



NESC Launch—Conversations on the Circular Economy in Ireland

Date: 10am-12pm Wednesday 25th October, 2017

Venue: Royal College of Physicians, Six Kildare Street.

NESC is launching the research report, *Moving Towards the Circular Economy: Irish Case Studies*, written by Dr Simon O' Rafferty alongside its Council Comments.

The research report documents the opportunities and challenges for ten Irish case study organisations as they strive to bring more circular practices to their business and social enterprise models. This 'bottom-up' approach to examining the circular economy provides a key contribution to the emerging debate in Ireland.

The Council makes a number of reflections on this research and the potential for an Irish circular economy.

Programme:

9.45am Registration/Tea & Coffee.

10am Welcome—Dr Rory O'Donnell (NESC).

Facilitator—Dara Lynott.

10.10am Minister of State for Community Development, Natural Resources and Digital Development, Mr Seán Kyne, T.D.

10.25am Conversation 1: Case Studies of Circular Economy Practices in Ireland

Dr Simon O'Rafferty (Researcher); Mike Higgins (Wisetek); Kevin McCabe (Enrich); and Sarah Miller (Rediscovery Centre).

11.05am Conversation 2: NESC Reflections and Questions for Further Consideration

Dr Jeanne Moore (NESC); George Burke (Department of the Taoiseach); Anne Murphy (Ibec); Tom Healy (NERI); Mindy O'Brien (Zero Waste Cashel); Justin Byrne (Irish Environmental Network); Dr Eimear Cotter (EPA), and T.J. Flanagan (ICOS).

11.50am Q&A.

12.15pm Close—Dr Rory O'Donnell (NESC).