

Circular Economy Forum

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1. Introduction to the Circular Economy Forum

Purpose of the Forum

The Circular Economy Forum brings together industry professionals who are actively working on the implementation of circularity to share learnings, find solutions, and make practical progress in implementing circular economy principles on live projects.

Desired outcomes include:

- Identify how circular economy principles can drive out carbon in line with the net zero agenda
- Building a strong network of circular economy professionals
- Identification of barriers to circular economy
- Sharing of solutions and best practice

Target Audience

Primary audience: anyone who is actively working on implementing circular economy principles, such as developers, architects, consultants etc.

Secondary audience: anyone who is needed to support the primary audience on that task. This might include insurers, underwriters, lawyers etc.

Forum Membership

The Circular Economy Live Projects Forum is open to individuals from UKGBC member organisations who are currently working on at least one live construction project explicitly applying one or more circular economy principles. Members are required to name their project, and the principle(s) they are applying and provide updates at each meeting on project progress.

For continuity of thought and relationship-building, each organisation in the forum will have a named representative to act as their key contact. They will be expected to be actively engaged and attend at least 3 of the 4 annual meetings. Each forum member can have a maximum of two representatives attend each quarterly meeting, with any further attendees only by prior agreement with UKGBC.

Format

The Forum is active in two ways:

- **The Circular Economy Forum:** quarterly meetings with everyone involved
- **The Circular Economy Forum Working Group:** Fortnightly meetings with a smaller sub-group that focus on specific challenges and solutions (this is optional but open to all)

The quarterly meetings will start in late-September and provide an opportunity to share success, failures, and learnings with the wider group in a confidential setting. Through knowledge sharing, we hope to understand and overcome some of the common problems on projects with implementing circularity, with particular focus on achieving net zero carbon.

The Working Group is optional and member-run. It has been set up to address specific topics that several forum members wish to make further progress on. UKGBC helps scope and set up the working groups and helps promote the findings, while the main work is done by the members of this group. They provide progress updates at the quarterly forum meetings and progress their work outside of those meetings. The

fortnightly meetings of this group also serve as sessions to discuss industry news on circular economy and have established a close-knit network of highly experienced industry professionals associated with UKGBC.

Outputs

We aim to have an output on a quarterly basis. These share the work the Forum has been doing and are an opportunity to present challenges and solutions to circularity issues. The outputs typically take the form of blog posts and events which allow the knowledge generated to be shared widely. The Forum does not create reports, although it may help scope the next appropriate UKGBC report on circularity.

2. How organisations can become a Forum Project Partner

Project Partnership opportunity

The Circular Economy Forum is a project within UKGBC's Advancing Net Zero programme. We are now seeking four to five members to become project partners, who will be referred to as "Forum Partners". Alongside the Programme Partners, project specific partners help enable our projects through providing funding and knowledge. This allows us to continue responding to the evolving needs and demands of a wide range of stakeholders and through this furthering our mission to radically improve the sustainability of the built environment.

The cost of being a "Forum Partner" is £2,500 per organisation and the partnership will run October 1st 2022 until September 31st 2023.

If you are interested, please let us know as part of your application, and by 8th September.

Benefits of project partnership

By becoming a Project Partner, your organisation will:

- Be enabling the industry to increase the use of circular economy principles
- Secure a position on the Circular Economy Forum and Working Group
- Be credited as "Forum Partners" on the UKGBC website, in social media posts, on any associated outputs and at the Forum meetings.
- Have the opportunity to write an associated blog post for the UKGBC website
- Be given opportunities to present at related events

For any enquiries or to join the general interest mailing list, please contact circular@ukgbc.org

3. How individuals can join the Forum

Applicant Criteria

- Work for a UKGBC member organisation
- Attend the quarterly meetings
- Be actively engaged in implementing Circularity on built assets
- Represent your sector / area of expertise in workshops and discussions and leverage your knowledge network to link to existing or ongoing work that can contribute to the Forum.

We encourage applicants from businesses and organisations across the built environment to ensure a diverse range of views and perspectives in the forum. These include investors, developers, contractors, engineers, architects, planners, academic researchers and public sector.

Application Procedure

Apply by 8th September in order to join the next Forum meeting. Applications can also be made throughout the year.

Call for Applications and Partners



To apply, please email circular@ukgbc.org using the template below:

Full name	
Job Title and Department	
Organisation	
Please explain your relevant knowledge, experience, and skills for this Forum (<i>max 200 words</i>)	
Please share any involvement with relevant existing, or ongoing industry or academic research, work, or initiatives (<i>max 100 words</i>)	
Please share information about live circular economy projects that you will share with this group (<i>max 100 words</i>).	
Is your organisation interested in becoming a Forum Partner? (see section 3 for explanation)	

Applicants will be chosen based on their experience, whilst ensuring a diversity of individuals within the Forum as UKGBC is committed to actively targeting a diverse representation. We want to be inclusive to everyone regardless of ethnicity, religious beliefs, gender, marital status, age, disability, sexual orientation or political beliefs. This includes targeting an even gender split on this Forum.

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