

**Policy Forum for Northern Ireland policy conference:
Next steps for the development of a circular economy in Northern Ireland**

Timing: Morning, Friday, 26th January 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 9.05 **Towards a circular economy in Northern Ireland - facilitating a societal shift that is fair, environmentally friendly, and produces benefit across society**
John Barry, Professor of Green Political Economy, Queen's University Belfast
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **Circular economy development - priorities for businesses including the agricultural sector, empowering consumers to make sustainable choices, incentives and support, and information and clarity for stakeholders**
James McCluggage, Policy Manager, Ulster Farmers' Union
Roger Pollen, Head, FSB Northern Ireland
Graham Smith, Circular Economy Lead, The Consumer Council
Stuart Mathieson, Policy and Research Manager, InterTradeIreland
- 10.00 **Aligning the development of a circular economy with wider climate policy goals - strategic options for development of a low waste, circular society that can most effectively support aims for decarbonisation and sustainability**
Senior commentator
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
- 11.05 **Assessing key mechanisms for the development of a zero waste, circular economy**
Keith James, Head of Policy and Insights, WRAP
- 11.20 **Developing key enablers for a shift to circularity - assessing innovative and successful approaches, regulation and incentivising change, hubs and clusters, education and skills, and priorities for knowledge and resource sharing**
Ben Craig, Commercial Director, International Synergies
Sam Turner, CEO, AMIC
Fiacre O'Donnell, Sustainability Director, Encirc
Senior representative, waste reduction
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 Break
- 12.25 **Assessing progress in the development of a Circular Economy Strategy for Northern Ireland**
Senior speaker confirmed from the **Department for the Economy**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Legislative Assembly
Tiernan Phipps, Lead Researcher, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland