Stakeholder Consultation

Ethical Textile Recycling ISWA Roundtable

16 July 2019
Rotterdam, Netherlands
10:00 - 16:00

New Venue!
Room SH 7,
City Hall Rotterdam
Coolsingel 40,
3011 AD

The International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) would like to welcome you to the first roundtable on ethical textile recycling on 16 July 2019. With the new Directive (EU) 2018/851 of the European Parliament that Member States shall provide separate collection for textiles by 1 January 2025, there is much to prepare for waste managers.

Yet this is not an exclusively technical matter, there are a number of institutional issues that effect the second hand textile recycling sector, from collection challenges, labour abuses, competition between commercial, charitable, and public-sector motivations and initiatives, as well as other controversial and very interesting dimensions.

This one-day facilitated roundtable provides a platform for concerned stakeholders to identify the key issues from a European perspective. Leading voices from industry and non-government organisations in Europe have been invited to provide inputs and all participants have room to contribute. We are inviting a small but varied group of stakeholders to share opinions, insights, and ambitions, as well as to tell others about their current sustainable and ethical practices and standards.

ISWA offers you a neutral, expert peer platform and we hope you will join us as we prepare for the next level of textiles in the circular economy. If you have any questions, or would like to make an input - do be in touch. Please note that >>registration is free.

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OUR HOSTS

The City of Rotterdam aims to have a fully circular economy by 2030. Rotterdam is a ‘living laboratory’ for ‘zero-waste’ start-ups, research and pioneering models. The city is a circular hotspot, full of energy, creativity and bold optimism. All of which makes this ambitious and visionary harbour city the ideal location to discuss the future of circular textiles. Come see for yourself! Learn more here >> Rotterdam Circular
INVITED STAKEHOLDERS

- Antiform, UK
- Austrian Fibers Institute, AT
- bKN, NL
- Boer Group, NL
- British Heart Foundation, UK
- Bureau of International Recycling (BIR), BE
- Charity Retail Association (CRA), UK
- Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, BE
- CYCLOS, DE
- Dutch Circular Textile Valley, NL
- ECAP | European Clothing Action Plan
- ECOTEXTIL, ES
- EXPRA, EU
- The Federation for Associations connected to the International Humana People to People Movement, CH
- Gemeinschaft fur Textile Zukunft, DE
- Het Goed, NL
- Inditex, ES
- I:Collect, DE
- MA48, AT
- Oxfam, UK
- Occhio di Riciclone (OdR), IT
- Plan Miljö, DK
- RREUSE, European Federation of Second-hand Shops and Charities, BE
- Salvation Army, UK
- Soex, DE
- Textile Recycling Association (TRA), UK
- TU Wien, AT
- UNIDO
- Wieland Textiles, NL
- WRAP, UK
- and more...
# PROGRAMME

## Tuesday, 16 July

### Welcome and keynote

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<td>10:00</td>
<td>Martin Dukker, Project Manager ISWA 2020, City of Rotterdam, NL</td>
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<td>Joachim Quoden, Chair of ISWA Working Group on Governance and Social Issues, Chair of the ISWA EU Group, DE</td>
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<td>Welcome and introduction</td>
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<td>10:10</td>
<td>Anne Scheinberg, Chair of ISWA Working Group on Recycling and Waste Minismisation, NL</td>
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<td>- Video Message</td>
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<td>Institutional Issues in Textile Recycling</td>
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### Session 1 - Issue inputs for end of life textiles

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<td>10:20</td>
<td>Georgina Nitzsche, ISWA, UK</td>
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<td>Team shaping</td>
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<td>10:40</td>
<td>Andreas Bartl, Vice Chair of ISWA Working Group on Recycling and Waste Minismisation, TU Wien, AT</td>
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<td>Strategies in Resource Management and Circular Economy for Fibers and Textiles</td>
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<td>11:00</td>
<td>David Roman, Sustainability Manager, British Heart Foundation</td>
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<td>Member of Waste Industry Safety and Health (WISH) Textile Forum, UK</td>
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<td>Ethical Textile Recycling Standards project</td>
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<td>11:20</td>
<td>Diverse issue inputs from invited stakeholders: themes include collection - sorting - fibre recovery - resale and export - free trade vs local autonomy (6 minutes per speaker)</td>
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<td>Facilitated by Robin Osterley, CEO, Charity Retail Association, UK</td>
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### Refreshments, Light Lunch and Networking

Coffee, tea and a light lunch of Dutch sandwiches will be provided by our host, the City of Rotterdam.
### Session 2 - Best Practice Case Studies

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<td>13:10-13:30</td>
<td>Alan Wheeler, Textile Recycling Association (TRA), Member of Waste Industry Safety and Health (WISH) Textile Forum, UK</td>
<td>Risk factors in the used clothing supply chain – safety, labour abuse, business practices, environmental and transport</td>
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<td>13:30-13:50</td>
<td>Joachim Quoden, EXPRA, DE</td>
<td>Jacobo Moreno, Process O&amp;M Engineer at Sacyr Environment, Founding Member of ECOTEXTIL, ES - video link</td>
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<td>EPR Schemes for end of life textiles</td>
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<td>13:50-14:10</td>
<td>Sustainable Apparel Coalition (SAC), US, tbc</td>
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### Session 3 - Break-Out session

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<td>14:30-15:20</td>
<td>Break-out into five issue groups:</td>
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<td>Health &amp; Safety / Sound Business / Labour Rights</td>
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<td>Environmental Management / (Transport Management)</td>
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<td>15:20-15:40</td>
<td>Break-out session reporting</td>
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### Wrap Up

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<td>15:40-16:00</td>
<td>Review and conclusions from the day: is there group or partial group intention to move towards common ethical practices and / or guidelines? Or to compare and harmonise standards? Any agreed next steps?</td>
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Please note
This event is organised by the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) and hosted by the City of Rotterdam, the Netherlands, with the generous inputs of the Waste Industry Safety and Health Forum (WISH), based in the UK.

- Registration is made online and is free of charge.
- Registration includes conference programme, refreshments, light lunch and follow-up notes.
- Upon registration, roundtable participants accept arrangements organised by ISWA.

The programme is subject to change.

Cancellation policy
ISWA reserves the right to cancel the Roundtable if the minimum number of participants is not reached.
Minimum number of participants: 10  Maximum number of participants: 20

Cancellation of registration must be made in writing to ISWA by E-Mail: gnitzsche@iswa.org
In case of cancellation of the Roundtable due to unforeseeable events, ISWA cannot provide compensation for participants’ costs incurred.

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Registration is free of charge but we do ask you to register below:

Date 16, July 2109

Time 10:00 - 16:00

New venue! Room SH 7, City Hall Rotterdam
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Use side entrances on either Doelwater or Stadhuisstraat streets. Enter via the garden and take the middle doors.

Registration is open until 14, July 2019