

NWPP HIGHLIGHTS 2019

Resources & Raw Materials



Maximising use of products and materials towards a circular economy.

- National **circular manufacturing platform established**, targeting **20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions & waste production**.
- Rediscovery Centre launched **circular economy mentoring academy** with nine founding member groups.
- CRNI supported their members to **reuse 24,000 tonnes of materials**.

Food Waste Prevention



Reducing waste in households, retailers and along the food production chain.

- **23,000 followers engaged** on food waste by social media, along with over **12,000 monthly visits** to the stopfoodwaste.ie website.
- Over **2.3 million people** reached during a two-week media campaign.
- Guidance published to help **food service businesses save €300M** in food waste costs.
- **400 people** trained on **food waste reduction** in workplaces and community groups.

Plastics



Displacing single-use plastic items through prevention, reuse and recycling actions.

- National **survey on attitudes & behaviours regarding plastics** completed showing strong public interest in curbing plastic waste.
- New **campus waste project established** focussed on **avoiding single-use plastics and food waste** at Irish Universities.
- EPA shortlisted in Enterprise Ireland's **Small Business Innovation Research** programme for solutions to **reduce consumption of single-use plastics**.

Local Waste Prevention



Mobilising and empowering communities to make changes for sustainable and circular living.

- Local authorities funded for **58 community waste prevention initiatives** such as **public water fountains and green festivals**.
- **8,300 items reused** on FreeTrade Ireland.
- **RepairMyStuff.ie** directory connected **800 businesses** with **8,000 monthly users**.

Construction & Demolition



Working with industry and others to tackle high-volume wastes in this critical sector.

- **Online repository published** of Irish and international best-practice documents.
- **C&D waste prevention recommendations** produced for action in 2020 and beyond.
- **Conversations on a Circular Economy seminar** held at Rediscovery Centre focussed on **Construction & Demolition waste**.

Agriculture



Increasing output efficiency and reducing carbon emissions for sustainable food production.

- Smart Farming worked on 50 farms, identifying **10% greenhouse gas emissions reductions and savings of €6,336 per farm**.
- **Revised water guidance published** for farmers on enhancing the rural environment through water conservation and water quality actions.
- Smart Farming selected as a national **Sustainable Development Goals Champion**.