



HELEN MILLICER 20 APRIL-31 MAY 2018

CHURCHILL TRUST FELLOWSHIP, CIRCULAR ECONOMY TOUR

Plastics use and recycling is a critical issue for our planet and future. It is also part of a bigger objective for a more circular and sustainable economy, especially increasing the quantity of material that goes back into product and circulation again.

The main focus of the tour is plastics programs, regulations and collaborations and where it ends up. Plastics, like all materials, have to end up somewhere. If they do not go to a manufacturer to be given a new life as new product, they end up in landfill, incinerators or as litter in the environment.

Our shift to a more circular and sustainable future occurs through people advocating, collaborating, restructuring, repricing and influencing change. For this reason I am meeting those organisations that influence and direct the change, namely business, governments, and industry and environment groups. Rather than travel to dozens of cities I am meeting people and visiting sites for an in-depth insight into priority cities and regions.

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Dates	City and Country	Name/Organisation	Subject area/roles
Tue 24 – Wed 25 April	Amsterdam, and The Hague, Netherlands	European Plastics Recycling Expo, Conference and Annual Awards	Everything re Plastic recycling for Circular Economy
Mon 23 – Fri 27 April		Ton Emans , President, Plastic Recyclers Europe, Director and Group Manager Recycling, CeDo	State of plastics recycling in Europe and member countries, challenges with China, priority actions
		Plant tour – van Werven Plastic Recycling (Circular Award 2018 entrant)	Plastics reprocessing plant of 120,000 tonnes post-consumer – both durable product and packaging.
		Joris van der Meulen , Nedvang, Netherlands Packaging Waste Fund	Monitoring of packaging on the market and recycled packaging waste, calculating recycling results
		Mari van Dreumel , Deputy Head of Unit, Circular Economy team, Min Infrastructure & Environment, Netherlands Government	Priorities of Govt, specifics on schemes incl products and packaging
		Joan Prummel , Rijkswaterstaat Environment Dept Netherlands Government	Strategic Advisor, Circular Procurement programs
		Plant tour - Amsterdam sorting and AEB Waste to Energy facility	Sorting facility and Waste to Energy facility



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Fri 27 Apr & Tues 1 May	Warsaw, Poland	Family time	
Wed 2 – Sun 6 May	Germany, Hamburg and Leipzig	Dr Michael Braungart , Author <i>Cradle to Cradle</i> and <i>The Upcycle</i> , Director, EPEA (Environmental Protection Encouragement Agency)	Global leader in circular economy strategies and business case analysis
		Isabel Ihde , Industrie, Energie, Umwelt Rodolf Neumueller , Hamburg Chamber of Commerce	Industry strategy, productivity, sustainability waste and recycling programs, training, advocacy
		Site tour - Buhck Waste Services	Recycling sorting facility and organics composting facility
		Joerg Pfuzner , Global Canning Association	Global trade of metal packaging recycling,
Mon 7 – Fri 11 May .../cont.	Brussels, Belgium	Hugo-Maria Schally , Head of Unit, European Commission responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular Economy Strategy • Sustainable Production, Products and Consumption • Waste Management and Secondary Materials • Eco-innovation 	European strategies, programs, funding, negotiations
		Werner Bosmans , Policy Officer, European Commission	Coordinating author Circular Economy Plastics Strategy, Waste Policy and Packaging Directive
		Kristina Doroso , Ecolabel, European Commission	Coordination of Ecolabel for products in EU
		Arjen Sevenster , VinylPlus	PVC plastic product stewardship, strategy, collection programs, levies, manufacturing
		Anne-Gaelle Collot , Plastics Europe	Marine litter, plastics recycling, strategy
		Annette Schaefer , Secretary General EU Manufacturers Expanded Polystyrene (EUMEPS)	EU Polystyrene industry association and recycling programs
		Monica Romanska , Extended Producer Responsibility Alliance	EU Product Stewardship schemes, strategies, business cases, regulatory frameworks, levies, standards, reporting
		Ruth De Bruycker , FostPlus, Belgium's household packaging recycling scheme	World-leading residential packaging recycling scheme



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Mon 7 – Fri 11 May (cont.)	Brussels, Belgium	Larissa Milo Dale & Janica Borg, World Wild Fund for nature (WWF)	Plastics campaigns, marine litter, position on circular economy
		Alexandre Dangis, MD and Founder European Plastics Converters	Plastics campaigns, manufacturing, reprocessing, advocacy
Mon 14 – Wed 16 May	Munich, Germany	IFAT	Global trade fair and conference on waste, recycling, water with key speakers from EU Commission, German Government, industry associations; Demonstrations included vehicle disassembly
		Confederation of European Waste to Energy Plants	Future for W2E incineration in EU given new direction from EU Commission, suitability for Aust
		Site tour - Nymphenburg suburb Public Drop-off Recycling Centre	Design and systems in public drop-off recycling centres in Munich
Thurs 17 – Tues 22 May	UK	Ray Georgeson, CE, Resource Association and Strategy Consultant	Resource recovery for products, policies and advocacy for change
		Manchester Circular Economy Club	Presentations and workshops on efficiencies in the supply chain
		Site tour – Howard Waghorn, MD, Hahn Plastics Recyclers	Status of plastics reprocessing in UK
		Site tour – Manchester Public Dropoff Recycling Centre	Design and systems in public drop-off recycling centres in UK
		Plant tour – Jane Gardner, Axion Consulting and Axion Manufacturing	Plastics strategies, collections, reprocessing and remanufacture
		Mervyn Jones, Director, Sustainable Global Resources	Consultant on waste, recycling programs
		Claire Shrewsbury, Head Government and Communities, and colleagues, WRAP UK, responsible for: Strategies and industry engagement Packaging Programme Research and Evaluation	UK policies, strategies and programs on recycling, procurement, industry schemes, levies
		Hon. Alan Whitehead, MP, Shadow Minister British Parliament, (Dept Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy)(Energy and Climate Change)	UK policies, politics and strategies on sustainability, recycling, circular economy and industry
Wed 23 May	Travel day		



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Thur 24 – Fri 25 May	Malaysia	Kian Seah, MD, Heng Hiap Industries	Plastics sorter and reprocessor regarding sources, markets, products, supply chain
		Malaysian Investment Development Authority	Regarding Malaysian manufacturing and recycling strategy and incentives, imports and intercountry negotiations/ supply chains, esp Aust and China
Sun 27 – Wed 30 May	Bangkok, Thailand	Site Tour and regional introductions - Dennis Leung and Bachara Watfa, Directors, All Product Recycling	Intercountry trade of materials, reprocessing and regulations in Thailand, China and Vietnam.
		Thailand EPA meeting	Approach and issues concerning litter, pollution and waste management in Thailand
Thurs 31 May	Return to Australia		

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