Building Resilience Through Reuse

Wednesday 4th November 2026 | British Library Knowledge Centre, London

FULL PROGRAMME

TIME	SESSION AND LOCATION	SPEAKERS	DESCRIPTION
09:30-10:15	Registration and Networking **FOYER**		
10:15-10:35	Welcome **AUDITORIUM**	• *Richard Broad, CEO, ASBP* • *Debbie Ward, Director, Circular Economy and Reuse, ASBP*	
10:35-11:00	Morning Keynote **AUDITORIUM**	• *Georgia Elliott-Smith, Director of Sustainability, Elliott Wood*	As the opening keynote at the Building Resilience through Reuse event, Georgia will present an overview of the construction industry, how decisions being made now will affect risk and resilience in the longer term and where a circular economy fits within that. She will speak to her experiences of how important it is to frame the impact of low carbon, circular solutions in business terms to get finance decision makers on board, and what levers we need to focus on to support/push investors into incorporating reuse.
Session 1 (choose one to attend)			
11:00-12:15	Panel session – Strategic Getting beyond the Why to focus maximum effort and budget on the How? Led by **ASBP** **AUDITORIUM**	*(chair: Debbie Ward, Director, Circular Economy and Reuse, ASBP)* • *Saul Humphrey, President, CIOB* • *Suzanne Webster Principal Sustainability Consultant, Turner Townsend* • *Amanda Reid, Global Waste Strategy and Circular Economy Lead, JLL* • *Sandra Sezgin, Senior Sustainability Manager, British Land*	Panellists will begin with answering their most often asked (of them) 'Why' question (in terms of why bother with CE strategies and practices) and then discussions will follow about their experiences and lessons learnt on how reuse can be facilitated/implemented and the benefits it can bring.
	Workshop – Strategic Redesigning Design: Should we demand more from the buildings we design? Led by **ACAN and Architects Declare** **BRONTE ROOM**	*(workshop hosts: Michelle Sanchez, RHSP; Laura Mohirta, Barr Gazetas; Zoe Watson, CBA; Laura Baron, Purcell)* • *Darcy Arnold Jones - Marks Barfield Architects* • *Rachel Hoolahan, Associate Director, Orms* • *Andy Yates, Director, The Engineers Reuse Collective* • *Eve Choy, Sustainability Manager, Structure Tone*	This session will investigate the role of designers in creating opportunities for reuse. How do our design processes and procurement need to change to incentivise reuse? How do we communicate value to clients and design teams? Do we need to rethink the current framework to unlock circularity (RIBA Stage 8)?

	Workshop – Detail Standardisation of fitout product reuse – how far have we got? Led by **FIS** **ELIOT ROOM**	*(chair: Flavie Lowres, Sustainability Champion, FIS)* • *Nigel Harvey, CEO, Recolight* • *Molly MacCaulay, Environmental Manager, Overbury & Morgan Lovell* • *Rebecca Marsh, Sales Director, RMF* • *Hattie Emerson, Project Mgr, Reuse Initiative* • *Luke Riseborough, Sustainability Manager, Great Portland Estates*	There are great examples of reuse of construction products, with some companies already demonstrating how reuse can be a viable business model. The FIS have been exploring how to make reuse more business as usual and will share industry learnings to demonstrate how reuse processes can enable an industrial approach to reuse.
	Workshop – Detail Reuse of Steel: using AI for informed decision-making Led by **ASBP** **CHAUCER ROOM**	*(chair: Asselia Katenbayeva, ASBP)* • *Roy Fishwick, Managing Director, Cleveland Steel and Tubes* • *Konstantinos Tsavdaridis, Founder and Chief Scientist, Efestos Hub* • *Tom Seath, Senior Sustainability Manager, John F Hunt*	Decisions on whether to reuse steel are often constrained by incomplete or inaccessible information, which could introduce perceived risk and slow upscale. This session explores how AI can support the assessment of the condition, suitability, and value of existing steel, giving stockholders, fabricators, designers, contractors, and clients the confidence to evaluate reuse potential at an early project stage.
12:15-14:00	Extended Lunch Break 'Ask the Expert' Exhibition Stands (over the whole lunch break) **FOYER** Pecha Kucha (12:20-13:00) **AUDITORIUM**	*'Ask the Expert' Exhibition Stands* • *STEEL: Cleveland Steel & Tubes* • *CONCRETE: The Concrete Centre* • *TIMBER: PEFC* • *IRONMONGERY: Franchi* • *LIGHTING: Recolight* • *FLOORING: Circular Building Solutions, Welltek, and Encore.* • *RAISED ACCESS FLOORING: RMF* *Pecha Kucha (12:20-13:00)* • *Maconda* • *Material Index* • *Material Reuse* • *Rype Office* • *Reusefully Ltd* • *The Rebuild Site* • *Material Rescue*	During the lunch break you'll be able to meet our exhibiting reuse experts and chat with them on specific product and material types. Don't Waste Buildings will also be represented in the foyer area. You can also hear from seven organisations leading the way in material reuse. In this fast-paced Pecha Kucha session, each speaker will have just three minutes to showcase available reused products and materials, explain their benefits, and demonstrate how businesses and project teams can access them. We'll be serving lunch in two rounds (12:15 and 13:00) so do make the most of our exhibitors and presenters through the extended lunch break!
14:00-14:15	Reuse Champion Award **AUDITORIUM**	*PLEASE ARRIVE BACK IN THE AUDIOTORIUM FOR A PROMPT 2pm START*	The importance of behaviour and project culture can never be under-estimated. Even with the best technology and the most streamlined processes, without buy-in and action from people new ways of working will not succeed. To reflect this, we have introduced a Circular Economy/Reuse Champion Award. The shortlist has been decided and we'll hear from those who nominated their colleagues and peers on why their nominee should win the award and we'll do a live vote!
14:15-14:30	Afternoon Keynote 1 **AUDITORIUM**	• *Libby Peake, Senior fellow and head of resource policy at Green Alliance*	
14:30-14:45	Afternoon Keynote 2 **AUDITORIUM**	• *Charlotte O'Farrell, Planning Officer (Sustainability), City of London*	

Session 2 (choose one to attend)			
14:45-16:00	Panel session – Strategic Supply chain engagement Led by **UKGBC** **AUDITORIUM**	*(chair: Philippa Birch-Wood, Head of Climate Action, UKGBC)* • *Kim Gault, Principal Sustainability Consultant, Hoare Lea* • *Damien Canning, Head of Whole Life Carbon, BAM* • *Nick Woodmore, Senior Sustainability Officer, Canary Wharf Group*	Engagement with the supply chain and collaboration towards a common goal are key to enabling the reuse of materials. Building on existing UKGBC outputs, the panel will explore how engagement and collaboration across the supply chain can help unlock reuse on projects and in doing so create more resilient supply chains. Drawing on examples from practice, panellists will share how they have enabled reuse on projects and the key challenges and lessons learnt from the experience.
	Workshop – Strategic Business Case – Finance/Risk Led by **Circular Do Tank** **BRONTE ROOM**	*(chair: Tina Paillet, Co-Founder and CEO, Circotrade)* • *Tom Shillinglaw, Project Manager, Lazari* • *Anna Beckett, Associate Director in the Structures team, Buro Happold* • *Brian O'Reilly, Director, Egg Lighting* • *Adrian Molloy, Product Sales Manager, SAS International* • *John Law, Lawmens/MRG*	The Circular Do Tank brings a uniquely plural perspective – combining insights from developers, planners, insurers, legal specialists and designers – to present case studies that explore the financial and economic viability of reuse. This session focuses on how circular construction can strengthen asset value, reduce risk and deliver measurable returns, showing that reuse makes business sense.
	Workshop – Detail Material Pathways Auditing for the Built Environment (MPA-BE) Led by **ISEP** **CHAUCER ROOM**	*(chair: Agnes Chruszcz, Policy and Engagement Lead, ISEP)* • *Sophie Abrahams, Environmental Sustainability Specialist, Sizewell C* • *Tessa Devreese, Built Environment Lead, ReLondon* • *Katherine Adams, Director, Reusefully*	Material Pathway Auditing for the Built Environment is a structured, transparent and quantifiable approach to unlocking the value of existing materials. Through a hands-on exercise, participants will learn about the MPA process in a real-world scenario, exploring how Materials Inventories and Opportunities Registers can inform better decisions on retention, reuse and repurposing. Designed for built environment professionals, this session will demonstrate how early-stage auditing can shape concept design, procurement and project outcomes and help turn buildings into true "material banks" that maximise value and circularity benefits in practice.
	Workshop – Detail Designing for Reuse as a Risk Management Strategy Led by **the Engineers Reuse Collective** **ELIOT ROOM**	*(chair: Andy Yates, Director, tERC)* • *Kath Hannigan, Associate, Engenuiti* • *Rory O'Malley, Associate Director, Buro Happold* • *Jess Robinson, Associate Director, Useful Studio* • *Ed Wilkes, Associate, Expedition Engineering* • *Damian Rogan, Director of Façade Engineering, Eckersley O'Callaghan*	When design teams embed circular economy principles, such as reuse, early in a project commercial, programme, carbon, and procurement risk can all be reduced. This session explores through case studies how engineers can develop designs, specifications, and workflows that allow reused materials to be incorporated flexibly at procurement stage without compromising safety, performance, or compliance.
16:00-16:15	Feedback and Close **AUDITORIUM**	• *Debbie Ward, Director of Circular Economy and Reuse, ASBP*	
16:15	Close, followed by drinks and networking **Euston Flyer pub**		