

Circular Collab Workshop

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In July 2025, we hosted **Circular Collab** at **Toronto Circularity Network** gathering where members came together to map what we have and what we need across different levels of impact — from our own community, to the City of Toronto, and by extension, other large cities facing similar challenges.

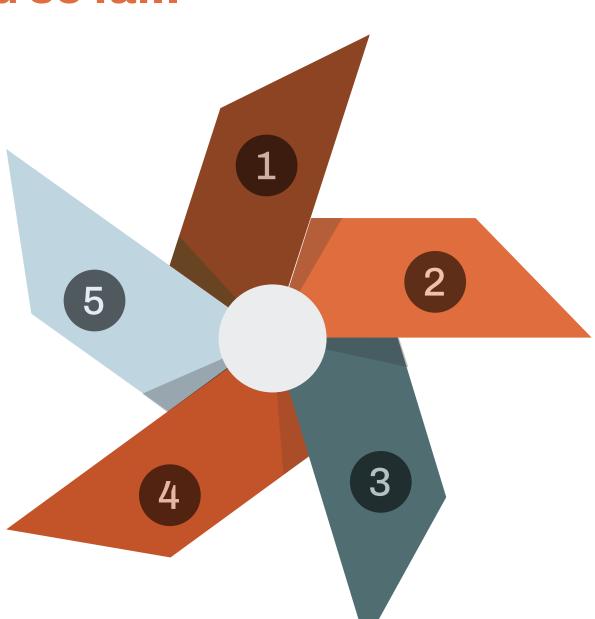
What we mapped so far...

Resourcing & Infrastructure

Strong grassroots energy, but limited sustained funding and storage.

Communication & Outreach

Need to grow beyond the choir and reach public, industry, and decision-makers.



Proof & Documentation

Pilots are happening, but need to be documented and shared widely.

Policy & Systems Change

Clearappetiteforadvocacy, bylaws, and guidelines to normalize circularity.

Inclusion & Mentorship

Desire to build pathways for students, young professionals, and equity-deserving groups.

What TCN has

Knowledge & Expertise

Waste diversion, repair, reuse, composting, food security, climate education, and circularity roadmaps.

Networks & Relationships

Ties with muncipalities, schools, NGOs, real estate, local businesses and volunteers.

Programs & Initiatives

Repair cafés, lending libraries, community gardens, sustainability education, and circular pilots.

People & Advocacy

Volunteers, students, youth, passionate professionals, firms, decision-makers, advocates, and champions.

Other Resources

Ideas for apps, knowledge of global practice







The real magic began as we started to connect the dots during and after the event. Out of those conversations, clear initiatives began to emerge that we're excited to begin working on right away. – and see what emerges!

As always, TCN is here to support these ideas. Our goal is to help you connect with like-minded people so that together, we can turn inspiration into action and keep the momentum moving forward.

#TASK

We'd love for you to experience some of that same energy. Download **the blank template** and try mapping your own connections – and see what emerges!

Toronto's Circularity needs







Funding & Resources

Sustained funding, access to tools/materials, storage space (temporary and permanent), grants for scaling.

Communication & Awareness

Storytelling, outreach to the public, stronger messaging, social media support.

Coordination & Collaboration

Community mapping, stronger partnerships, speed networking, mentorship, knowledge-sharing between architects and practitioners.

Policy & Advocacy

Municipal bylaws, integration with climate policies, embodied carbon budgets, city guidelines, lobbying or deputation, restrictions on waste.

Data, Tools & Proof Points

Case studies, pilot documentation, material-specific mapping (glass, timber), cost parity studies (e.g., reused bricks), guidance documents, circularity protocols.

Industry Engagement

Cross-sector workshops (students, firms, sustainable tech/design), exhibitions, pilot projects with follow-up documentation, developer/city mandates, support for circular businesses.

Technology & Systems

App development to connect needs/haves, recertification pathways for reused materials (e.g., engineer stamp), "transition brokers" for finance/procurement