

Waste, Recycling and Circular Economy

The leaders in policy and innovation



Thursday 23 October 2025, Nottingham Belfry Hotel

Programme

9.00: Coffee and Registration

10.00: Opening welcome

Chair: Cllr Martin Reilly, Derry and Strabane District Council

10.15: Session 1: Policy updates

Keynote Speech: Minister for Nature and Circular Economy

Mary Creagh CBE MP, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Simpler Recycling Update - the view from the Environment Agency

Kevin Lane, Senior Technical Officer, Environment Agency

Simpler Recycling : What is the evidence telling us?

Mike Gardner, Local Authority Team, WRAP

Panel Question and Answer Session

11:30 Tea and coffee break

12.00 Session 2: State of the Market

Wales' World leading success on high quality recycling and the circular economy

Dr Andy Rees OBE, Head of Waste Strategy, Welsh Government

FPF FlexCollect: A UK first: Insights and learnings for the future of flexible plastic recycling

Gareth Morton, Discovery Manager, Ecosurety

Waste and Recycling State of the Market and Industrial Action Research Findings

Bonni Jee, Principal Advisor, APSE

Panel Question and Answer Session

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Session 3: Local Authority Best Practice

Innovation Awards Presentations

Introduced by Cllr Corall Jenkins, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Waste and Equalities Nottingham City Council

Afternoon keynote: Turning off the tap - how local authorities are integral to a circular economy

Tim Walker, Former President of CIWM/Chief Executive, Arc21 / CIWM

Writing a Waste Plan in Uncertain Times: a more flexible approach

Paul Morgan, Head of Commercial Services, Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Waste Infrastructure: a collaborative approach to delivering success

Anthony Hornsby, Partnerships and Communications Manager, Sherbourne Recycling

Panel Question and Answer Session

15:15 Tea and coffee break

15.45 Session 4: Innovations

Reorganisation, consultation, and harmonisation: Westmorland and Furness' leading journey

Anna Smith, Assistant Director, Westmorland and Furness Council

Lincolnshire Leading the way: Simpler recycling, food waste, batteries and decarbonisation

Rhys Page, Operations Manager, and Dave Steels, Assistant Director, South Kesteven / North Kesteven District Council

Lessons from London: How cities can learn from our campaigns to improve recycling in flats

Freya Rose, Local Authority Advisor, ReLondon

Panel Question and Answer Session

16:45 Seminar close

***Refreshments and nibbles, hosted by the exhibitors, featuring prosecco and alcohol free 'nosecco' will be available after the final session for those wishing to toast the award finalists

About the event

From Simpler Recycling to Local Government Reorganisation, ETS to EPR to DRS, it's all happening here...

About the Seminar

This seminar will look at the future of waste and recycling, and address the new waste legislation including simpler recycling, extended producer responsibility, mandatory food waste collections, and the wider implications of local government reorganisation for many districts. We will also be exploring the circular economy and key innovations.

Join us to hear from policy leaders and experts from government, including the **Circular Economy Minister**, and agencies from across the UK.

We will also hear leading case studies and share best practice from local authorities striving to meet targets within the scope of the new waste legislation and show innovation in wider areas such as the circular economy and reuse.

A fabulous opportunity for elected members, officers, and other key stakeholders to hear the latest from government, ask questions, share thoughts and views on how they are meeting the growing environmental agenda, operational and financial challenges to create a better, safer and more sustainable environment - for present and future generations.

Join us to hear directly from government, policy and local authority leaders and a chance to network with colleagues and share best practice and innovation through our Innovation Awards!

How do I book?

Use this link to book your place online

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Delegate Packages

What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments.

APSE member delegate fee: £195 + VAT

Non member delegates fee: £290 + VAT

Commercial delegates: £420 + VAT

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Venue

The Nottingham Belfry Hotel
Woodhouse Way, Nottingham
NG8 6PY

Free parking on site.

Situated minutes from the M1 motorway or a short taxi ride from Nottingham station.

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