

Kickstarting local economies drop in - meet the local circular pioneers

22 October 2025

- In attendance: Wera Hobhouse MP; Dawn Butler MP; Rupa Huq MP; Calvin Bailey MP; John McDonnell MP; Mete Coban; Gemma Green (FCC Environment); Lucy Pegg (secretariat); Charles Long (secretariat); Richard Barnes (London Wildlife Trust); Sarah Cook (UN Global Compact); Sarah Taylor (National Oceanography Centre); Victoria Hemmingway (NLWA); Andrea Charlson (Mineral Products Association); Harry Vodden (Toureen); Sara Walton (BSI); Shaun Spiers (Green Alliance); Lucy Kay (Open Seas); Rory Brien (FCC Environment); Clyde Loakes (Waltham Forest Council); Rezina Choudry (Lambeth Council); Jo Blackman (Redbridge Council); Chantelle Nicholson; Jemilah Bailey (GLA); Lily Tozer (DESNZ); Paul Driscoll (Ealing Council); Wayne Hubbard (ReLondon); Antony Buchan (ReLondon); Jo Rogers (ReLondon); Ali Moore (ReLondon); Pauline Metivier (ReLondon); Katie Rowberry (ReLondon); Lamia Sbiti (ReLondon); Sarah Beaton (ReLondon); Naomi May (NLWA); Dominic Suckley (Octopus Community Projects); Alexandru Sones-Dawkins (SHAK); Sara Turnbull (Restage); Andrew Matthews (Reuser); Elena Brook-Hart Rodriguez (Handmade Stories); Jack Evans (Tier1); Libby Peake (Green Alliance); Danilo Ponzetta (Reuser); Bassam Mahfouz (GLA); Charlotte Caplan (Defra)
- MPs and local authority representatives met with small businesses and community projects harnessing the power of the circular economy
- We heard short speeches from Vice Chair Wera Hobhouse MP, Mete Coban MBE, Deputy Mayor of London for Environment & Energy and Gemma Green, Reuse Development Manager at FCC Environment