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Environmental Responsibility

What can you do?

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Discussion Starter

If you could click your fingers and
everyone on planet earth believed one
thing completely...
...what would that be?



Part 1

- Introductions
- The Science (of climate change)
- Changing Attitudes
- Our Carbon Footprint
- Circular Economy and Waste Hierarchy

Part 2

- Roundtable Discussions
- What can you do?

Part 3

- 5 steps to develop your environmental policy
- Useful resources
- What can you do personally?
- What can you do professionally?

Introduction to CRNS



THE CRNS MEMBERSHIP 2019

Community Resources Network Scotland is a national body that represents the sector and gives it a voice.



ACTIVE IN ALL

32 LOCAL AUTHORITY AREAS

Highest concentration of activity is Glasgow, Edinburgh & Aberdeenshire



123 ORGANISATIONS



1039 STAFF



5563 VOLUNTEERS



73 FURNITURE REUSE



16 RECYCLING



13 BIKE PROJECTS



11 FOOD/ COMPOSTING



22 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

37,000 TONNES
DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL

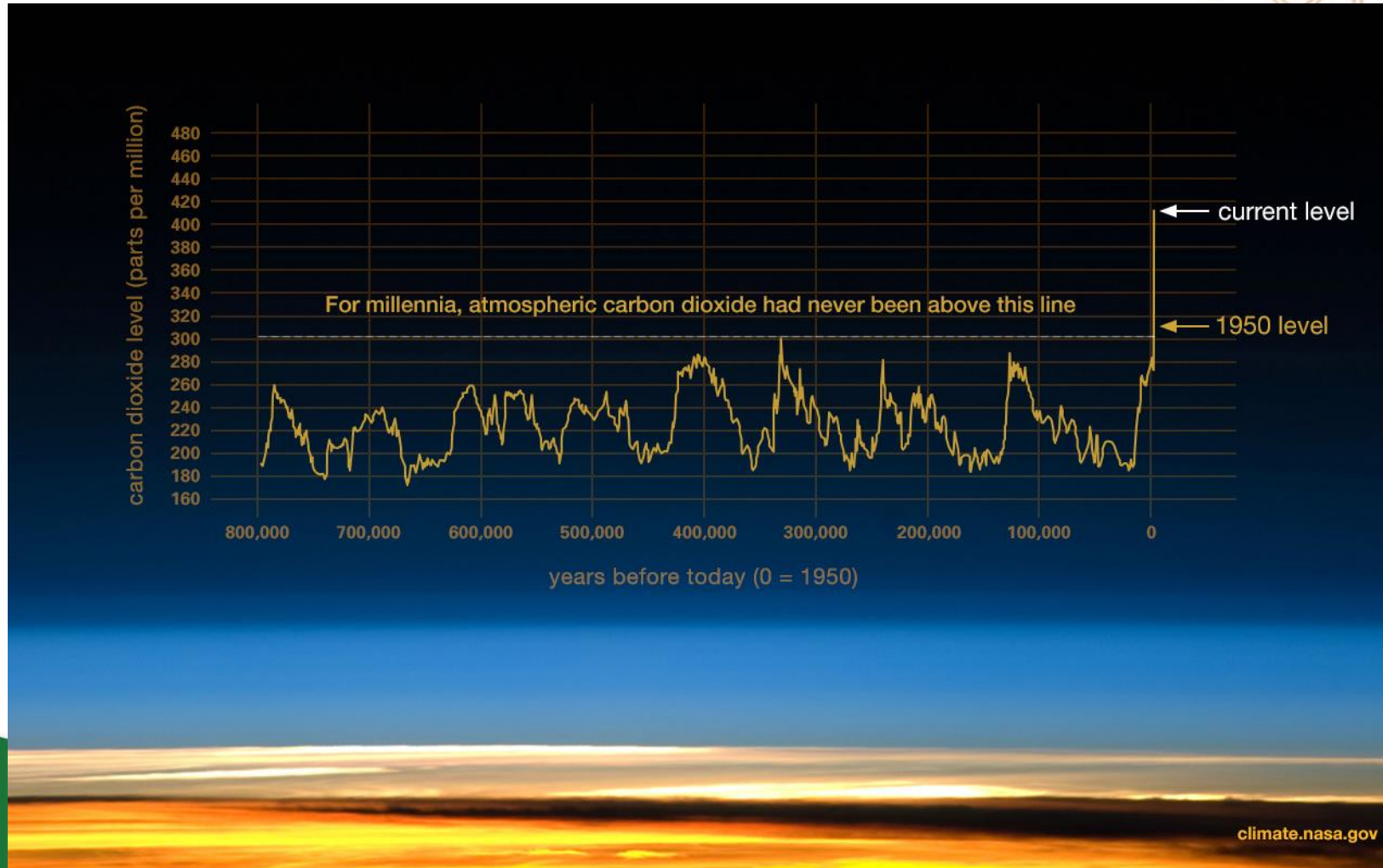
£75 MILLION
TURNOVER

75,000 TONNES
OF CO2 SAVED

My previous role at Lendrick Muir



The Science

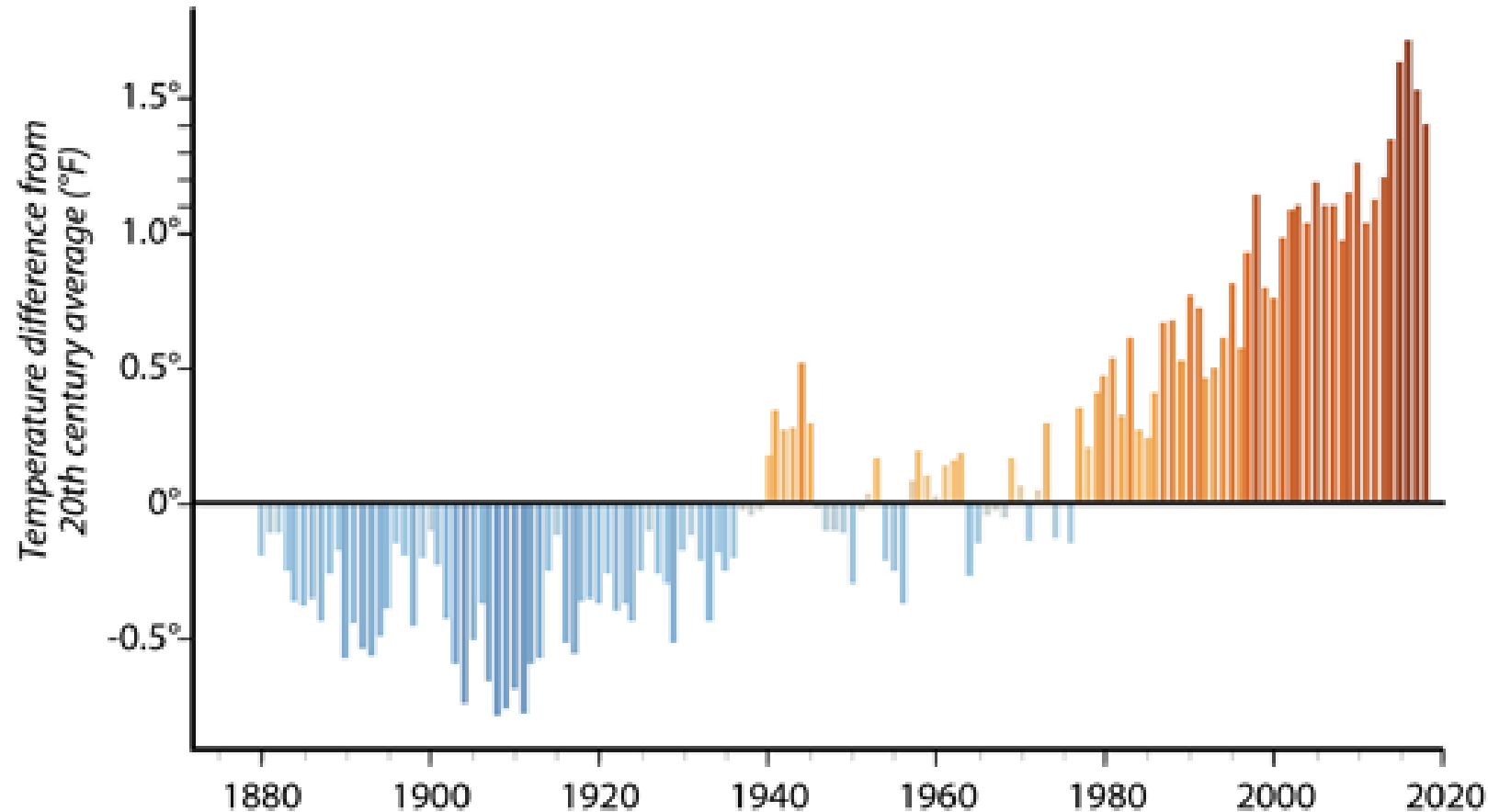


It's Getting Warm in Here

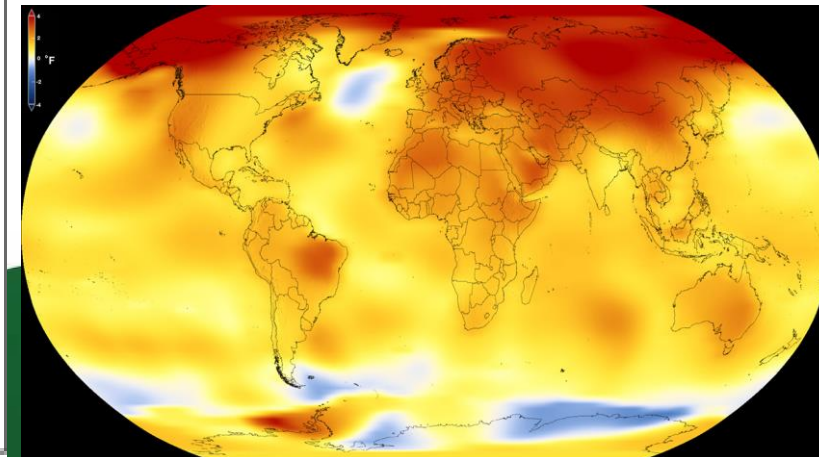
Twenty of the warmest years on record were in the past 22 years.

GLOBAL SURFACE TEMPERATURE ANOMALIES

For land and ocean, annual average, 1880-2018*



*2018 data shows average anomaly through November.



The Science

The Scientific Consensus on Climate Change



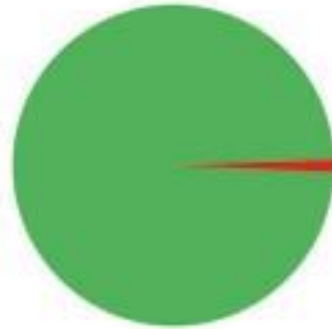
97%

Doran and
Zimmerman 2009
79 scientists



97.5%

Anderegg et al 2010
908 scientists



98.5%

Cook et al 2013
10,306 scientists

The Scottish Government declared a climate emergency in April 2019



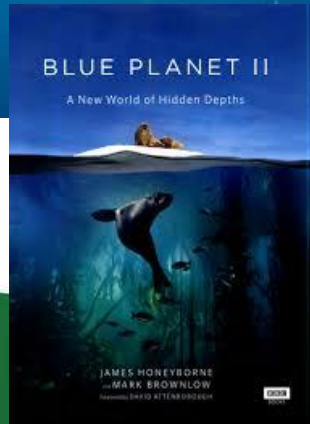
“So today, as First Minister of Scotland, I am declaring that there is a climate emergency. And Scotland will live up to our responsibility to tackle it.”

April 2019

Since then joined by many other
local authorities and other bodies
across Scotland



Mutually inter-dependent? Public opinion & Political action



Behaviour change dilemma

Bad
News

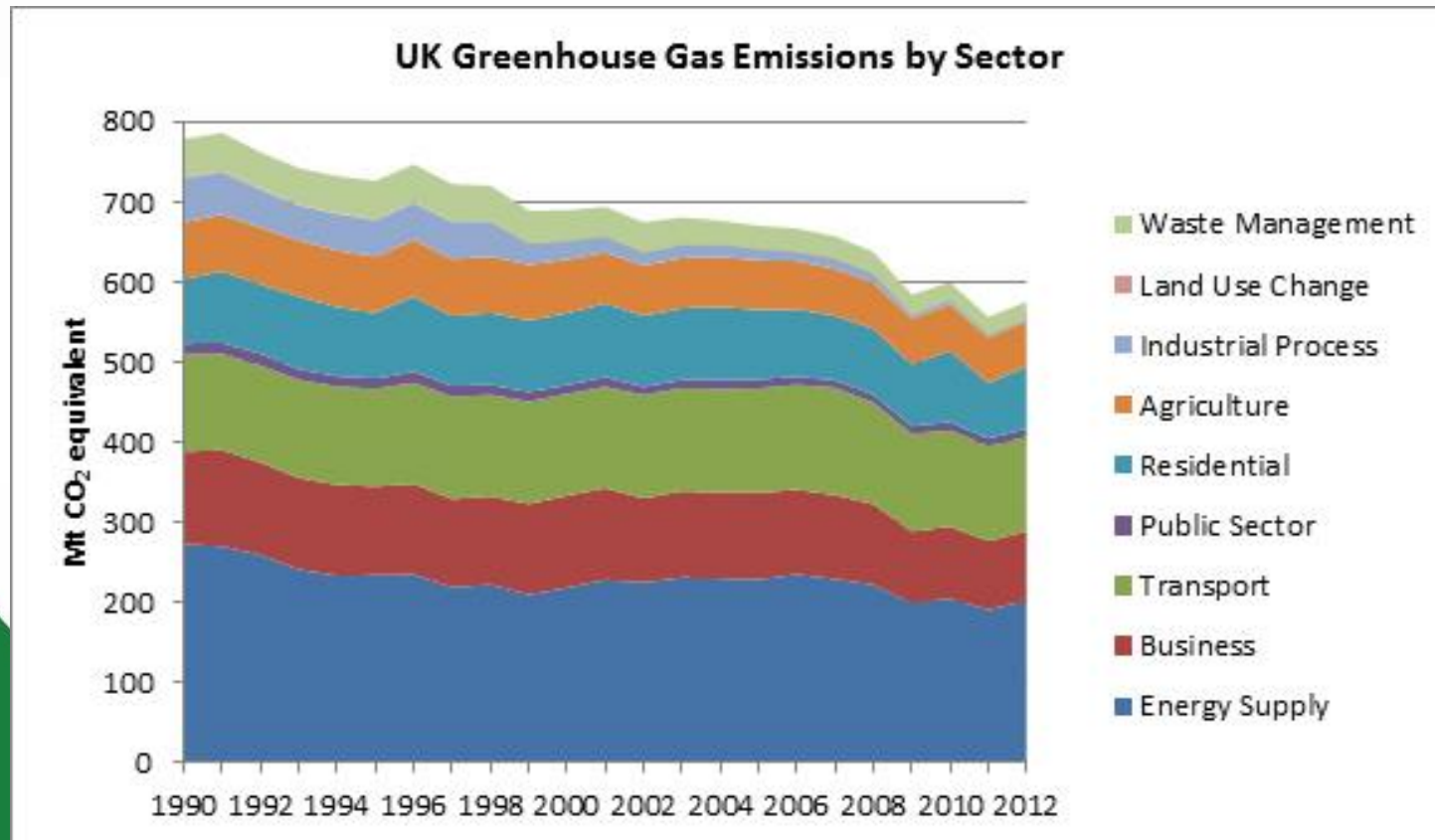
I/You/We
are the
problem!

Good
News

I/You/We
are the
solution!

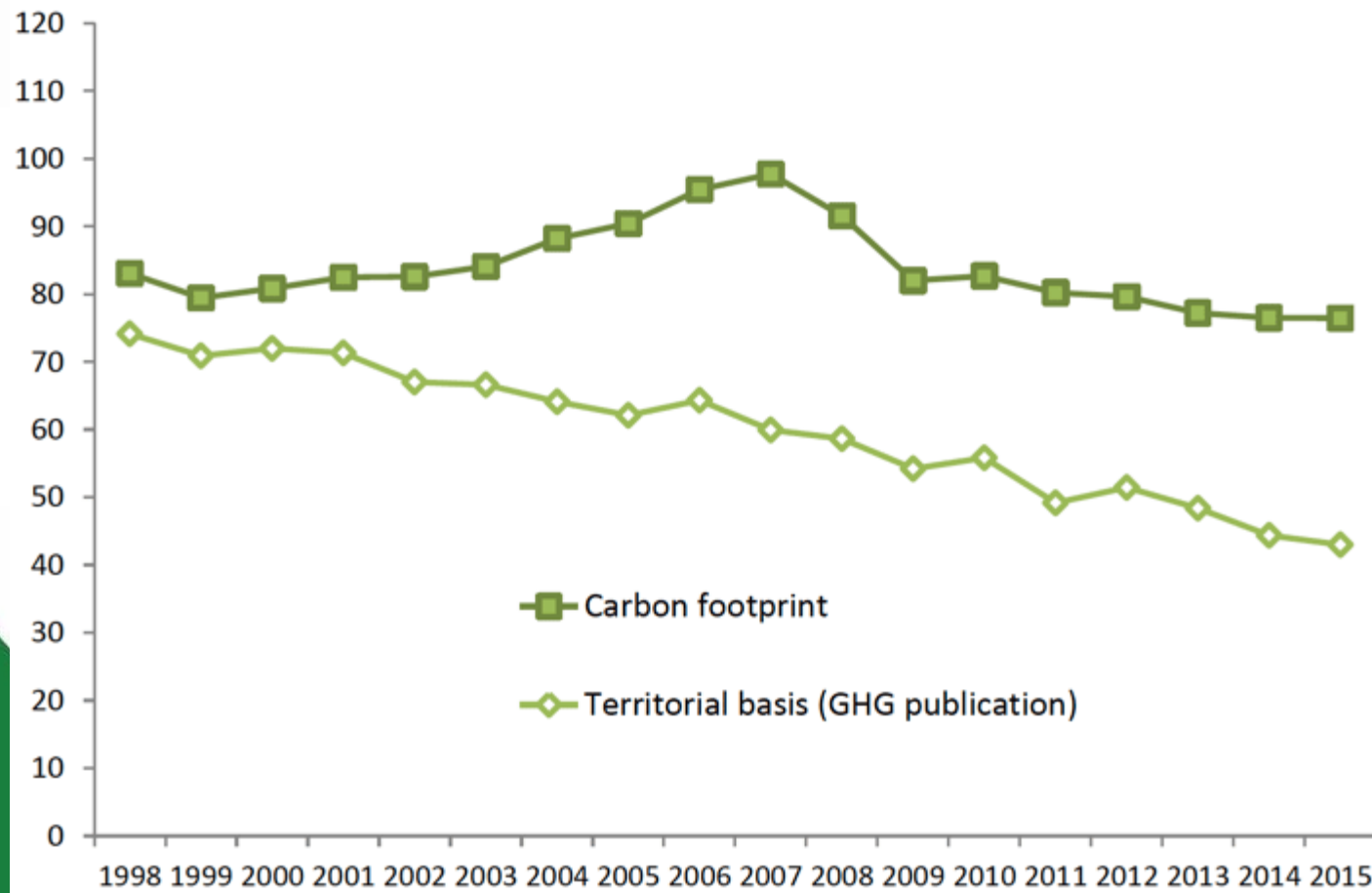
What do
we need
to do?

UK's Carbon Footprint



- Waste/Industrial
- Transport
- Business
- Energy

UK's Carbon Footprint



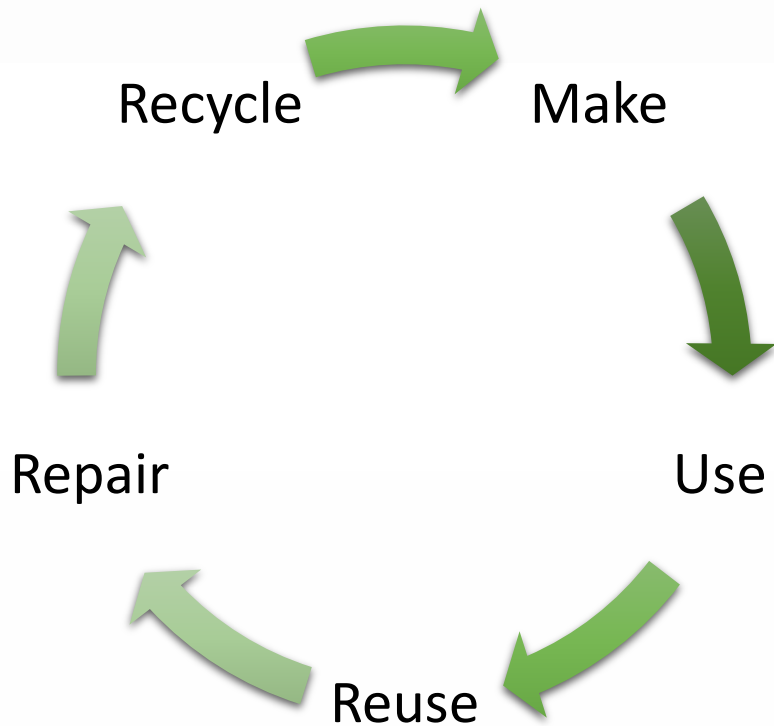
- The stuff we buy
- What we throw away
- Energy & transport
- Education

We need to change how we do things.

We need to move from - a linear economy



To a circular economy

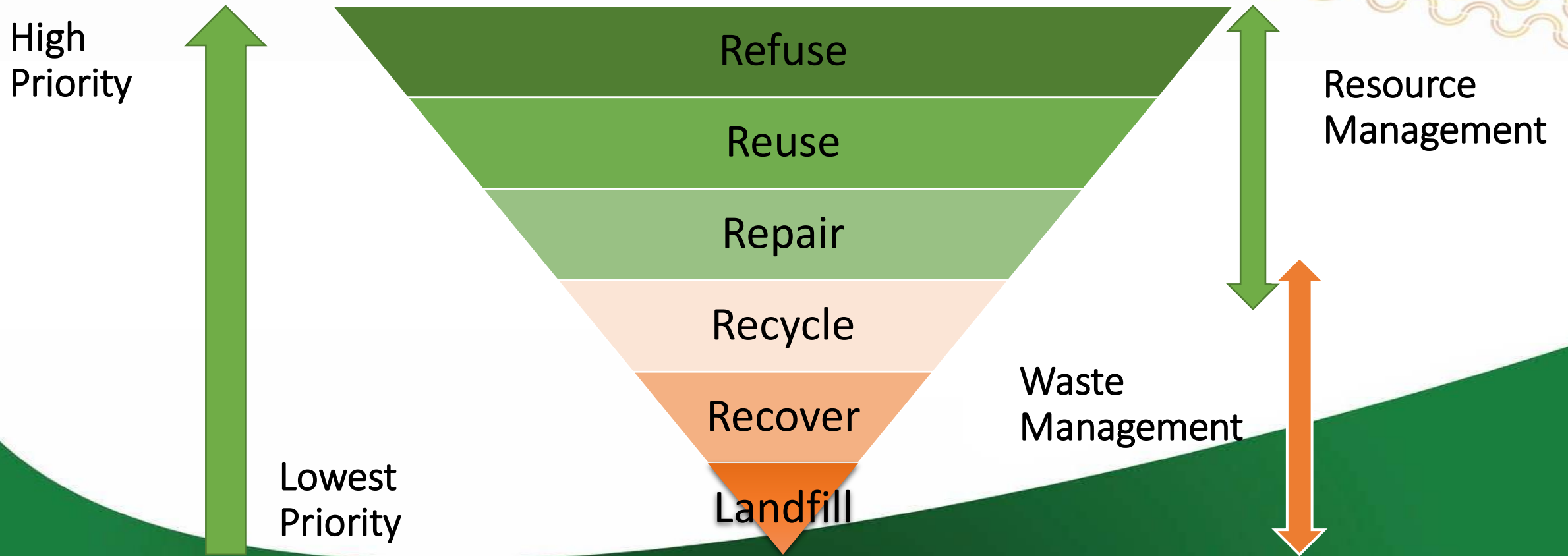


“We see a future where there is no waste, only resources. Where people, communities and the environment are valued and respected.”

CRNS Vision



The Waste Hierarchy





Roundtable Discussions

Environmental Responsibility... ... What can you do?



5 Steps to develop your environmental policy

Step 1 – Define it
What are your goals, what do you want to achieve?

Step 2 – Measure it
Where are you now? Environmental audit (energy, waste etc)

Step 3 – Communicate it
Involve staff, involve guests, culture change

Step 4 – Manage it
What can you improve?
Set targets & actions.

Step 5 – Monitor it
Report progress, learn lessons, celebrate success



Some Useful Resources



energysavingtrust
working with business



**GREEN
CHAMPIONS
TRAINING**

What will you do personally?



- ☐ Recycle
- ☐ Repair stuff – repair cafes
- ☐ Use tool libraries
- ☐ Avoid single-use plastic
- ☐ Bags for life
- ☐ Be informed
- ☐ Campaign
- ☐ Unplug things
- ☐ Avoid food waste
- ☐ Buy local
- ☐ Holiday local
- ☐ Active travel



What will you do professionally?





Thank You



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