

	<p>universities and colleges – guidance on what to look for when procuring a waste contract (although this is usually done through APUC within our sector)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland’s Resource Sector Commitment – waste contractors have vetting by Zero Waste Scotland during commitment process, and ZWS can then help to address any issues with signatories failing to meet agreed standards • Litter and flytipping update – Scotland’s National Litter Strategy – trying to influence people not to litter, paying local authorities to pick it up isn’t sustainable. Need to focus on prevention, including personal and shared responsibility, using innovation and creativity to encourage positive behaviour, and holding organisations with responsibilities to account. • Love Food Hate Waste – 50% of food waste in Scotland comes from households, nearly £500/year wasted per household – Universities and colleges have a big role to play in developing behaviour – good Love Food Hate Waste app – would like new university and college partnerships – ‘to go’ boxes in use to be expanded after an effectiveness review Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Could there be an issue with liability in terms of litter with ZWS branding on? ○ Food sharing system Olio which is big in London may be developed in Edinburgh • Training opportunities – Developing the Workforce to upskill in resource management, reuse and repair, coaching, training and assessing delivered by Fife College and Albion Environmental at no cost to employers or individuals – more information here • SWITCH Strategic Objectives – health and safety side of things within the resource management industry – meets twice a year, universities and colleges could sign up to mailing list. Competence Framework Launched by SWITCH • WRAP’s Hospitality and Food Service Agreement focuses on reducing waste and recycling more, and is a voluntary agreement. No universities signed up so far • RES Pledge Ambassador Programme is for organisations who can influence others in terms of resource efficiency (such as students, affiliates and their supply chain) • Ongoing opportunities – inc. Financing Resource Efficiency Projects webinar 30th March
3.	<p>Legislative Updates</p> <p><i>Fleur Ruckley, Waste Management TSN Co-Convenor / University of Edinburgh</i> <i>Erin Scott, Zero Waste Scotland</i></p> <p>Recent changes (see slides) – Key items for FHE sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEEE changes, including from households • Duty of care regulations now allow edocs – ZWS preparing more info on these • Multiple changes to The Waste (Meaning of Hazardous Waste and EWC) (Misc Amend) (Scotland) Regulations 2015 – University of Edinburgh have found it is good to train people on guidance to reduce number of queries • Waste (Scotland) Regulations – new 5kg limit for food waste segregation – speak to waste contractor if affected, depends partly on postcode • Flyer from SEPA (on slide) – check contractors are happy with how you separate paper and card. There is a drive to push to source segregated waste from Europe which would be challenging for universities and colleges. MRF testing regime now underway and you will see pushback if you have contaminated collections, which could lead to changes if co-mingled is more contaminated than separate streams. UoE doing an audit and found out main issues are paper towels and coffee cups – they will be the focus of a campaign. • Carrier bag charge reporting – 2015-16 data due soon from all those who sell bags (those with shops on campus) – sign up if you haven’t already • Waste Data Strategy update underway with SEPA – Hannah Felton may come to next TSN to present on this – reuse makes this complicated • EU Circular Economy Package – working on legislation and there will be targets for

	<p>increasing recycling and reducing landfill, removing grey areas and ways to deal with reuse, plus other areas including plastics, food waste, critical raw materials, construction and demolition projects, biomass and bio-based products etc., plus innovation and investment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 – been undergoing changes for a while including enforcement powers <p>Discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waste in HESA report and climate change duties, but reuse isn't counted – carbon on that hard to do, especially if it doesn't go through WARPit ○ New procurement legislation coming out, with sustainability and community benefits key, and trying to emphasise the full costs of procurement ○ Modern Slavery Act – University of Edinburgh's SRS department looking at this and doing an event as part of Fairtrade Fortnight ○ Changes to legislation around refrigerant which might affect things if your researchers are using them
4.	<p>Practical Reuse in Action</p> <p><i>Sotiris Katsimpas, REMADE in Edinburgh</i> <i>Sophie Unwin, REMADE in Edinburgh</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration of taking a laptop apart to clean it. • Discussion on the work of REMADE in Edinburgh and how they work with the University of Edinburgh. • Edinburgh Remakery – new shop at the bottom of Leith Walk which will open soon and will do furniture restoration etc. • ZWS Revolve accreditation undertaken by REMADE, which helps with external perception as well as internal working. • Questions for people looking for services should be – can they do the job, are they compliant, what are the community benefits, what are the effects on the environment? <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health and safety can make passing things on more difficult, e.g. hairdressing supplies ○ Challenge of logging donations and mechanism for it, including during building clearances – time requirements vary depending on how active you are dividing items ○ Need to ensure that gifted items are not ending up sold on eBay ○ Scottish Futures Trust looking at decommissioning of schools and how to audit what is in them and if items can be taken retained from old schools – but people want all new items ○ Easier and quicker to buy new than refurbish, especially if specific size or shape needs ○ Hopefully all the stumbling blocks will be loosened over time.
	<p>Lunch and Networking</p>
5.	<p>Shout Out</p> <p><i>Trudy Cunningham, Waste Management TSN Co-Convenor / University of Dundee</i></p> <p>Thank you to Fleur for all her work organising this TSN! We need a new co-convenor as she will be stepping down after this TSN to take on a new job outside the sector.</p> <p>Potential future topics to discuss or trips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trip to an AD plant for the future. Fife or one in Cumbernauld – Erin Scott to organise • Trip to new MRF and energy from waste plant at Levensat • Information from APUC on WEEE and printer/toner cartridges

- Hannah or someone else from SEPA on the waste data strategy
- Input from APUC, including on their Buyers' Guide
- Next TSN - October

Sector updates:

- Dundee and Angus have recently installed a rocket composter which is managed by their horticulture department. All is going well so far. Advice received from other attendees to ensure maturation management is well supervised, and there is regular air quality testing
- SRUC have a large wormery on one of their golf courses, also managed by the grounds team, which works well
- SRUC looking at rationalising their waste contracts post-merge following a review by AA Ricardo with support from ZWS. They will go to mini-competition for a new contract from April 2017
- Local authority cut-backs are causing issues with additional recycling collections from the University of Dundee
- Possibility of lowering the costs of going to a mini competition by procuring regionally – University of Stirling are looking at working with the council. It makes sense to at least share information
- Frustration over the delay in low-carbon (etc.) technologies becoming available and affordable in the UK
- Need to get environmental issues high on senior management agenda – they prioritise the highest fee-paying students. EAUC encourage sustainability being prioritised at SAUDE.
- Increased spending on labs to increase income, but this leads to higher impacts at a time when expenditure on waste, water and energy management is going down
- Issue with constant changes in baselines / conversion figures means you can never compare like with like
- University of Edinburgh currently contracting for WEEE – divided the WEEE types up and stated requirements for each before going to tender. Happy to share info once awarded. Recently completed radioactive waste contract and next is clinical waste contract.
- University of Edinburgh Donation Agreement to be shared as a template for others to work from – please note all institutions should carefully check the wording before use.

6. **Future Meetings and EAUC Updates**

Rebecca Petford, EAUC

Upcoming [EAUC events](#):

- EAUC-S AGM – Edinburgh – 11th March
- ESD in HE TSN: Interdisciplinarity – Edinburgh – 18th March
- Community Engagement TSN: Social Media Skill Share – Glasgow – 22nd March
- Adaptation Training – Edinburgh – 20th April
- Monitoring and Evaluation Training – Edinburgh – 27th April
- College Energy Training – 4 events around Scotland in March to be announced soon
- EAUC UK Conference – Bristol – 25th-26th May
- CIWM accredited Waste Smart Training – recently took place at University of Strathclyde, new dates to be announced soon

EAUC news:

- Green Gown Award information will be announced soon – start thinking about potential projects and see case studies on the [Sustainability Exchange](#) – consider being a judge too
- Work will begin soon on updating the Waste Management Guidance document – if you have any areas you think need included, case studies or documents / partners you think we should point people towards specifically please contact Rebecca on rpetford@eauc.org.uk

	<p>Waste TSN update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need a new co-convenor for the Waste TSN, to work alongside Trudy. If you would be able to support identifying and inviting speakers and topic for bi-annual meetings, perhaps offering a space to meet, and helping chair the meeting, please contact Rebecca on rpetford@eauc.org.uk. An invitation will be sent around the JISCMail list. • Thank you very much to Fleur for all the work she has put into Co-Convening this group, and we wish her well in her new role at Project Manager for Scotland's 2020 Group.
7.	<p>Thanks and Close</p> <p><i>Fleur Ruckley, Waste Management TSN Co-Convenor / University of Edinburgh</i></p> <p>Minutes and event survey to be circulated to all attendees shortly. Thanks to all for attending.</p>

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