

Birmingham Recycling Network

Birmingham recycling network is a cooperative social enterprise.

We aim to work with Birmingham City Council (BCC) and business's to intercept and return to the circular economy the re-useable and re-cyclable waste that would otherwise go to landfill

We believe that a collective of individuals and enterprises in the City of Birmingham is a much stronger entity to help the City effectively deal with the 3R's, build job opportunities, research and innovate.

Research already carried out by the network 'Interest in a Birmingham reuse forum' (Clarke and Quarless 2015) funded by WRAP was a foundation on which the network is building. It's conclusion is that re-user's in the City who took part in the study would like to see a body formed to represent its interests and work with BCC.

The concept is simple, individuals and enterprises join as members, they advertise re-useable and re-cyclable waste available for collection and conversely recyclers promote their enterprise, areas of work and whether they would like to collect the waste. In this way the networks website will be a definitive one-stop-shop for all recycling organisations, resources and locations in Birmingham.

The Network meets regularly to help develop the 3R's, offer training and research.

Our next piece of applied action research paper '**Supporting the Birmingham recycle network to effectively intercept waste materials from businesses in the City**' (Quarless and Robertson 2016) is due to be presented in early 2017.

Membership is Free for the first month.