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Sustainable Resource Management – delivering Net Zero, a sector in transition and the need for new green skills?

Thursday 23rd October 2023 5.30pm to 6.45pm

Presented by Dr Adam Read
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About this Webinar

In this presentation Adam will reflect on the evolving UK waste & resource policy landscape, in particular the progress and implications of Extended Producer Responsibility, Deposit Return Schemes, the Plastic Tax and Consistent Collections reforms on UK waste & resource management solutions and services. He will identify the scale of the opportunity for the sector to deliver Net Zero solutions both for our sector but also for the sectors we support and identify just what the risks and rewards might be for the sector given the competing interests of other sectors that are 'going green'.... Finally, he will dig deep and get out his crystal ball showcasing what the sector might look like in 2030 and 2035, what core skills and competencies are needed, what the scope for sector expansion is in terms of jobs and new careers, and just what skills and training will be needed tomorrow if we are to prepare for this rapid sector transition. Adam will field any policy, implementation or green skills questions and help lift the lid on the sector's evolution with a few anecdotes, tales from the front line, and a behind the scenes look at the politics of waste!



About the Speaker

Adam is a Member of the SUEZ UK Management Team with responsibility for external affairs, communications, and sustainability. He has been with SUEZ UK for 6 years after a successful career in academia, local government and environmental consultancy stretching back over almost 30 years, whilst his PhD focused on UK waste policy failure. For the last 5 years he has led the company's work with UK Government on the development of the new Resources & Waste Strategy and associated consultations around EPR, DRS, Plastic Tax, and consistent collections, hosting numerous workshops, webinars, and conferences on behalf of CIWM and other industry bodies to discuss the



policy proposals and to develop feedback to the relevant Government departments. Adam has produced detailed consultation responses for SUEZ and contributed to both CIWM and ESA submissions, whilst sitting on a number of Government advisory groups set up to progress the policy reforms by DEFRA over the years. Adam is also the Chair of the ESA Resource Strategy & Policy working group, where the sector's critical thinking about potential policy impacts happens. Adam is the CIWM's immediate past president, and during his tenure he championed the green skills demands of a sector transitioning to a circular economy, whilst he now chairs the CIWM's Skills for the Future Working Group and is the sector's representative on the Government's cross departmental green jobs delivery group. Adam sits on numerous industry technical working groups, is a regular speaker and facilitator, a technical report author and a frequent blogger and social media enthusiast, who enjoys nothing more than mentoring the resource managers of the future and inspiring the sector's workforce of tomorrow. Adam is a CIWM Trustee, a Member of the CIWM's Policy & Innovation Forum and he was recently voted the 7th most influential person in the Resource Hot100.

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