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REA Organics Conference 2026

The BCS team, including Oliver, Georgia, and Justyna, along with Grace from the Research Hub, will be attending the REA's Organics Conference today, Thursday 12th March. The conference is taking place in Warwickshire and will bring together the most influential voices in the organics recycling sector. This year's conference is particularly significant as the industry prepares for the next phase of "Simpler Recycling" and aligns with recent End of Waste regulatory developments across the UK.

The agenda features key sessions on waste policy and regulations, with representatives from governing bodies and industry leaders, including Defra, the EA, and WRAP. These discussions will offer vital insights into the future of the BCS and the role of organic materials in the circular economy more broadly.

For those attending, the BCS team will be available throughout the day to discuss any day-to-day certification-related queries. You can find the full event programme, venue details, and how to join on the REA website [here](#).

BCS Operators' Forum

We would like to invite all certified operators (and consultants representing operators) to the first 2026 BCS Operators' Forum, which is being held online on Tuesday, 5th May from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.

This meeting provides an essential opportunity for operators to raise and discuss questions they may have regarding any aspects of the BCS, such as scheme requirement conformance, laboratory testing, or end-of-waste changes. You can review minutes from previous fora [here](#).

If you are interested in attending, please register your interest and confirm your attendance by contacting Oliver Dunn at oliver@realschemes.org.uk. If you are unable to attend but have a specific issue you would like raised on your behalf, please contact Jo Chapman, the BCS Operators' Representative, at jo@acshropshire.co.uk.

If you are unable to attend but would like to receive the scheme development summary paper, agenda, and minutes, please register your interest in the above fashion to be kept in the loop.

BCS and CCS role opportunity

REAL has now published its eighth annual report for the Biofertiliser Certification Scheme. This report outlines key statistics representing all BCS certified anaerobic digestion processes, recording 109 certified processes by the end of 2025, and key scheme activities and improvements.

The publication also includes updates from the Compost Certification Scheme, reflecting ongoing technical work within the organics recycling industry. It highlights the sector's efforts to maintain quality and support regulatory compliance as part of the transition towards a circular economy.

Read the full 2025 report [here](#) and access the archive of previous reports [here](#).

Policy and Stakeholder Relations Manager – Organic Materials Schemes

We're looking for a driven and collaborative colleague to join the Organic Materials Schemes team as Policy and Stakeholder Relations Manager. This is a central role in strengthening REAL's influence in relevant policy areas and deepening our relationships with key stakeholders across the sector.

The post holder will carry out policy analysis, represent the Schemes at industry events, and work proactively to raise REAL's visibility and influence across government, industry and consumer-facing organisations. Reporting to the Director of Organic Materials Schemes, you'll play a visible and important role in shaping the direction of our schemes and identifying new opportunities for growth.

This role is offered on a hybrid basis, with a minimum of three days each week from our office.

To apply please send a CV and cover letter to justyna@realschemes.org.uk copying in hr@realschemes.org.uk. Please click [here](#) to review the full job description and further details regarding the Policy and Stakeholder Relations Manager vacancy.

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