## GLOBAL RECYCLING DAY

## SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT

\#GlobalRecyclingDay
\#SeventhResource
\#RecyclingGoals


## At a glance

## When is Global Recycling Day?

Global Recycling Day is held annually on 18 March.

## Why has Global Recycling Day been introduced?

The Global Recycling Foundation supports the promotion of recycling, and the recycling industry, across the world to showcase its vital role in preserving the future of the planet.

The Foundation's primary initiative is Global Recycling Day, and the theme for 2019 is Recycling Into The Future.

What is the mission of Global Recycling Day?
The mission of Global Recycling Day is twofold:

- To unite the world's approach to recycling, from world leaders to businesses, communities to individuals
- To encourage the world to think resource not waste, and to celebrate the planet's Seventh Resource



## Ways to get involved

Global Recycling Day will be a day of action, aimed at building a global approach towards recycling, calling on world leaders, international businesses, communities and individuals to make seven clear commitments in their approach to recycling. Consumers are also being asked to ask themselves some key questions about recycling, to think of it in a new way.

In addition to raising awareness of Global Recycling Day across all social channels, we encourage participation in our digital movement - \#RecyclingGoals.
\#RecyclingGoals is a social media movement, in the style of the ice-bucket challenge, which will run in the lead up to, and on, Global Recycling Day 2019. The aim of the campaign is for participants to support and share the message of raising awareness of the importance of recycling, whilst maintaining its own trajectory as a football-centred internet campaign.

The hope is that the campaign will showcase change on a global scale with the leaders of tomorrow taking part and committing to taking a stand and doing their bit to preserve the future of the planet.

We encourage you to take part in the challenge, whether at work or with your family and friends - and share your videos on social media, as well as share and circulate the \#RecyclingGoals graphic, which can be found on our website at: www.globalrecyclingday.com/youth-education

## \#GRD \#GRD2019 \#GlobalRecyclingDay \#RecyclingIntoTheFuture \#SeventhResource

Recycling Goals: \#RecyclingGoals

Please use the \#RecyclingGoals hashtag when promoting the challenge.

Youth and Education: \#GRDSchools

Please use the \#GRDSchools hashtag when sharing the Education resources and activities taking place in schools.

Innovation: \#GRDInnovation

Please use the \#GRDInnovation hashtag to encourage people to share their innovative recycling ideas for Global Recycling Day on social media.

## Key facts

## Recycling combats climate change:

- The recycling industry reduces CO2 emissions by 700 million tons per year
- This is the equivalent of offsetting the total CO2 emissions of the aviation industry each year
- By collecting just 1 kg of used clothing, we can reduce 3.6 kg of CO 2 emissions; 6000 l of water consumption; 0.3 k of the use of fertilizers and 0.2 kg of the use of pesticides


## Recycling boosts local employment:

- 1.6 million people worldwide are active in the recycling industry
- Each year $\$ 20$ million is invested by the industry into job creation
- The recycling industry has an annual turnover of $\$ 200$ billion; $10 \%$ of this figure is reinvested in new technologies, R\&D and in creating new skilled jobs to improve the efficiency and environmental impact of recycling


## Recycling conserves primary resources:

- Recycling materials provide at least $40 \%$ of the global raw material needs
- Over $63 \%$ of aluminium cans are recycled worldwide
- A typical electrical appliance is usually made of $75 \%$ recycled steel
- Steel cans consist of at least $25 \%$ recycled steel
- An average stainless steel object is composed of about $60 \%$ of recycled materials


## Global Recycling Day Online

Visit our website, continually updated, at www.globalrecyclingday.com

Join in the conversation on Twitter @GlbRecyclingDay


Find us, share, and tag us on Facebook by searching for Global Recycling Day

Share your images with us on Instagram @globalrecyclingday

## Example Tweets

Support \#GlobalRecyclingDay on 18
March to help us make recycling a global concern

We can all make changes to become better recyclers. This \#GlobalRecyclingDay tell us what you'll
be doing to take action and make recycling a global concern!

Let's create a better future for our planet by taking \#recycling more seriously! \#GlobalRecyclingDay \#SeventhResource

Will your school be taking part in \#GlobalRecyclingDay? Tell us what you're doing to take action on March 18 \#GRDSchools

## Example Facebook Posts

Did you know recycling a plastic bottle can conserve enough energy to light a 60 watt lightbulb for six hours?
Support Global Recycling Day on $18^{\text {th }}$ March 2018 to help promote recycling as our Seventh

Resource

Ahead of @Global Recycling Day on 18 March, the @Global Recycling Foundation is asking children across the world to make better recycling practices one of their 2019 New Year resolutions. Find out how to become a better
\#recycler here: https://bit.ly/2E1IGat

Recycling 100 million cell phones saves enough energy to power more than 194,000 US households for one year. Share your positive changes to celebrate Global Recycling Day 2019

Recycled materials supply 40\% of the global
raw material needs. It's time that we recognised recycling is our most important, Seventh, Resource.
Join the cause: http://bit.ly/2k8karP

Have you pledged your \#RecyclingGoals yet? Get involved with the challenge and make a change this @GlobalRecyclingDay

Over $63 \%$ of aluminium cans are recycled worldwide, help us to get this to $100 \%$ on @Global Recycling Day 2019

## Example Instagram Posts

Support \#globalrecyclingday on 18 March to help us make recycling a global concern

Let's create a better future for our planet
by taking \#recycling more seriously!
\#globalrecyclingday \#seventhresource

This \#GlobalRecyclingDay we 're taking part in the \#RecyclingGoals challenge,

Over 63\% of aluminium cans are recycled worldwide, help us to get this to $100 \%$ on what will you pledge? Global Recycling Day 2018.

Do you have an innovative recycling idea we need to know about? Share your ideas with us this \#GlobalRecyclingDay and help spread the message of the importance of recycling \#GRDInnovation

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## Imagery




These images are available for use in all official GRD promotions and can be requested from the press team at: grd@flagshipconsulting.co.uk

## Visual Resources



These infographics and other resources are available for use at:
https://www.globalrecyclingday.com/media/

## For further information contact the GlobalRecycling Day PR team press@globalrecyclingfoundation.org

