What is ESA?

ESA is the trade association representing the UK’s resource and waste management industry.

ESA’s Members provide essential resource and waste management services to the public and private sectors.

ESA works with all levels of government and regulators to deliver more sustainable resource 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 resource and waste management sector.

How does ESA work?

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

Policy is developed through a committee structure specialising in issues such as renewable energy, recycling, hazardous waste, regulation, planning, biological treatment, sectoral economics and health & safety.

ESA’s Vision

To promote the development of an economically and environmentally sustainable resource and waste management industry for the United Kingdom.

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.

Resourcing The Future Conference

Each year in June, the ESA, joins forces with the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management (CIWM), the Resource Association and WRAP to provide a forum for debating key issues, discussing best practice and sharing expertise and solutions to solving the key issues facing the waste and resources industry in the immediate future.
What does ESA do?

On behalf of our Members:
- ESA works with Government by providing a powerful representative voice within Government
- by working closely with UK ministries from DEFRA, the devolved administrations is Scotland and Wales, regulators like the Environment Agency and SEPA, and the EU Institutions.

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

Arranges Members’ events:
- by organising regular conferences throughout the year, as well as events including our Annual Luncheon held in London attended by 500 industry leaders.

Provides Members’ services:
- weekly email news bulletin updates
- Policy & Parliamentary updates
- Members’ website & national helpline
- national & regional networking events
- discounts on events with other partners

Scotland, Wales, N. 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

Jacob Hayler - ESA Executive Director

“ESA’s mission on behalf of its Members is to work with governments and regulators to bring about a sustainable system of resource management for the UK.

We are delighted with the progress our sector has been making, and ESA, with the help of our Members, will drive forward the necessary changes to ensure a more resource efficient future.”

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