



NIRN

Rethink - Reuse - Repair

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse: NI Councils go Circular

Northern Ireland Resources Network

Representative body supporting **local** and **community action**
and promoting sustainable **reuse & repair** as a practical way
of reducing Northern Ireland's waste & developing
opportunities in the **Circular Economy**

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An Roinn

**Talmhaíochta, Comhshaoil
agus Gnóthaí Tuaithe**

Depairtment o'

**Fairmin, Environment
an' Kintra Matthers**

Linear v Circular Economy

Linear Economy



Circular Economy Waste Hierarchy





CIRCULAR RESOURCES

HIERARCHY



REDUCTION



REUSE



RECYCLE

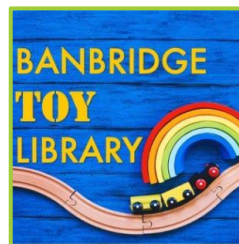


RECOVERY



DISPOSAL

Full Members



Supporter Members



**QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
BELFAST**



**Friends of
the Earth**
Northern Ireland



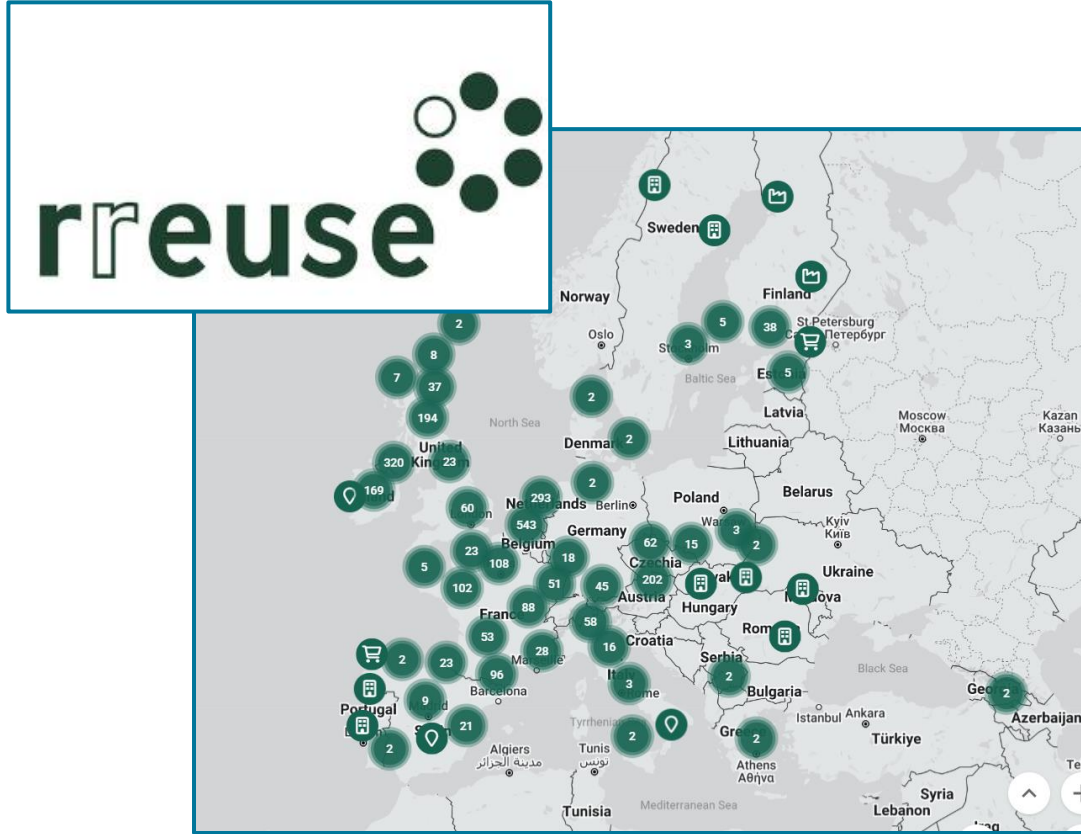
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NORTHERN
IRELAND
BEAUTIFUL**



Council Members



Network Organisations



Research study on developing re-use networks in Europe

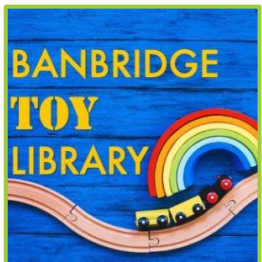
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Food Sharing



Lending Libraries



Mending/Fixing



Reuse



Shops



Economic



Review of Waste Management in Northern Ireland



Councils spent approximately
£170 million on waste
management in 2021-22



Nearly £1 billion worth of precious materials could be saved if all our electricals were recycled

Media Release, 28th March 2024



**ELLEN MACARTHUR
FOUNDATION**

Converting 20% of plastic packaging into reuse models is a USD 10 billion business opportunity that benefits customers and represents a crucial element in the quest to eliminate plastic waste and pollution.

Job Creation

Green Alliance policy insight
August 2021

Levelling up through circular economy jobs

“green
alliance...”



Using current employment data and a methodology we developed for a report in 2015, we estimate that the government could help to create over 450,000 jobs in the circular economy by 2035. An ambitious approach to reuse, repair and remanufacturing would also lead to jobs being created more evenly across the regions of the UK.

Report – The circular economy at work: Jobs and skills for London’s low carbon future

The potential economic growth and job opportunities for the circular economy over the next decade are immense. If London’s businesses, policymakers and communities work together to adopt a circular economy and achieve the targets outlined in the Mayor’s Environment Strategy, this could create an additional 284,000 jobs by 2030.

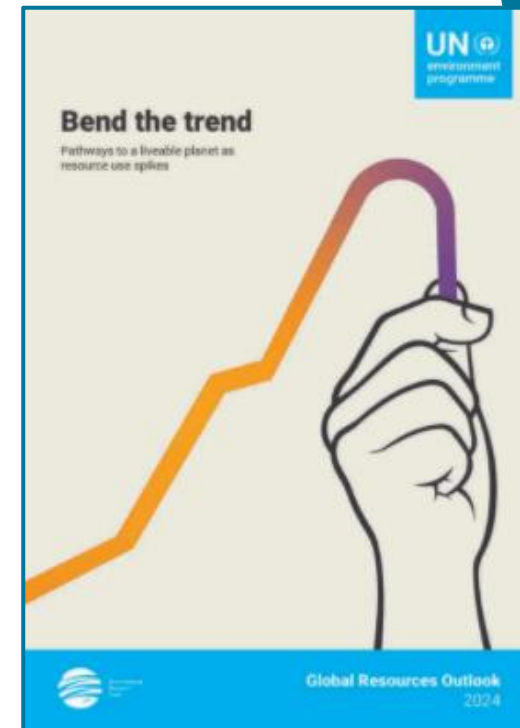


The circular economy is growing in popularity among businesses and policymakers as a means to reach climate goals. By increasing the reuse and regeneration of products and materials, a total of 7 to 8 million new jobs can be created. However, the new report, *Decent Work in the Circular Economy: An Overview of the Existing Evidence Base*, identifies knowledge gaps which may hinder the creation of new employment opportunities.

Environmental

“ The stripping of Earth’s natural resources is already responsible for **60% of global heating impacts**, including land use change, **40% of air pollution impact** and more than **90% of global water stress** and land related **biodiversity loss**”

UN Global Resources Outlook 2024, [The Guardian 31 January 2024](#)



NIRN - What we do



- Awareness - increasing recognition of our members, reuse and repair and the circular economy
- Advancement - supporting growth of members and sector
- Advocacy - championing members and the reuse/repair and circular economy to key stakeholders



Bulletins



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The Circular Bulletin:
Rethink, Reuse,
Repair in Action



Exclusive Members' Bulletin

Member to member updates, policy, funding and networking opportunities



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**Mid Ulster District Council Launches
Bike Reuse Scheme during NI Repair Week**




Reuseable Cloth Nappy Trial Scheme

Ards and North Down Borough Council, in partnership with The Library Group, is now offering

Photo of the Week

Congratulations to the team at the amazing [Ballycastle Community Hub](#) who were supported by [Causeway Coast & Glens Live Smart Campaign](#) to purchase [2goCups](#) for their returnable cup scheme, tackling waste head on through reuse and community spirit!





Causeway Coast & Glens ban single-use plastic



**Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Mayor's Parade & Family Fun Day**



Comhairle Ceantair
**Lár Uladh
Mid Ulster**
District Council

Mid Ulster Pop Up Repair Cafe

Saturday 17th May / 11am-2pm
Meadowbank Sports Arena

Podcast Series



Podcast Episode

The hidden cost of waste

 Sustainable Conversations - examining reuse and repair



Podcast Episode

Food Waste Action Week

Sustainable Conversations



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Rethinking Our Resources:
Measures for Climate Action and a Circular Economy in NI
March 2024

 Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

Sustainability at the heart of a living, working, active landscape shared by everyone.

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MEMBERS' METRICS



Events



Events



LA Forum



Campaigns



Repair Week - Highlights

59 events took place throughout NI

52 happened with the support of RWNI25

Across 9 council areas

203 hours of repair events / workshops

401 items repaired

Skills shared with 426 people (in person)

Environmental Impact of Repair knowledge share -8087 +

413 people involved in hosting / facilitating events

1752 people attended the events in person

8600+ people viewed NIRN digital content (videos / podcasts / webinar)

37.3 tonnes of CO2e saved

12.4 tonnes of waste diverted from landfill

Education



BBC.COM

Fermanagh: Kinawley school embraces zero waste pilot scheme

Pupils at St Naile's Primary School in Kinawley, County Fermanagh are taking par...

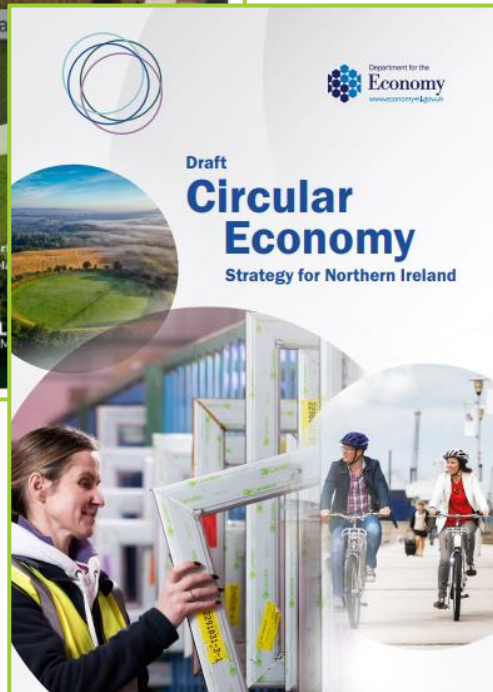
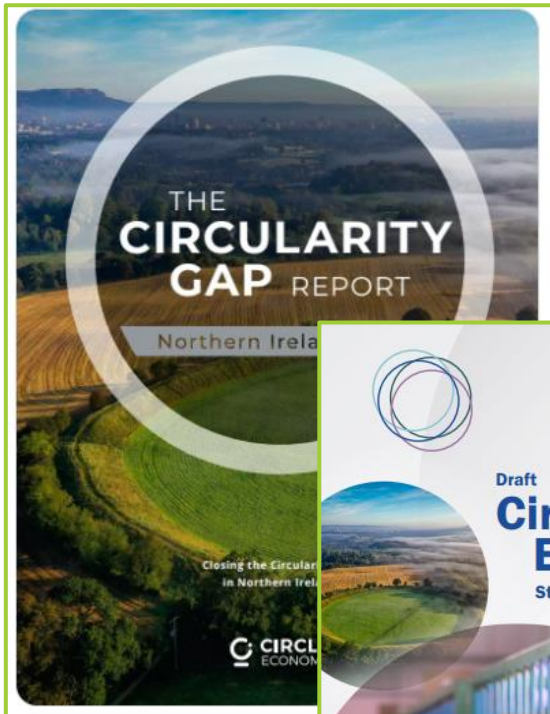
Advancement - Collaboration



Advocacy



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Strategic Environmental Outcome 5

Zero waste & highly developed circular economy

Future Vision/Outcome

DAERA and all 11 district councils will use the full range of powers available and will learn from each other in relation to best practice and impact.

Learn More....

- Sign up for our e-newsletters
- Tune into our podcast series
- Check out our website www.ni-rn.com
- <https://linktr.ee/niresourcesnet>

