



LARAC

Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee



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- Regional and national issues.



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What is LARAC?

- LARAC - Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee, and is the leading national local authority organisation promoting waste reduction and recycling.
- 429 members from authorities in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, (membership is only open to LA's in the UK).
- Annual membership fee.
- Aim to facilitate the exchange of information on waste reduction and recycling throughout local government and with other organisations; provide expert responses to national, European and private sector initiatives and assist others with technical information and advice to promote best practice in waste management.



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Mission Statement and Business Development Plan 2008-11

Mission Statement

'To inform, advise, consult and represent our membership on the waste reduction and recycling issues within local authorities within the United Kingdom" through: Advocacy, Provision of information, Networking and Campaigning.....'

Business Development Plan 2008-11

Challenges and opportunities for LARAC (SWOT).



Conferences/Scholarships/Training

- Conference 2008 – 12th & 13th November – Telford Inter Ctr (Keynote address: Joan Ruddock, Under Sec of State, Defra);
- Scholarships;
- Regional conferences: Scotland 13th & 14th May, Eastern 26th June, Wales 9th July and;
- RWM, NEC, B'ham – 16th – 18th September;



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Policy responses/consultation responses/position papers

Influencing European & national policy development:

Defra - Waste Stakeholders Group;

LARAC reps at most national waste - forums, meetings including parliamentary select committees;

Policy and consultation responses available on website;

Position papers – protocol agreed and available on website.



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Communications

- LARAC online monthly email info service;
- The Loop, quarterly magazine (contributing articles needed);
- Web re-design;
- Sharing of best practice on website;
- Members Discussion Forum;
- Vacancies.



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Regional & National issues

Regional issues:

- Regional & national waste infrastructure plans
- Joint working – economies of scale

National issues:

- LATS/National Indicators/LAA's
- Joint Waste Authorities
- Household incentives
- Market competition/bankability/PFI, PPP (JV)
- Waste as a resource
- MRF's (kerbside or co-mingled)
- VFM/Gershon savings



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Any comments, queries or questions?

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