

Virtual Seminar

## FINANCING THE FUTURE

The WEEE Circular Economy







## Member's Conference Welcome

Presented by Leo Donovan, CEO







## **Key Note Speakers**

**Sorcha Byrne**, Assistant Principal Office of the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications speaking about the recently launched Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy.

**Jean-Paul Auberger and Edouard Carteron** from EcoSystem, France will present on French Ecomodulation and visible fees in action

Industry Panellists Dermot Deely, Una Fitzpatrick and Ian Collins will help answer some Q&A from online attendees and discuss key points from the mornings topics

**Pascal Leroy,** Director General of the WEEE Forum will discuss developments on reaching targets and managing unreported WEEE Flows

**Dr. Colin Fitzpatrick of University Limerick** will be discussing the topic WEEE Research 2020

**Dr Geraldine Brennan & Dr Damian Coughlan, IMR**, who will present on CIRCULÉIRE Irish Industry Circular Economy Platform.







## Key Results 2019



## 15 YEARS UN



# Since 2005 WEEE Ireland 156 million pieces of e-waste has diverted an estimated 156 million from landfill<sup>1</sup>

This is the equivalent of...



1.2 million Fridges & **Freezers** 



6 million Large Household **Appliances** 



108 million Small



4 million **Televisions** & Monitors



37 million Lamps<sup>2</sup>



pieces of WEEE for everyone in Ireland today!

5 Recycling

on the Island of Ireland were

certified to the WEEELABEX

and/or equivalent EN 50625

CENELEC standard by 2019

**Facilities** 

Over

tonnes of WEEE collected for recycling since we opened our doors in August 2005



tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent by diverting this WEEE from landfill3

We now represent

## **Producer Members**

and have established a network with our partners of over

collection points taking back WEEE/Batteries and/or Waste Lighting



Since the introduction of the Battery Directive in late 2008, WEEE Ireland has collected and recycled the equivalent of

AA batteries - that's 5 times around the coast of Ireland when laid end to end.



More than

### 2,500 schools

have taken the WEEEPledge

Our WEEE Pledge and Small Things Matter Campaigns have contributed over

in support of the children and families cared for by LauraLvnn, Ireland's Children's Hospice



IRELAND'S CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

## We are

2nd in Europe

benchmarking year on year WEEE Scheme B2C

takeback rates4

To all who have joined, supported, collected, recycled, recovered and participated in every way with WEEE Ireland Compliance Scheme in the past 15 years...

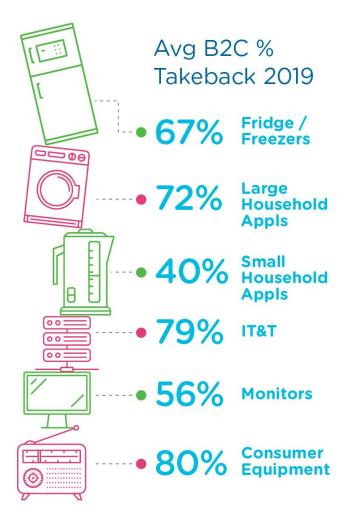
1WEEE Ireland collects and measures in tonnes but estimated units are calculated based on 'Placed on the Market' (POM) Blackbox reported data and sampling information from WEEE recycling facilities. <sup>2</sup> Gas discharge lightbulbs including energy saving compact and longer fluorescent tubes.

<sup>3</sup> Calculated using the WEEE Forum Working Group CO2 tool with WEEE Ireland 15-year data, https://WEEE-forum.org/co2eqcalculation/

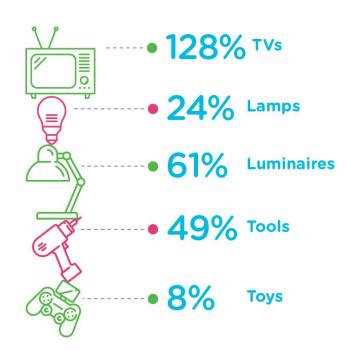
<sup>4</sup>WEEE Forum Key Figure 2018 https://WEEE-forum.org/key-figures/



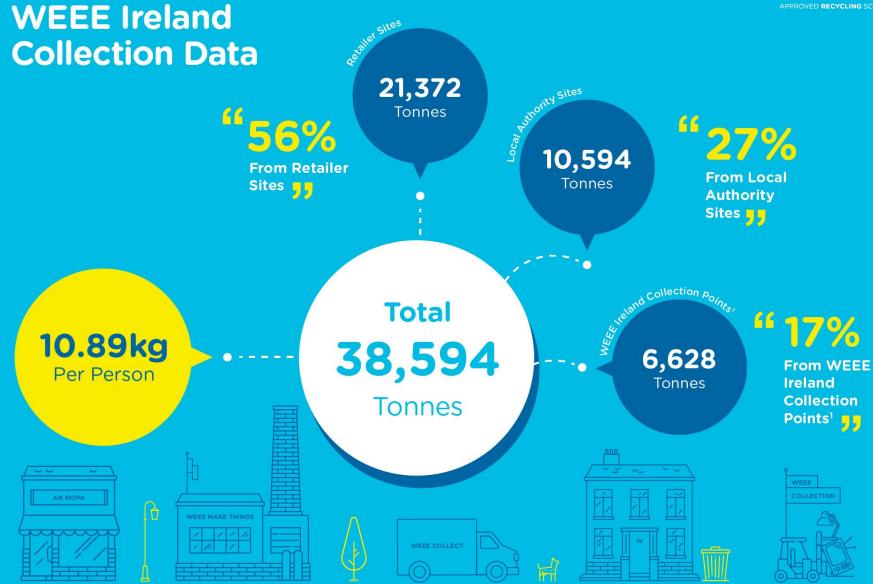
## **WEEE Collection Results**









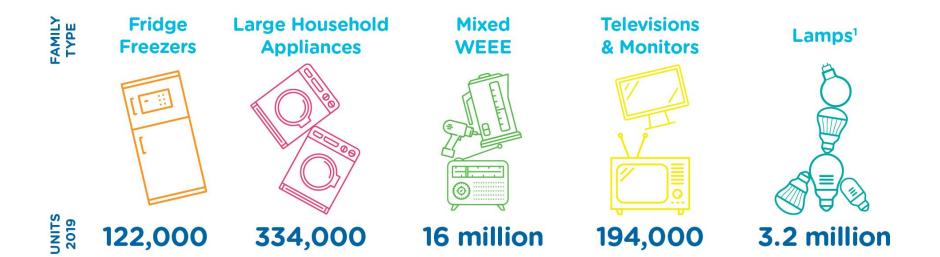




## **WEEE Collection Points**

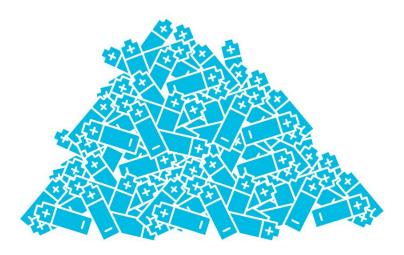








# **Battery Collection Results**



886 tonnes

of waste portable batteries were collected by WEEE Ireland in 2019.



47%

waste portable battery collection rate on behalf of Members, once again surpassing the EU target of 45%.1





## **Line of Sight**





## **WEEE Ireland WEEE Recovery Rates 2019**

Category	1	2	3	4	5	6
Description	Temperature Exchange Equipment	Screens	Lamps	Large	Small	Small IT&T
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EU Target Component Material Recycling & Reuse	80%	70%	80%	80%	55%	55%
WEEE Ireland Component Material Recycling & Reuse	89%	80%	82%	82%	73%	82%
EU Target Recovery Rate	85%	80%	N/A	85%	75%	75%
WEEE Ireland Recovery Rate	99%	95%	88%	89%	88%	92%

Overall, 82% of material was recycled and a 91% recovery rate achieved



# WEEE Ireland Battery Recycling Efficiency Report 2019





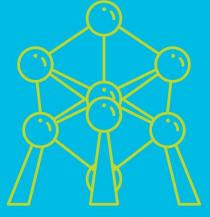


## **Environmental Footprint**

In 2019, the equivalent of 227,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions were avoided by recycling e-waste through the WEEE Ireland Scheme as opposed to landfilling. That is the equivalent of the annual carbon consumption of 4,543 hectares of trees.<sup>1</sup>

The treatment and recycling of the WEEE collected by WEEE Ireland in 2019 has recovered:

# 20,400 tonnes of Iron, which is equal to



8.5 Atomiums or



872 tonnes of copper

which is the same amount found in 155 million €1 coins<sup>4</sup>

155,000,000

#### 956 tonnes of aluminium

which is the equivalent to the aluminium content of more than **60 million 33cl cans**<sup>5</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on average yearly uptake of CO2 of a hectare of Pinus Halepensis

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Atomium weights 2400 tonnes. http://atomium.be/360.aspx

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Building the tower required 7.300 tons of iron, https://www.livescience.com/29391-eiffel-tower.html

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> A 1 euro coin contains 5.625 g of copper. http://copperalliance.org.uk/applications/coinage/copper-and-the-euro

<sup>5</sup> Average weight of a 33 cl can is 15 gram

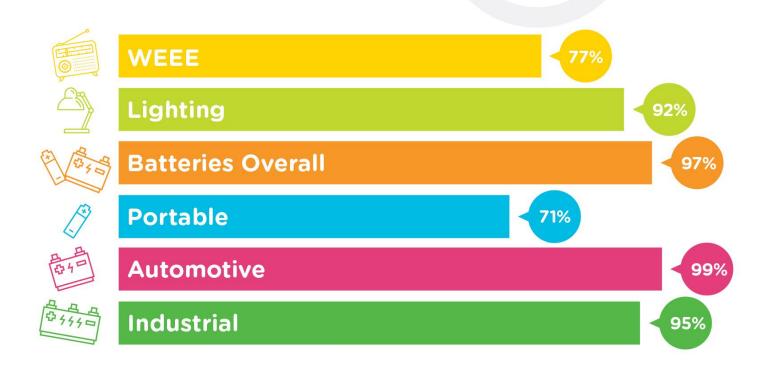


## **Membership Results**





# **WEEE Ireland Majority Market Share**

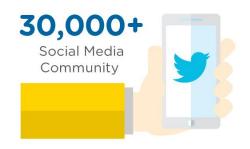




## 2019 Reach & Engagement



Press, Radio and Digital M-AVE





Members of the public saw or heard our Recycle for Good message

90 million+ times





98%
Positive Brand
Sentiment



## **WEEE In the Community - Public Collection Days**

835

Tonnes of e-waste collected, the equivalent to over 140 trucks full of old and broken appliances! 40

Public Collection Day Events, across the country

**800+** 

Promotional Adverts

1.5 million+

People saw or heard WEEE Public Collection Day Event advertising 17%

Increase of e-waste collected (2019 Vs 2018)

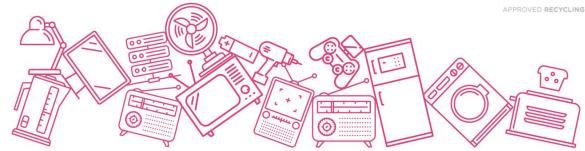








# **WEEE Ireland Partners**



WEEE Ireland Direct Recycling Contractors	Location	Key Operating Area		
KMK Metals Recycling*	Tullamore, Co Offaly	WEEE & battery collection & recycling		
Irish Lamps Recycling*	Athy, Co Kildare	Nationwide lamp collection & recycling		
<b>Logistics &amp; Hub Contractors</b>	Location	Key Operating Area		
Caulfield Transport	Little Island, Cork	WEEE collections		
Newspread	Citywest, Dublin	Battery merchandising & collections		
Recycle IT	Clondalkin, Dublin	Social Enterprise, Kerbside collection, Dublin area		
Pilot Programme Partnership	Location	Key Operating Area		
Wisetek* Dublin Hill, Cork		IT & T		

<sup>\*</sup> Certified to WEEELABEX quality treatment standard

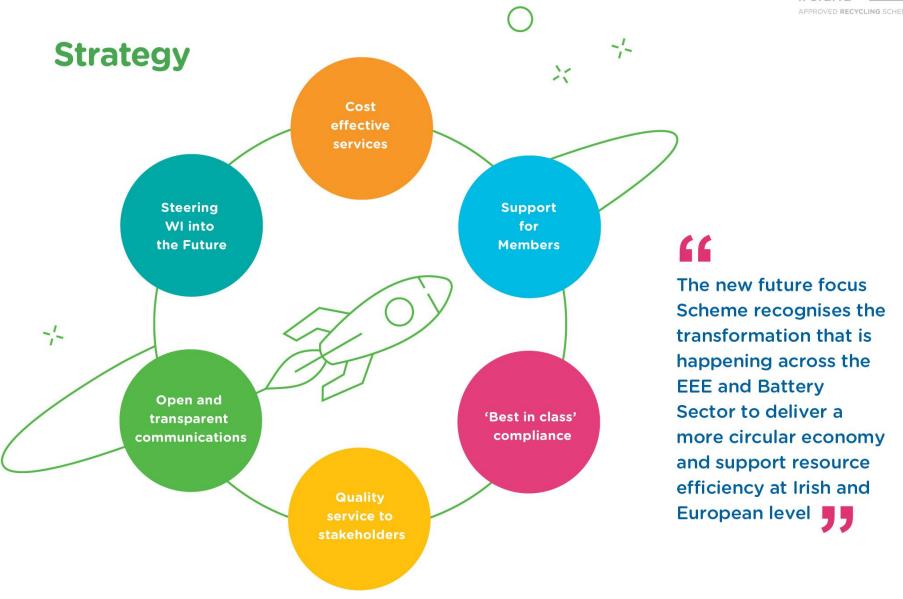


## Financing the Future











## Financing the future Challenges Ahead

- Meeting 2020 Targets
- Substantiated Estimates / Standards for recycling
- New Circular Economy Legislation / Waste action Plan
- Eco-modulated / Visible fees
- National Repair program
- Recast of the Battery Directive
- Long Life EEE / Batteries
- Covid-19 / Brexit





## Financing the future Targets

- All stakeholder engagement
- Mandatory Handover
- Awareness
- Local authority Facilities / Opening Hours
- Options for Small Business Recycling of WEEE
- System for B2B WEEE management





## Financing the future Substantiated Estimates

- EEE2WEEE Study
- Necessary Treatment Costs / Collection costs
- EN 50625 Treatment Standards
- Licensing/ Permitted facilities for treatment of WEEE
- Indigenous WEEE Treatment facilities
- Plastics containing POPs
- Mandatory Handover
- Enforcement





## Financing the Future Circular Economy

- Eco Design and Regulatory Framework
- Repair infrastructure Engineers / Spare Parts
- Documentation of existing Reuse
- Creating demand for Reuse Products
- National insurance / warranty reuse products
- Treatment standards / recovery of Critical Raw Materials
- Use of recycled materials in new products





## Financing the Future Eco-modulated / Visible fees

- Build on existing system
- Expansion of visible fees
- Eco modulation of fees
- Influence Producer / Consumer behaviour
- WEEE Forum Policy working Group
- Implementation Jan 2023





## Financing the Future National Repair program

- National training program WGA / IBEC
- Repairmystuff.ie EPA
- IMR CirculÉIRE industry platform innovation fund
- EPA Strive research
- Influence Producer / Consumer behaviour





## Financing the Future Recast of the Battery Directive

- New Higher Targets
- New Battery Types & Chemistries
- Targets for ALL types of Batteries
- Safety for Recycling of Batteries
- LLLB EV & Storage Batteries
- Reuse of Batteries
- Visible fees for Batteries





## Financing the Future Long Life EEE / Batteries

- EPA Strive co-funded Study (UL)
- Steering Committee
- Legislative Changes
- Long term Financial model
- Ownership of End of life obligation
- End of waste Criteria





## Financing the Future Covid-19/ Brexit

- Fluctuation in collection volumes
- Treatment costs Pods
- Access to Collection Points
- Special day collections
- Export Tariffs
- Extra Administration
- Delays in transport
- Capacity for Fridge Freezer treatment UK













