

Circular Economy Hotspot Cymru, 7 – 9 October 2024

At the Hotspot, we will share Wales' circular economy achievements and aspirations, and learn about circular economy solutions from the public sector, private sector, and communities. You will have the opportunity to directly engage with Welsh projects across industry, business, public bodies, academia, and our towns and cities.

Here's an overview of what will happen over the three days:

Monday 7 October

Welcome to Cardiff:

- Afternoon informal networking opportunity
- Evening opening reception at the National Museum – networking, short speeches and entertainment highlighting the culture of Wales.

Tuesday 8 October

The main conference day, held at the Cricket Grounds at Sophia Gardens, will include speakers, panel sessions, and case studies from the main stage, with deep dive breakout sessions in the afternoon.

- Sharing lessons learned through Wales' recycling journey success and the ongoing transition from the industrial revolution to the green revolution, and learning from best practice in other countries too.
- The important role the circular economy will play in the delivery of the sustainable development goals.
- Using Wales' world-leading Wellbeing of Future Generations approach, we will demonstrate the importance of partnership between governments, businesses, and communities in achieving a circular economy.
- Deep dives across a range of topics and areas of interest, from behaviour change to innovation and international collaboration.

Speakers will be announced in the coming weeks. An evening gala dinner at the Principality Stadium, to allow for further networking while delegates enjoy Welsh food and drink.

Wednesday 9 October

The final day will consist of Circular Economy Discovery Tours, where delegates will get to learn first-hand by visiting organisations and businesses pushing forward the circular economy, with a thematic focus on industry, innovation, communities and more. Upon return, there will be a closing reception to reflect on learnings of the week and raise a final glass.