ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

‘Making More Possible’

Wednesday 18 November 2026

Radisson BLU Hotel, Glasgow

09.00 – 09.45 **Registration, Hot Breakfast Rolls & Refreshments** – Market Place Networking

09.45 – 09.55 **Welcome & Introductions** - Nicky Marr, Conference Host

09.55 – 10.00 **Welcome from our Chair** – Naomi Johnson, Circular Communities Scotland

10.00 – 10.30 **Ministerial Address & Questions**
Gillian Martin MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs, welcoming delegates and setting out the Scottish Government’s circular economy priorities

10.30 – 10.50 **Reframing Reuse: How to Make More Reuse Possible Not Impossible**
Mark Morgan, Stella’s Voice and Circular Communities Scotland Vice Chair

10.50– 11.15 **Round Table Conversations**
A chance for delegates to share their thoughts and experiences at their table around ‘Making More Possible’ – facilitated by David Bryan, Head of Sustainable Business, Social Enterprise Academy

11.15 – 11.45 **Break** - refreshments, networking and exhibition viewing in The Market Place

11.45 – 12.15 **Sofa Session: How Can We Make More Possible for Scotland’s Reuse Sector?**

- Ciaran McGuigan, Chief Executive Officer, Zero Waste Scotland
- Jana Žůrková, Deputy Director, RREUSE
- Naomi Johnson, Chair, Circular Communities Scotland

12.15 – 12.45 **Member Spotlights**

Delivering Impactful Services in an Island Setting
Steven Coutts, Chief Executive Officer, COPE Ltd

Collaborating for Scale
Phillip Lockwood-Holmes, Chair, Multibank Scotland

12.45 – 13.00 **Q&A with Members**

Please see overleaf

13.00 – 14.15 **Lunch** – networking and exhibition viewing in The Market Place

14.15 – 15.00 **Breakout Session 1 - Attend One Breakout from Below**

1. **Game On - Grow Your Climate Confidence with climatACTical**
   Chiara Fingland, Climate Development Officer, SCVO – **Room 3**
2. **Opening the Door: Creating More Inclusive Pathways into Volunteering**
   Vee Toyi, Environmental Race Equality Officer and Sara Arafa, Ethnic Minority Environmental Network Officer, CEMVO – **Room 4**
3. **Adding Community Value Through Repair**
   Martin Macleod, Chief Executive Officer and Sue Muir, Repair Café Coordinator, ILM Highland – **Room 5**
4. **Demystifying Digital Marketing: A Step-by-Step Digital Footprint Health Check**
   Felicity Neyme, Consultant, Felicity Customer Experience – **Room 6**
5. **Effective Engagement with MSPs to Drive Action on the Circular Economy**
   Maurice Golden, Consultant, Golden Consultancy and Andy Paterson, Policy Officer, Social Enterprise Scotland – **Meg Suite (Main Conference Room**

15.15 – 16.00 **Breakout Session 2 – Attend a Second Breakout from the 5 options above**

16.00 – 16.15 **Our Impact Report 2026: How Our Members Are Making More Possible**
Matt Lewis, Interim Lead & Membership Manager, Circular Communities Scotland

16.15 – 16.30 **Closing Remarks**
Naomi Johnson, Chair, Circular Communities Scotland

16.30 **Conference Drinks**
Continue your conversations and networking over a post-conference drink with us downstairs in the Grahamston Bar

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