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Good morning,

As Ireland's National Centre for the Circular Economy, the Rediscovery Centre aims to be a resource to all who wish to engage in the circular economy. This Circular Economy Update provides insights into the latest development on the circular transition in Ireland, Europe, and around the world. If you have anything you would like us to include in future updates please give us a call or email us at cemovement@rediscoverycentre.ie.

LATEST NEWS:

- The Environmental Protection Agency has launched the Green Enterprise: Innovation for a Circular Economy 2020 call. More info in Funding section below.
- The Irish Green Building Council has launched a [Learning hub](#), with resources for free or against a small fee, with a specific section on '[Resources and Circularity](#)', including information on Life Cycle Assessment and waste reduction.
- CRNI developed guidance for [Setting up new community reuse & recycling enterprises](#) which includes resources with further information for support and toolkits.
- Amidst the COVID-19 crisis, iFixit has created the [world's largest free repair database for medical equipment](#), with user manuals and repair documentation to support the repair of critical hospital equipment.
- [Textile Mountain - The Hidden Burden of our Fashion Waste](#) has been launched. The 20-minute documentary shows the social and environmental cost of the second hand clothing trade, tracing the path of unwanted garments from recycling bins in Europe to landfills and waterways in the Global South

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and demonstrate circular solutions. Proposals are invited for the thematic areas of Plastics, Construction & Demolition, Food, Resources and raw materials (electrical & electronic equipment, textiles, furniture). Funding of up to €100,000 is available per grant with between 25%-95% of the project costs eligible for funding. Deadline is the 14th August.

- The [Patagonia Corporate Grant](#) is open for applications until June 30th. It supports grassroots activist organisations working to preserve and protect the environment.
- The [European Social Catalyst Fund](#) has extended its deadline until 11th September. The ESCF provides funding and non-financial support to social service innovations across Europe.
- EU LIFE funding is still open, with the [Environment subprogramme](#) deadline extended to 14th July 2020. Some CE-related Horizon 2020 calls, for instance on '[Expanding circular economy to include the circular bioeconomy](#)' are also still open until early September.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- The Community Resources Network Ireland (CRNI) are recruiting a [Northern Ireland Network Coordinator](#) to set up a pilot for a reuse and repair network. Deadline for applications is 19th June.
- Coalition 2030, the Irish Alliance for the Sustainable Development Goals, is also seeking applications for a new [Coordinator](#), with a deadline on 19th June.
- The European Environment Agency has launched a [Call for Expressions of Interest to join their Scientific Committee](#). The EEA looks for members with expertise in one of seven areas, including 'Circular economy and resource use'. The closing date for submission is 3rd July 2020.

RESEARCH & REPORTS:

- The 4th Conference on Product Lifetimes and the Environment (PLATE) has opened their [call for abstracts](#). The Conference will be hosted by the University of Limerick in May 2021 and showcase research on product lifetime, with a wide range of topics covering, e.g. product design, circular economy, sustainable consumption, policy and digitalisation. Deadline for abstract submissions is 1st October 2020.
- Circle Economy have published the second [national Circular Economy Gap Report](#), this time for the Netherlands. A previous report assessing

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- A [new report](#) by QSA Partners and the London Waste and Recycling Board looks into the commercial potential and consumer use of pre-loved clothing in the UK. Findings suggest that approx. 60% of second-hand buyers think purchasing second-hand clothes prevents or delays buying a new item.
- The Community Resources Network Ireland has published their report from the DAERA-funded research project on the [Feasibility of Setting up a Reuse and Repair Network in Northern Ireland](#).

Further interesting Circular Economy publications can be found in the Rediscovery Centre's [Resource library](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The Interreg Europe Policy Learning Platform will host a [Webinar on innovative approaches to green public procurement](#), on 25th June.
- Chambers Ireland are hosting an [SDG Webinar Series](#), covering five different goals (including [Climate Action](#), [Industry & Innovation](#), [Sustainable Communities](#)). On 17th June, the series kicks off with [SDG8 Decent Work and Economic Growth](#).
- On 6th and 7th July, the [Inaugural Conference of the International Society for the Circular Economy](#) will be hosted online. Most of the conference sessions can be attended for free by signing up for an affiliate membership.
- This year's [Circular Procurement Congress](#) will be hosted in Warsaw on 1st to 3rd September 2020. The Congress is free to attend and aims to raise awareness of good practices in circular procurement and to share practices.
- The [World BioEconomy Forum](#) has been transferred to livestream. On 10th September, the event can be followed online, including talks around bioproducts, resources and financing.
- The Ellen MacArthur Foundation hosts a weekly "[Explore the Circular Economy Show](#)" online. The 30-minute episodes run every Tuesday and can be followed on their [Youtube](#) channel and [website](#).

SPOTLIGHT: Circular Economy for Climate Action

The circular transition of our economy is recognised as a major opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate climate change. Different organisations have researched the potential impact of a circular economy on

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- Ellen MacArthur Foundation (2019): [Completing the Picture: How the Circular Economy Tackles Climate Change.](#)
- Material Economics (2018): [The circular economy - a powerful force for climate mitigation.](#)
- Trinomics (2018): [Quantifying the benefits of circular economy actions on the decarbonisation of EU economy.](#)
- Centre for European Policy Studies (2016): [Time to Connect the Dots: What is the Link between Climate Change Policy and the Circular Economy?](#)
- CE Delft (2016): [The circular economy as a key instrument for reducing climate change.](#)
- Deloitte (2016): [Circular economy potential for climate change mitigation.](#)
- Club of Rome (2015): [The Circular Economy and Benefits for Society - Jobs and Climate Clear Winners in an Economy Based on Renewable Energy and Resource Efficiency.](#)

This newsletter highlights the work of organisations and businesses driving the transition to the circular economy. If you know of or are involved in any projects you would like to see included, please email details to cemovement@rediscoverycentre.ie.

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