

# Circular Procurement Supporting Local Economies

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Our mission is to foster a robust sharing, reuse and repair sector that is a waste and climate solution, enables everyone to "live circular" and supports resilient local economies.

Creating a Greater **SUPPLY** of Circular Goods & Services



Cultivating Cultural and Consumer **DEMAND** 

### **Areas of Focus**

#### MAINSTREAMING REPAIR

- Repair Working Group (repair cafes, businesses, local government, stewardship orgs)
- Research/advice on scaling biz models, Right to Repair (Equiterre)

#### **BOLSTERING INNOVATION**

- Greater Vancouver Circular Economy Network (Vancity, Vancouver Economic Commission)
- Stuff in Flux 2 leading edge consumers (Circular Citizen, Alice Labs, Canadian Tire)

#### FOSTERING A JUST CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Growing Inclusive Circular Jobs (circular economy & social economy entities)

#### **ENHANCING CIRCULAR DEMAND/LIVING**

- SHIFTing Consumer Behaviour Program (UBC Sauder, Vancity, Portland, Sitra)
- Lighter Living Motivations (One Earth, Circular Citizen, Sitra, Vancity)

## **Vancouver Circular SMEs**



Reclaimed wood furniture & metalwork; jobs for people with barriers RECYCLING

Waste prevention & circular innovation leader; leading new circular district; work for persons with barriers and in the informal economy; co-location with United We Can

Repair







FRAMEWORO









Paper from sugarcane waste



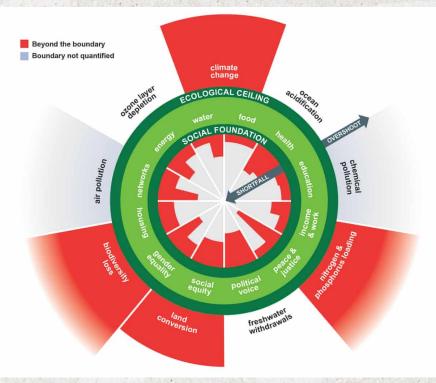


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## **One Planet Communities**

# **Planetary Boundaries**

- » Prevent waste.
- » Minimize carbon.
- » Shrink resource use.



# A Donut Economy, by Kate Raworth

# **Social Foundation**

- » Support circular living.
- » Create inclusive jobs.
- Build resilient, local economies.

#### Barriers/Frustrations I've Heard

- Start-ups why they don't reply to my LinkedIn when I'm helping them solve their X problem?; who should I contact?
- 10% of procurement criteria doesn't make a difference; it's simply not an incentive to innovate
- We should have just put in our price sheet b/c the weighting for circular and equity didn't make any difference at all
- Rigour of the RFP is simply beyond our capacity it's too complex and time-consuming
- They choose a larger, US-company while I'm local, experienced, focused on waste prevention and accountable to the city
- They say they can't show favourtism but this happens all the time with established businesses e.g., photo opp. with Bombardier
- And so on...

# If we make the most of Things **Rosemary Cooper** RosemarySRRI@gmail.com www.sharereuserepair.org we can create shared and lasting prosperity.