

December Newsletter



Hello members,

Can you believe it's almost Christmas already? It seems like the time has flown these last few weeks, it's been busy and there has been a lot happening at ZWAI since our last newsletter in November. I thought you might all like a quick update before the festivities begin and we shut down our laptops until January:

- ZWAI is now part of the EEB's **Task Force on the Built Environment**. This is a great opportunity for us to voice our opinion on matters such as construction & demolition waste (c&d), zero energy buildings, the embodied energy in building materials, using timber instead of concrete, avoiding waste during construction, deconstructing and not demolishing, using wastewater and recovering nutrients, re-using grey water, collecting and using rainwater, etc. We will be attending our first meeting in January.
- We are hoping to co-organise a **joint webinar with Zero Waste North West (ZWNW)** in the new year, with special guest speakers on the topic of a deposit and return scheme in Ireland. This will probably be through Zoom, more information on this to come!
- We are still awaiting news on the **reverse vending machine (RVM)** project in Limerick, more updates on this in the new year.
- **The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have made a**

call for research topics and proposals. We are hoping to find an academic with a background in phosphorus & nitrogen recovery from domestic wastewater who might be interested in partnering up for this. If anyone has any suggestions, please let me know (admin@zwai.ie)!

- We are in the process of becoming a member with **Zero Waste Europe (ZWE)** which will be a great opportunity for us to make new contacts and get involved with international discourse on all things zero waste and the circular economy.

More updates to come in our next newsletter in January!

I will be on holidays from tomorrow the 23rd until Monday the 3rd of January. In the meantime, please enjoy the Christmas break and I will see you next year!

Until then,

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