



## The North East Recycling Forum's Annual Conference Returns After Three Years

The [North East Recycling Forum](#) (NERF) are returning this year for their [Annual Conference](#), on the 17<sup>th</sup> November in Durham Town Hall. Through the sponsorship of a number of organisations who are committed to the forum and the benefits it brings to the sector, the NERF has been active in the North East for over 30 years, offering an environment for the public, private and community sector to share best practice in waste and recycling issues.

Whilst the NERF network meet for quarterly meetings to discuss the most pressing issues and solutions concerning the waste sector, the annual conference offers the opportunity for the NERF network to exhibit their work in the sector, with organisations such as GAP Group, REPIC, Novelis and J & B Recycling, and many more, expected as exhibitors.

This year's conference welcomes Lee Marshall, Policy & External Affairs Director for [CIWM](#), as the chairman and keynote speaker. There are also a variety of topics from excellent speakers planned. Among others, Phil Davies, Joint Unit for Waste Crime Manager at the [Environment Agency](#), will be presenting on waste crime, and Lee Jackson, Commercial Director for [SmartCarbon Ltd](#), will be discussing climate change and the impact on the waste sector.

The conference also invites lively discussion in the form of a workshop, focusing on reuse and envisioning what this would look like in the North East, looking at examples such as Suez's Renew Hub in Greater Manchester.

[Suez](#) and [Smart Environmental Support Services](#) as the main sponsors of the Annual Conference 2022, with [LARAC](#) and the [Friends of NERF](#) being associate sponsors. Smart Environmental Support Services provide recruitment services to the water, waste and recycling sectors. Managing Director Matt Spaul commented "as a supplier to the waste and recycling industry in the North East we are excited to be sponsoring and have a presence at the NERF Annual Conference".

LARAC Vice Chair and North East representative Vicki Burrell feels it important to support the conference through sponsorship, commenting "the NERF is a fantastic forum which brings together the waste and resources sector from across the North East. It has allowed for invaluable networking opportunities, the sharing of best practice and supported the hard work of colleagues within the region, for over 30 years."

The longevity of the NERF and their network's commitment to supporting ongoing development and growth in knowledge within the sector, stands the conference in good stead to be a success. There is still time to reserve your [free place](#).

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