

Conversation 5 - Circular Economy, Managing Resources Responsibly

Wednesday February 22, 2017

Out of the Blue, 36 Dalmeny St, Edinburgh EH6 8RG.

Aim

The aim of this event was to *“discuss the aspiration of Scotland to being a Circular Economy Nation - what does this mean for our economy, our civil society and citizens? How can we contribute? What impact might this approach have in reducing carbon emissions? What initiatives are leading the way?”*

Speakers

Sophie Unwin, Remade in Edinburgh

Ylva Haglund, Zero Waste Scotland

Mike Turner / Fran Hutchinson, Swap & Reuse Hub (SHRUB) Co-operative.

Summary of the outcomes of the discussions

- What worked well
 - Excellent overall; local and global interlinked well.
 - Good things: engaging with others, ideas sharing and a good number of examples
 - Good discussion groups, real place networking
 - Broad scope of issues, very inspiring projects, great economy topic, and lots of interesting points.
 - Organisation and speakers, good relaxed environment and interesting discussions.
 - Workshop sessions, ability to talk and potentially inform problem solving.
 - The introduction was good icebreaker, helped by sunshine and lovely space.
- Could be better
 - Intro activities could have lasted a wee bit longer to have more chats.
 - Could be even longer/more companies.
 - The TED talk.
 - Deciding how much you knew about circular economy in circle exercise.
 - Info sheet with useful details i.e. people who represented organisations.
 - More, and more detailed questions, not just challenges and vision.
 - More guided discussion.
 - Maybe make the workshops sessions project based.
 - May be we should set a challenge as a task for groups / have to come up with our own circular economy ideas.
 - More structured times in break out groups.
 - Getting points from discussion onto paper.
 - The discussion group was great but tended to take the form of asking the social enterprise owner questions, a 3rd party facilitator might be a benefit.
 - Give more topic about circular economy and mention local currencies at least.
 - Have access to publications in digital format.
 - Share participants' contacts to enhance networking.
 - More city cases.
 - “Visions and challenges” can be found in the linked file.