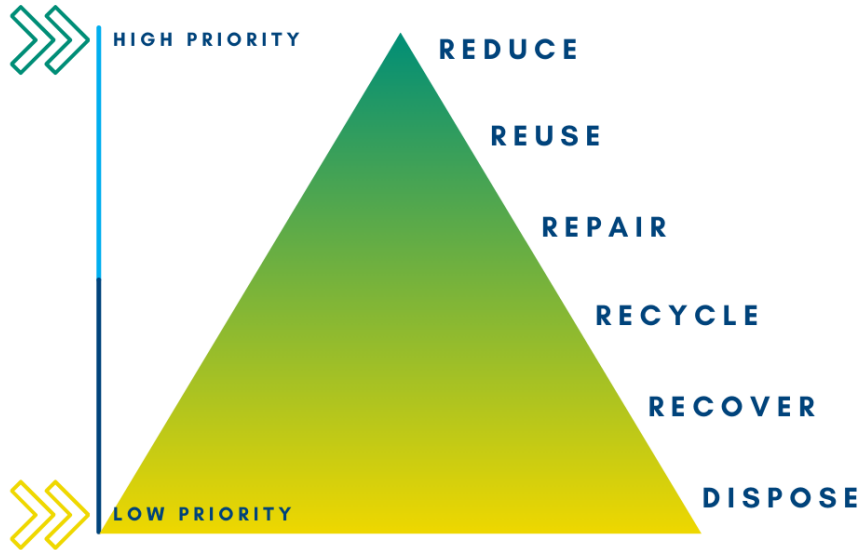


WE NEED A CHANGE IN THINKING!

**Reuse
Targets**

**Prioritise
Reuse over
Recycling**

**Restrictions on
the Disposal of
Unsold Consumer
Goods**



WASTE HIERARCHY

YOUR WORK



108
Reuse retail or
charity shops



93
Education or community
learning



54
Textiles and
clothes reuse



35
Repair Cafés



34
White goods, WEEE
and IT repair & reuse



26
Bike reuse



24
Sharing
Library



23
Starter
packs



21
Community
fridge or larder



21
Local food
growing



21
Recycling
services



16
Reuse services at
recycling centres



13
Reuse consortium
members



9
Food Bank or
FareShare
Network



6
Men's Shed



6
Wood reuse



6
Zero waste
shop

96

Share & Repair
members

257

full members

13

Consortium
members

MEMBERS UNITING FOR A CIRCULAR SCOTLAND

PEOPLE

1941 staff

7267

volunteers & placements

35% increase in staff

34% increase
in volunteers

PLACES

251 full members
in all

32 local authorities

7.7% increase

PLANET

27216 reuse tonnes

7.5% increase

5263 recycling tonnes

17.8% increase

111,586 tonnes of CO₂
equivalent saved

8.6% increase

POUNDS

£121 million
total turnover

5.4% increase



COLLABORATION TO EMBRACE THE POWER OF DIY



“ It means so much to us to be able to support the harder to reach groups in our community, and to do so in collaboration with this inspiring local artists co-op. Reuse, repair skills, tool borrowing... all these things should be accessible to everyone. ”

JO HARTGA, TOOL LIBRARY OFFICER,
SOUTHSIDE TOOL LIBRARY



COLLABORATION TO SALVAGE & SHARE BIKES




“ Our aim isn't just to salvage bikes from landfill, it's to support bike maintenance, to upskill people to use and care for their bikes, and to improve lives at the same time. ”

MARK MORGAN, EUROPEAN
DIRECTOR, STELLA'S VOICE



COLLABORATION TO MAKE HOUSES INTO HOMES



We work diligently to ensure the tenants at LINK have a comfortable home to move into. It's really an ideal partnership. They provide safe, secure social housing, and we help them turn that housing into homes. 

JANE DEVINE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FOUR SQUARE



COLLABORATION TO CREATE A SUSTAINABLE SANCTUARY

**GLASGOW
WOOD**

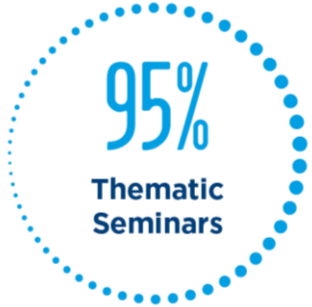
“ [Gro Garden] serves as a haven of art, wellbeing, and environmentalism, enriching the lives of the people who visit. We are extremely pleased to be able to provide items made of timber that would otherwise have been sent to landfill, to help the garden live up to its modern, climate aware design. ”

PETER LAVELLE,
CEO OF GLASGOW WOOD



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HOW WE SUPPORT YOU



WHAT WE DO



THE REUSE CONSORTIUM

STATISTICS FOR 2022/2023

3,174

Low-income households helped

5,659

Items of reuse furniture provided

681

Tonnes of CO₂ saved

256,970

Kg of waste diverted from landfill

£682,969

Value of purchases from local social enterprises

£342,745

Approximate budget savings over buying new

21

Local Jobs provided



THE REUSE CONSORTIUM



**SOCIAL
ENTERPRISE
AWARDS
SCOTLAND** WINNER

2023 Market Builder Award



SHARE AND REPAIR NETWORK



68

attended the 2023
Share and Repair Gathering

#ShareRepairAware



AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO BIKES PROJECT

“ This is exactly what the bike reuse sector has been needing for a long time. ”

NEIL LOVELOCK,
PROJECT MANAGER,
GLASGOW ECO TRUST
& DE'ILS ON WHEELS



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CARBON TOOL FOR THE SCOTTISH REUSE SECTOR



100%

of survey respondents
said they would like a
tool to calculate carbon
savings

WELCOME

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