

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

*Timing: Morning, Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024*

**\*\*\*Taking Place Online\*\*\***



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*Agenda subject to change*

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Danny Donnelly MLA**, Alliance Party Spokesperson for Climate Change and Energy
- 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 **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**  
**Dr Claire Cockerill**, Director of Green Growth and Climate Action Delivery Division, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **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**, Chief Executive Officer, AMIC  
**Fiacre O'Donnell**, Sustainability Director, Encirc  
**Eimear Montague**, Executive Director, NIRN  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 **Assessing progress in the development of a Circular Economy Strategy for Northern Ireland**  
**Heidi Redmond**, Circular Economy Adviser, Department for the Economy  
**Rachael Hook**, Head of Resources and Waste Strategy, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Northern Ireland closing remarks**  
**Danny Donnelly MLA**, Alliance Party Spokesperson for Climate Change and Energy  
**Tiernan Phipps**, Lead Researcher, Policy Forum for Northern Ireland