

What is ESA?

ESA is the trade association representing the UK's waste management and secondary resources industry.

ESA's Members provide essential waste and secondary resources management services to the public and private sectors.

ESA works with all levels of government and regulators to deliver more sustainable waste management for the UK. Our industry, which accounts for 0.7% of GDP, has quadrupled England's domestic recycling rates over the last ten years, with even greater improvement in Scotland.

Our industry provides a third of the UK's renewable energy and is the 'most important council service' according to two out of every three voters.

ESA's Members lead in modernising the UK's waste management sector.



ESA Chief Executive, Dirk Hazell, with Defra Minister Joan Ruddock MP

How does ESA Work?

ESA's board of directors is made up of the Managing Directors of Britain's leading waste management companies and includes representatives from SMEs.

Policy is developed through a committee structure specialising in issues such as renewable energy, recycling, landfill operations, transport, planning, carbon management, sectoral economics and health and safety. These committees are co-ordinated by the executive committee which reports to the board.

ESA's Vision

To promote the development of an economically and environmentally sustainable waste and secondary resource management industry for the UK and EU.

ESA's Purpose

To help all levels of government in the United Kingdom, European Union and ESA's Members to achieve this vision.

ESA's Commitment

To provide a cost-effective, high quality and relevant service to our Members, to be a valued source of assistance and advice, to enhance the public perception of the industry and to help the industry to continue to raise environmental and other standards.

What does ESA do?

On behalf of our Members:

ESA works with Government

- ESA provides a powerful representative voice within Government
- ESA works closely with UK ministries like DEFRA, the devolved administrations like the Scottish Executive, regulators like the Environment Agency and SEPA and the EU Institutions

ESA lobbies

- in Europe, Westminster, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

ESA arranges Members' events

- ESA organises regular conferences throughout the year, as well as events including our Annual Luncheon held in London attended by 500 industry leaders

ESA provides Members' services

- weekly email bulletin updates on Policy and Parliamentary activity
- ESA's *Resource Management and Recovery* magazine every fortnight
- Members' website and national helpline
- national and regional networking events
- discounts on events and with other partners

Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland

The Scottish ESA (SESA) is particularly active in working with partners in Scotland's public and private sectors to implement Scotland's national waste strategy and develop economically and environmentally sustainable waste management for Scotland.

The Welsh ESA (WESA) is the vehicle for the waste management industry in Wales to work, in partnership with the Assembly and others, on development of the Welsh National Waste Strategy and other challenges.

The Northern Ireland ESA (NIESA) provides technical direction and support to the waste management industry and authorities in Northern Ireland as they strive to fulfill the Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy.

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