

**Policy Forum for Wales keynote seminar**  
**Next steps for waste, recycling and the circular economy in Wales - implementation of the Beyond Recycling strategy, skills development, infrastructure, support, and priorities for communities, businesses and societal change**

*Timing: Morning, Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022*

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Ruth Jones MP**, Shadow Minister for Agri-Innovation and Climate Adaptation; Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics; and Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Wales in the World
- 9.05 **The way forward for achieving recycling and waste reduction ambitions, developing a circular economy and contributing to sustainability ambitions**  
**Bettina Gilbert**, Head of Programme Delivery, WRAP  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Infrastructure and smart technology - investment, know-how, and what is needed to support transition to a zero-waste, resource efficient, and low-carbon nation**  
**Muhammad Mumeez Faisal**, Consultant, CR Plus
- 9.45 **Beyond Recycling implementation - challenges and practicalities, opportunities and best practice, and strategies for resource efficiency, cutting avoidable waste and reducing the environmental impact of waste management**  
**Lee Marshall**, Policy and External Affairs Director, Chartered Institution of Wastes Management  
**Hugo Spowers**, Chief Engineer and Founder, Riversimple  
**James Kay**, Director, Resource Efficiency Wales  
**Dr Leonardo Mautino**, Partner, Oxera  
**Jane Cherrington**, Project Manager, The Clean Green Future
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Ruth Jones MP**, Shadow Minister for Agri-Innovation and Climate Adaptation; Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Microplastics; and Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Wales in the World
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Wayne David MP**, Member of Parliament for Caerphilly
- 11.05 **Skills development to meet the needs of green economy - identifying skills gaps and priority areas, investment, and aligning training provision and re-skilling opportunities**  
**Professor Serena Margadonna**, Head, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Swansea University  
**Robert Elias**, Director of Biocomposites, Bangor University  
**Mike James**, Chief Executive, Cardiff and Vale College  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Priorities for businesses, communities and societal change - options for support and incentives, and the way forward for accelerating the growth in re-use, repair and remanufacturing, and hiring, leasing and lending markets**  
**Susan Evans**, Interim Head of Resources Policy, Green Alliance  
**Patrick Schröder**, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House  
**Phoebe Brown**, Director, Repair Café Wales  
**Bryony Bromley**, Senior Education Manager, Keep Wales Tidy  
**Ed Evans**, Director, Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) Wales  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for developing a circular economy in Wales and next steps for implementing the Beyond Recycling strategy**  
**Dr Andy Rees**, Head of Waste Strategy, Resource Efficiency and Circular Economy Division, Welsh Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**  
**Wayne David MP**, Member of Parliament for Caerphilly  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Policy Forum for Wales