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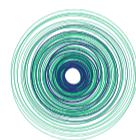
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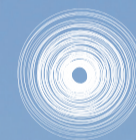


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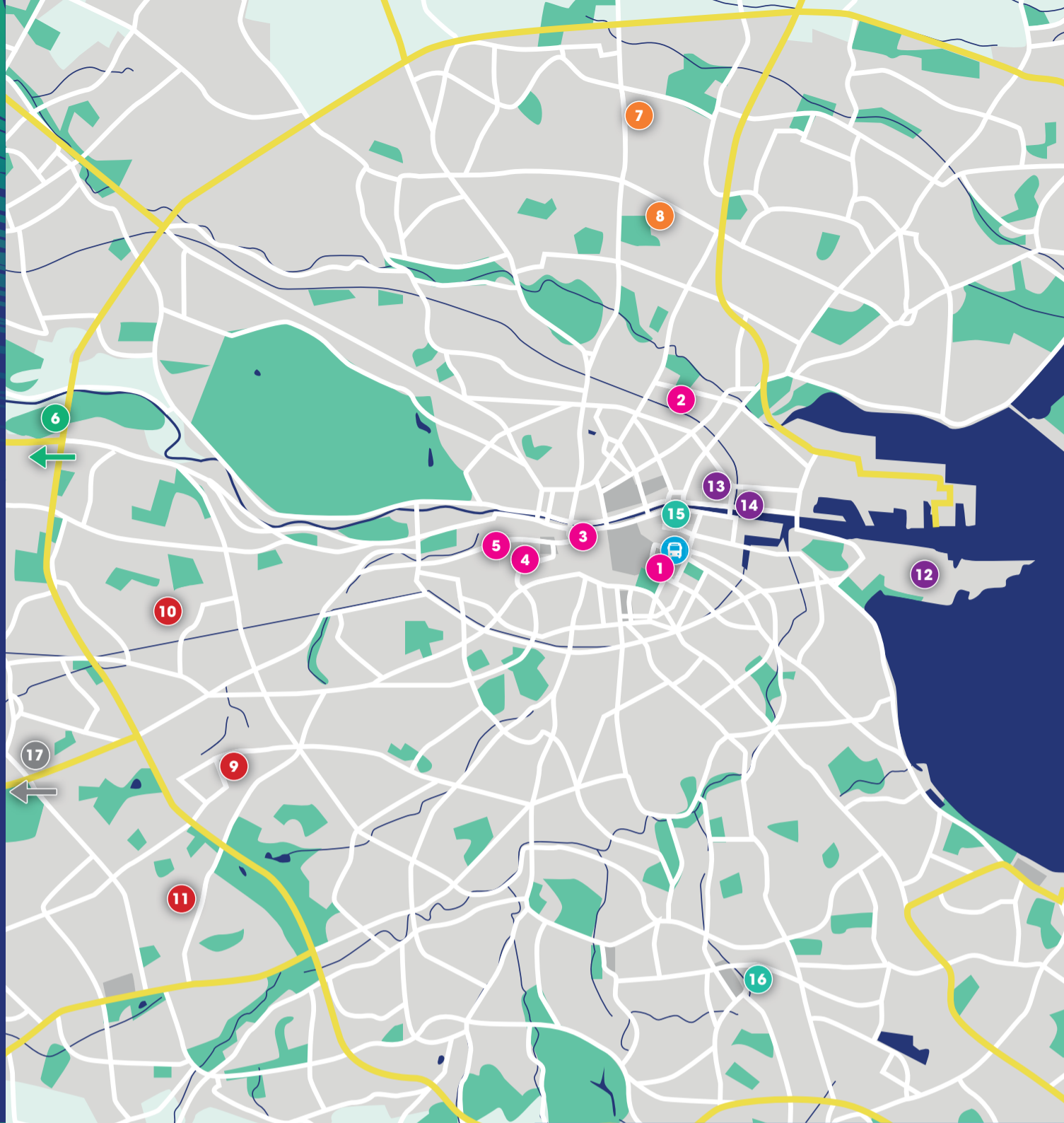
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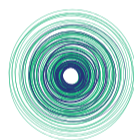


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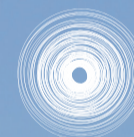
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DAY 1 Opening Ceremony

29 May | 17:00

The Round Room at Dublin's Mansion House

The celebration begins with a welcome reception in the Round Room at Dublin's Mansion House. Attendees will be addressed by The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Caroline Conroy, Minister of State with Responsibility for the Circular Economy, Ossian Smyth TD, and Owen Keegan, Chief Executive of Dublin City Council, along with a host of circular economy leaders and cultural performances. The hosts of Circular Economy Hotspot 2025 will also be revealed.

DAY 3 Deep Dives

31 May | 09:00 - 17:00

Wood Quay Venue / Guinness Enterprise Centre

These participatory workshops, facilitated by industry leaders and experts, provide an excellent opportunity for attendees to engage with like-minded individuals and gain a deeper understanding of the thematic focus areas.

A networking lunch will be provided. Optional cultural activities will be available.

Deep Dive Workshops Focus Areas

Food Systems & The Bioeconomy | 09:00

Guinness Enterprise Centre

Developing our food system to one based on circular economy and bioeconomy principles is one of the most powerful things we can do to address the climate crisis. Join us to explore how this transformation can provide healthy nutritious food, tackle food waste, achieve sustainability, build biodiversity and promote wellbeing.

Chaired by: Patrick Barrett, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and **Sarah Miller**, Rediscovery Centre

The Built Environment | 9:00

Wood Quay Venue

How can circular economic solutions help address Dublin's pressing need for housing development? Strategies such as meanwhile use, smart zoning, materials and flexible architectural design and renovation will be explored and best practice examples shared at this deep dive workshop.

Chaired by: Ali Grehan, Dublin City Architect and **Philippa King**, Southern Waste Region

DAY 2

City Conference | 30 May | 08:30 | Croke Park

Moderated by Áine Kerr, the main conference day features a fantastic lineup of prominent speakers and expert panelists who will discuss the latest trends in the circular economy, across three key focus areas:

Policy in Practice • Building Circular Communities: Citizen Engagement • Innovation & Collaboration

Policy in Practice

09:30

Delving into the practical implementation of circular economy policies, this session will explore the challenges faced by both governments and businesses. Discussions will provide attendees with an in-depth understanding of how circular economy policies can be effectively implemented at both the national and international levels.

Speakers & Panellists include:

Ossian Smyth, Minister of State with special responsibility for the Circular Economy

Laura Burke, Director General, EPA

Aurel Ciobanu Dordea, DG Environment, European Commission

Hugh Coughlan, EMRWMP, Vice President ACR+

Sarah Miller, Rediscovery Centre

Citizen Engagement

11:30

This session will explore the critical role of citizen engagement in promoting the growth of the circular economy. Designed to provide attendees with innovative and best-practice solutions, thought-provoking and informative discussions will enable attendees to build sustainable, resilient, and circular communities.

Speakers & Panellists include:

Freek van Eijk, CEO Holland Circular Hotspot

Joshua Newton, Cities Activation Manager, Ellen MacArthur Foundation

Iain Guillard, CEO of Zero Waste Scotland, President of ACR+

Prof. Anna Davies, Professor of Geography, Environment and Society at Trinity College Dublin

Innovation & Collaboration

14:00

This panel session will explore acceleration opportunities of circular innovation and collaboration across all sectors of the economy. Key experts will discuss systemic approaches to delivering circular solutions and business models and the factors that drive sustainability and efficiency within a circular economy.

Speakers & Panellists include:

Prof. Andre Martinuzzi, Director of the Institute for Managing Sustainability, Associate professor at Vienna University of Economics and Business

Anna Brussa, EIT CKIC's Industrial Value Chain Lead

Dr. Geraldine Brennan, CIRCULÉIRE - Irish Manufacturing Research

Joël Mestres Lobez, Financial Engineering Manager, CINEA

Networking & Exhibitions

The conference will conclude with the launch of a Hotspot special edition Profit with Purpose magazine, drinks reception, networking opportunity, and exhibitions. This will be followed by the facilitated Circular Matchmaking Event hosted by CIRCULÉIRE and Dublin Chamber.



Matchmaking
Event Sign Up

Closing address

Philip Nugent, Assistant Secretary at Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications

Textiles - Creating a Circular Closet | 09:00

Guinness Enterprise Centre

This deep dive will explore how Ireland is supporting the move toward sustainability through creating opportunities for citizens to embrace a more circular closet. Delving into research and initiatives impacting circular design, reducing consumption, driving reuse and repair and collecting and valorising post-consumer textiles.

Chaired by: Shane Colgan, European Environment Agency and **Claire Downey**, Rediscovery Centre

Design & Manufacturing | 14:00

Guinness Enterprise Centre

Bringing the creative and industry sectors together, this deep dive workshop will explore the central contribution of Circular Business Models in transformational net-zero strategies, driving radical reductions in carbon emissions, while creating long-term value with cross-sectoral Irish and international industry case studies.

Chaired by: Mike Townsend, Earthshine and **Dr. Geraldine Brennan**, CIRCULÉIRE - Irish Manufacturing Research

Social Enterprise | 14:00

Wood Quay Venue

Circular social enterprises are helping to deliver Ireland's sustainability objectives on the ground, acting as a driving force for social, economic, and environmental change. Through policy, innovation, and research, this workshop will highlight the success of Ireland's social enterprise sector.

Chaired by: Cillian Lohan, EESC member representing the ECESP and Vice-President of the NAT section and Social Committee and **Mary MacSweeney**, Dublin City Council

Communications - Initiating Behavior Change

14:00 | Guinness Enterprise Centre

How might we make the circular economy really relevant

to different Irish audience groups? How might we change habits, attitudes and behaviour? Join us for a session that will bring together international circular economy campaigners, behaviour experts and communicators for an immersive and engaging session. Our goal will be to understand what kinds of campaigns we might develop to change behaviour amongst Irish audience groups.

Chaired by: Catherine Cleary, The Irish Times and **Steve O'Reilly**, Rediscovery Centre

Conference Dinner | 31 May | 19:00

The Guinness Storehouse

Join us for an unforgettable conference dinner at the world renowned Guinness Storehouse. This iconic venue, in the heart of Dublin, offers a truly unique atmosphere for an evening of networking and delicious food.

DAY 4

Tours | 1 June

To mark the final day of Dublin Circular Economy Hotspot, attendees have the rare opportunity to explore in-person Ireland's finest circular economy innovations and initiatives. These engaging and immersive tours are designed to showcase leading sites that exemplify the very best circular economy practices, and demonstrate the resulting societal benefits.

A closing day that is not to be missed!

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