**New Conference - Ministerial Keynote & Zero Waste Scotland - SPC keynote seminar - 30th Jan. 2023**

**Directors need to give Rose the nod and seek lowest conference fee. Agreed?**

 Transition to a zero waste and circular economy in Scotland

*with*  
**Lorna Slater MSP**, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity, Scottish Government

**Iain Gulland**, Chief Executive, Zero Waste Scotland

*and*

**Robin Baird**,*Cicero Scotland*; **Michael Cook**, *Circular Communities Scotland*;**Jim Fox**,*Coca-Cola Europacific Partners*;**Dr Emily Gray**, *Ipsos Scotland*;**Councillor Jenny Linehan**,*Scottish Borders Council*;and**Cally Russell***, Unfolded*

*Chaired by*:

**Maurice Golden MSP**, Convener, Circular Economy Cross-Party Group

This conference will assess the pathway for developing a zero waste and circular economy in Scotland.

This email is being sent to a general email address because I wanted to pass along information that I thought may be of interest but was unable to secure specific contact details. Please forward this to the appropriate person, and we would be grateful to receive precise contact details if this is possible.

It will be a timely opportunity to discuss priorities and challenges for the forthcoming *Circular Economy Bill* which is due to be introduced to the Scottish Parliament next year, following The Scottish Government’s consultation on proposals in *Delivering Scotland’s circular economy: A Route Map to 2025*.

Delegates will examine implications for key stakeholders - including local authorities, businesses and consumers - of ambitions for reducing food waste by 33% and total waste arising in Scotland by 15% against 2011 levels, with a deadline of 2025.

Areas for discussion include:

* policy and regulation:
  + assessing the pathway for achieving a circular economy - priorities for a just transition - options for regulatory reform to support change
  + aligning sustainable consumption practices with economic strategies and long term goals for the sector
  + options for approaches to measuring waste and outputs, and monitoring the impact of policy changes
  + long-term priorities for being able to maintain the momentum of progress on waste reduction and the move to a circular economy
* implementation
  + assessing next steps for businesses - environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices and reporting
  + what will be needed for private and public sector organisations to adapt supply chains, establish new commercial and operating models, and meet waste and emissions targets
  + encouraging households in behavioural change and adapting to new consumption patterns - support that may be needed amid wider cost of living and energy challenges
  + priorities for infrastructure, including developing recycling and reuse services - tackle littering - limiting waste sent to landfill

[[jump to more detail on the discussion](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#m_-1731031848116611133_disco)]

We are very pleased to be able to include keynote sessions with **Lorna Slater MSP**, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity, Scottish Government; and **Iain Gulland**, Chief Executive, Zero Waste Scotland.

**The agenda:**

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| 8.30 | Registration |
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| 9.00 | **Chair’s opening remarks**  **Maurice Golden MSP**, Convener, Circular Economy Cross-Party Group |
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| 9.05 | **The way forward for achieving recycling and waste reduction ambitions, changing consumption habits, and transitioning to a zero waste and circular economy in Scotland**  **Iain Gulland**, Chief Executive, Zero Waste Scotland  Questions and comments from the floor |
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| 9.35 | **Planning for the forthcoming *Circular Economy Bill* and preparing businesses, consumers and key stakeholders on implementing changes - challenges and practicalities, infrastructure demands, and responsibility choices**  **Robin Baird**, Chief Executive Officer, Cireco Scotland  **Councillor Jenny Linehan**, Executive Member for Environment & Transport, Scottish Borders Council  **Jim Fox**, Head of Public Affairs GB, Coca-Cola Europacific Partners  **Dr Emily Gray**, Managing Director, Ipsos Scotland  Questions and comments from the floor |
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| 10.25 | Break |
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| 10.30 | **Policy priorities for developing a circular economy in Scotland and next steps for implementing *The Route Map* and *Circular Economy Bill***  **Lorna Slater MSP**, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity, Scottish Government  Questions and comments from the floor |
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| 11.00 | **Chair’s closing remarks**  **Maurice Golden MSP**, Convener, Circular Economy Cross-Party Group |
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| 11.05 | Break |
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| 11.15 | **Chair’s opening remarks**  Senior Parliamentarian |
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|  | **Initiatives, strategies and case studies for key stakeholders in transitioning to a circular economy** |
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| 11.20 | *Developing business models that align operations with circular economy ambitions*  **Cally Russell**, Co-Founder, Unfolded |
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| 11.30 | *Learning from global examples in reaching a circular economy*  Senior representative, international |
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| 11.40 | *Priorities for driving changes across supply chains and cutting down on avoidable waste*  Senior representative, organisational change |
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| 11.50 | Questions and comments from the floor |
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| 12.15 | **Securing change for the long term - priorities for reducing consumption, tackling litter and waste crime, and promoting societal change**  **Michael Cook**, Chief Executive Officer, Circular Communities Scotland  Senior representative, environment  Senior representative, reuse and repair  Questions and comments from the floor |
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| 12.55 | **Chair’s and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**  Senior Parliamentarian  **Katie Adams**, Senior Researcher, Scotland Policy Conferences |

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**Relevant developments:**

-        *Delivering Scotland’s circular economy -*consultations by the Scottish Government on the proposed*Circular Economy Bill*and implementation of proposals in*A route map to 2025 and beyond*

-        *Scotland’s deposit return scheme* - set to come into force from August 2023, with a target of achieving 90% collection rates by 2024

-        *Single use plastics ban* - legislation which came into force in June 2022, making it an offence for businesses in Scotland to provide items like plastic cutlery, plates and stirrers

-        *Action on packaging* - Scottish Government announcements in line with UK-wide reforms, with producers responsible for the waste created by products, and ensuring packaging is made recyclable or reusable

-        *Mandatory digital waste tracking* - policy paper published by Defra in April 2022, announcing UK-wide initiative plans to launch the service between 2023 and 2024

-        *£70m fund to improve recycling* - announced by the Scottish Government in 2021 to improve recycling infrastructure, with the aim of accelerating progress towards waste and recycling targets

-        *Securing a green recovery on a path to net zero: climate change plan 2018-2032 - update*- December 2020 strategy document from the Scottish Government, setting out the vision that by 2045 Scotland’s cultural, social and business norms will be driven by a focus on responsible production, consumption and maximising value from waste and energy

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I do hope that you will be able to join us for what promises to be a most useful morning, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Sean

Sean Cudmore  
Deputy Editor, **Scotland Policy Conferences**

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Rose Grant

I would be really keen to attend this (online)  if possible - not sure why these events are getting so expensive!?

Rose Grant

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We could ask for one of the special concessions?

Martin

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Yes, I would have thought we’d come under the small charity grouping.

Julie

On 8 Nov 2022, at 19:45, [martin@pennyandmartin.co.uk](mailto:martin@pennyandmartin.co.uk) wrote:

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I think that's a reasonable thing for TBI to spend money on. It does look good

Anne Thomas

Hi all,

Not sure if this is a point for Tuesday’s agenda. But are you still happy that I attend this? Really keen to if possible. Will tie into lots of my areas of interest and will of course speak up for HCWP and TBI while I when the opportunity arises. Not sure how interactive it will be.

As I have said before, I completed Scotland Can B's Impact Economy Training before HCWP and TBI activities took hold of me and am particularly interested in 'Business as a Force for Good', B Corps, and impact measuring and reporting becoming the norm.

Also keen to start talking to HIE about how businesses currently take part in circular economic activities across the highlands. Intend to contact Keith Masson as a starting point who Martin has introduced me to via email. Circular Communities Scotland is just focussed on social Enterprises, charities and community groups but I think Businesses need to be part of the picture too - and in the future will be reporting on their impact.

If still happy for me to attend - Do I sign up with concessions and then claim it back?

Best wishes,

Rose

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I'm very happy with this idea. Our Friends of the Earth Keep the Heat in Campaign climate challenge fund project was working with businesses and I think we were able to make quite an impact. We couldn't get funding again, though and very little funding goes towards helping businesses and yet if they can cut their carbon footprint not only they but the employees involved in doing it benefit and often go home and do something to their own homes as well.

Anne

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I would be very pleased if Rose attended for TBI/HCWP and her other interests.

I would ask her to seek a concessionary attendance fee. I would hope that the materials that come out of this can be made generally available to us.

I believe that there should be a separate meeting next week for those interested to interact with Rose before the event.

I have put this as a decision item for the Trustees Meeting tomorrow. We can discuss then.

Julian