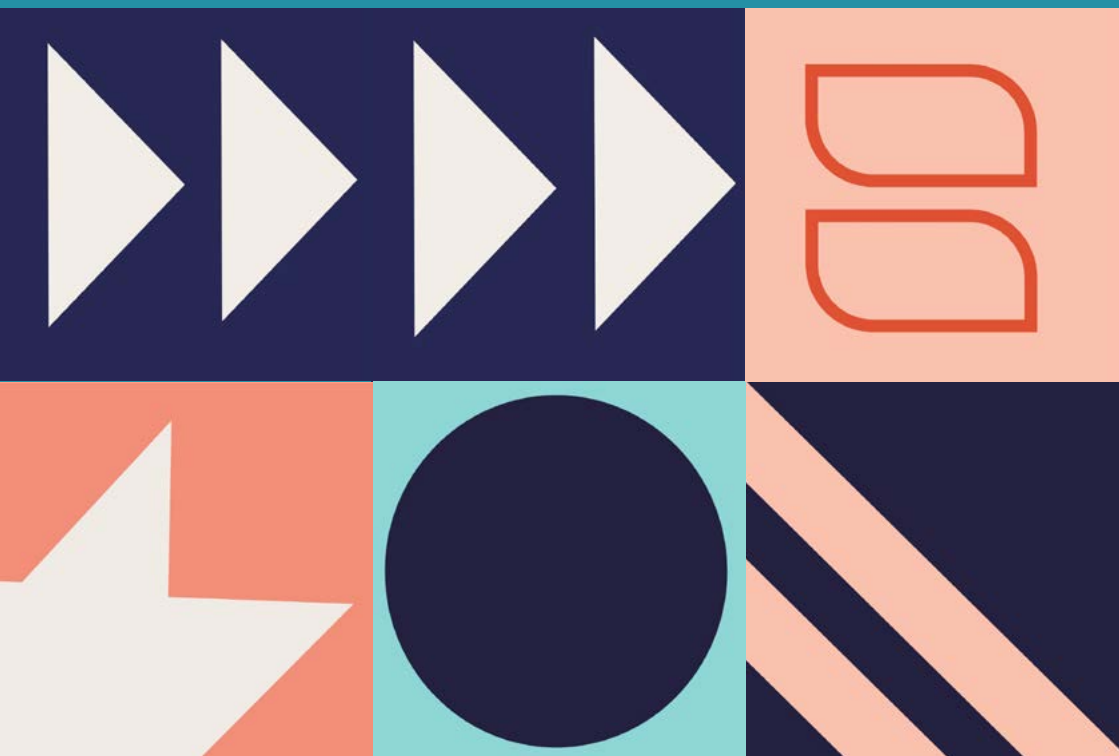




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2026 edition: UKFT members





The transition to a more circular textile system depends on strong collaboration across the full value chain. As UKFT members continue to respond to increasing regulatory, environmental and commercial pressures, access to trusted reuse and recycling partners is becoming essential.

Our reuse and recycling members provide the infrastructure, expertise and innovation needed to manage textiles beyond the point of sale. From take-back schemes and surplus stock solutions to large-scale sorting, global reuse markets and fibre-to-fibre recycling, these organisations play a critical role in keeping products and materials in circulation for longer.

Collectively, they support UK fashion and textile businesses to reduce waste, recover value from unwanted goods and meet evolving requirements around Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and sustainability reporting. Their services also offer new opportunities to engage customers, protect brand integrity and integrate recycled materials back into production.

This brochure introduces a group of established and emerging specialists working across reuse, recycling and recovery. By partnering with these organisations, UKFT members can take practical steps towards circularity while strengthening both environmental performance and long-term resilience.

UKFT can help members find the right partner for their requirements. Please contact **info@ukft.org** for guidance and introductions.

The following companies are listed in alphabetical order.

ACS Clothing

ACS Clothing is a leading circular fashion facility, helping global fashion brands scale rental, resale, repair and garment care programmes that extend product life, unlock new commercial opportunities and support the transition to a circular fashion economy.

WHAT THEY DO

ACS Clothing provides end-to-end circular fashion services that enable brands and retailers to integrate rental, resale, repair and garment care into their existing operations. Operating from a 200,000 sq ft facility, ACS Clothing manages garment logistics, refurbishment, cleaning, repairs, fulfilment and programme management, allowing brands to deliver high-quality circular services at scale while maintaining customer experience and operational efficiency.

Powers rental, resale and repair programmes for leading global fashion brands.

Operates a purpose-built 200,000 sq ft circular fashion facility in Europe.

Provides garment care, refurbishment, repair, cleaning and fulfilment services.

Delivers end-to-end programme management for branded circular business models.

Supports fashion brands and organisations in extending garment life and reducing waste.

Enables workwear refurbishment and reuse programmes that reduce replacement cycles and procurement costs.



VALUE & IMPACT

ACS Clothing is helping fashion brands embed circularity into their core business models by making resale, repair and rental commercially viable at scale. Through its operational expertise, the company enables brands to extend product life, create new revenue streams, strengthen customer loyalty and reduce environmental impact. Its work with leading brands demonstrates how circular business models can be integrated seamlessly into existing retail operations while delivering both sustainability and commercial value.

- Manages the complete branded resale programme for The North Face Renewed, including garment intake, grading, repair, cleaning and fulfilment.
- Enables fully integrated resale programmes that connect directly with existing e-commerce platforms.
- Delivers customer repair services for Belstaff, preserving the quality, craftsmanship and longevity of its iconic outerwear.
- Helps brands generate additional revenue through resale, rental and repair while expanding access to new customer segments.
- Supports organisations in developing more sustainable workwear programmes by extending garment life and reducing procurement costs.
- Continues to expand its capabilities across resale, repair, rental and textile reprocessing to support brands throughout their circularity journey.
- Contributes to building a more resilient, lower-impact fashion industry by keeping garments in use for longer and reducing textile waste.

Epoch Biodesign

Epoch Biodesign is a UK-based biotechnology company and global leader in enzymatic recycling, transforming difficult-to-recycle plastic and textile waste into virgin-quality recycled materials through advanced synthetic biology and artificial intelligence.

WHAT THEY DO

Epoch Biodesign develops enzymatic recycling technologies that transform complex waste into high-quality raw materials. Using AI-engineered enzymes, the company breaks down plastics and textiles at the molecular level, enabling circular solutions for hard-to-recycle materials. Its initial focus is Nylon 6,6, used in the fashion and automotive industries.

Develops AI-engineered enzymes for advanced material recycling.

Converts mixed plastic and textile waste into virgin-quality recycled materials.

Specialises in the recycling of Nylon 6,6 from post-industrial and post-consumer waste streams.

Operates an ultra-low emission, low-temperature recycling process.

Scales biotechnology solutions from laboratory research to commercial manufacturing.



VALUE & IMPACT

Epoch Biodesign is helping to accelerate the transition to a circular materials economy by creating commercially viable recycling pathways for complex waste streams. In 2026, the company will open Europe's first and the world's largest Nylon 6,6 biorecycling demonstration plant at Grapht Works, Imperial College London's deep-tech manufacturing facility. The plant will process more than 150 tonnes of nylon waste annually and serves as a critical step towards a planned commercial-scale facility capable of processing over 20,000 tonnes per year by 2028. Supported by more than \$50 million in funding and strategic partnerships with global industry leaders, Epoch is demonstrating that large-scale textile circularity is both technically and economically achievable.

- Opening Europe's first and the world's largest Nylon 6,6 biorecycling demonstration plant in 2026.
- Processing over 150 tonnes of nylon waste annually at demonstration scale.
- Enabling circular solutions for complex materials such as multilayer laminates and elastane blends.
- Producing recycled nylon that integrates directly into existing manufacturing supply chains.
- Supported by more than \$50 million in investment, with backing from leading apparel companies including Lululemon and Inditex
- Building partnerships across the value chain, including collaboration with global Nylon 6,6 producer INVISTA.
- Advancing towards commercial-scale operations with a planned facility capable of processing over 20,000 tonnes of material per year.



Fortune International

Fortune International is a UK-based specialist in the grading and export of second-hand clothing. The company works across established global reuse markets, ensuring garments collected in the UK are carefully sorted and distributed to regions where there is strong demand for affordable, quality second-hand clothing.

WHAT THEY DO

Fortune International supports the reuse economy through detailed grading and global distribution:

Sorting & grading of used clothing: Garments are processed and categorised according to quality, style and market demand.

Export to international reuse markets: Supplying second-hand clothing to established markets across Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe.

Charity clothing processing: Handling unsorted original clothing and converting it into graded export products.

Market-specific product preparation: Tailoring grades and product mixes to meet the requirements of individual export markets.

VALUE & IMPACT

- Extends the lifecycle of millions of garments through reuse.
- Supports global circular trade in second-hand clothing.
- Helps maintain the economic viability of the textile recovery sector.
- Provides employment across grading, logistics and export operations.

Reuse remains the most environmentally and economically effective pathway for the majority of post-consumer clothing. Companies like Fortune International provide essential routes to global markets that ensure textiles remain in productive use rather than becoming waste.

Matoha

Matoha develops AI and NIR sensing technologies that support affordable, scalable textile waste sorting, grading, and fibre identification.

WHAT THEY DO

Matoha provides technology solutions that help businesses improve textile identification and sorting processes across reuse, resale, quality control, and recycling applications. The company has deployed more than 900 material identification and sorting solutions across 60 countries.

Its latest handheld FabriTell textile scanner enables rapid fibre identification without the need for laboratory testing or large-scale sorting infrastructure. Matoha has also introduced the S-Bench AI sorting station, designed to improve garment grading consistency and efficiency through automated image capture and material sensing.

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FabriTell handheld textile fibre identification scanners

S-Bench AI sorting and garment grading stations

Garment-level tracking within textile sorting facilities

AI-supported grading consistency and workflow efficiency

Data and image integration for inventory and resale platforms

Development of FabriBot, a modular robotic solution for automated non-rewearable textile sorting

VALUE & IMPACT

Matoha's technologies are helping organisations improve the speed, consistency, and traceability of textile sorting and grading while reducing reliance on costly laboratory testing and manual assessment processes. Its solutions are designed to support circular textile systems at operational scale.

Key achievements and differentiators include:

- More than 900 installations across 60 countries
- Deployment of S-Bench systems in both the UK and USA within months of launch
- Affordable and scalable sensing technology designed for operational environments
- AI-enabled garment analysis supporting improved sorting consistency
- Integration potential with inventory, resale, and pricing systems
- Development of a patent-pending robotic sorting solution for non-rewearable textile waste



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Pink Elephant

Pink Elephant is a UK textile recycling and collection company specialising in community-based clothing recovery schemes. Working with schools, charities and local organisations, the company operates textile collection infrastructure designed to divert clothing from waste while supporting local fundraising initiatives.

WHAT THEY DO

Pink Elephant provides accessible textile collection and recovery solutions:

Textile bank collection infrastructure: Installing and servicing clothing banks in schools, community sites and commercial locations.

School & community fundraising programmes: Partnering with educational institutions and local organisations to generate funding through textile collections.

Sorting for reuse & recycling: Collected clothing is graded for reuse markets, with lower-grade materials directed to recycling.

Logistics & collection management: Operating collection routes that ensure textiles are recovered efficiently.

VALUE & IMPACT

- Diverts large volumes of clothing from landfill through reuse and recycling.
- Supports local communities through fundraising initiatives.
- Encourages public engagement in responsible textile disposal.
- Provides stable feedstock for the textile recovery industry.

Community collection networks form a vital entry point into the textile reuse system. Pink Elephant's programmes demonstrate how local engagement can help capture post-consumer textiles and support circular material flows.

Reimagined Textiles Ltd

Reimagined Textiles Ltd delivers flexible, commercially grounded textile reuse and recycling solutions built on more than 25 years of sector experience.

WHAT THEY DO

Reimagined Textiles Ltd works across textile reuse, sorting, resale, and recycling, supporting brands, retailers, charities, and local authorities with practical circular solutions. Operating as an independent agent, the business develops tailored partnerships and service models that respond to the specific needs of each client and material stream.

Core areas of work include:

Textile and shoe collection for charities, retailers, and local authorities

Sorting for reuse including vintage, branded, thrift, and wholesale export markets

Retail take-back schemes and returns management

Feedstock sourcing for chemical and fibre-to-fibre recycling

UK-based support for circular trials and innovation projects

VALUE & IMPACT

Reimagined Textiles Ltd combines operational expertise with a collaborative approach to help organisations unlock greater value from textile waste. By focusing on practical, fit-for-purpose systems rather than fixed models, the company supports more transparent and achievable circular outcomes across the textile value chain.

Key strengths include:

- More than two decades of experience in textile sorting, buying, resale, and international trading
- An independent and flexible operating model that enables bespoke solutions
- Established UK and international partner networks across reuse and recycling
- Strong understanding of both commercial realities and circularity goals
- Active collaborations with charities, councils, resale businesses, and recycling innovators shaping future textile systems



Reskinned

Reskinned is a circular solutions partner for fashion and footwear brands, supporting resale, repair, reuse and recycling programmes at scale. Based in Canning Town, east London, the company works with more than 30 brands and retailers to help keep products in use for longer and divert textiles away from landfill through data-led takeback and recommerce services.

WHAT THEY DO

Reskinned designs and manages circular fashion systems that help brands recover, process and redistribute unwanted garments through resale, reuse and recycling channels.

Designs and operates online and in-store takeback programmes for fashion and footwear brands

Receives, hand-sorts and grades returned garments to determine the highest-value next use

Repairs and ozone-sanitises resale-quality items before listing them on resale platforms and approved marketplaces

Repurposes garments unsuitable for direct resale through upcycling and second-hand redistribution channels

Recycles non-reusable textiles through mechanical recycling and emerging fibre-to-fibre recycling solutions

Uses material composition scanners and proprietary SKU systems to improve garment traceability and data reporting

Provides brands with sustainability reporting data and insights into product performance and circular programme outcomes

Offers additional services including garment care, photography and repair to support resale readiness

VALUE & IMPACT

- Operates with 0% to landfill across its sorting and processing operations
- Current routing split averages 30% resale, 40% reuse elsewhere and 30% recycling
- Processes around 1,000 items per day and manages a live inventory of approximately 60,000 garments
- In 2024, diverted 27,950 takeback items from landfill or incineration
- Rehomed 66,176 items through resale and reuse channels in 2024
- Completed 709 repairs to extend garment lifespan
- Partners with brands including Passenger, Nobody's Child, Seasalt, Sweaty Betty, Oliver Bonas and Finisterre
- Achieved Certified B Corporation status in March 2025 with a score of 98.9

Reskinned demonstrates how resale, repair, reuse and recycling can be integrated into a scalable circular fashion model. Its combination of operational infrastructure, traceability systems and recycling partnerships enables brands to reduce textile waste, improve sustainability reporting and extend product life while supporting the development of a more circular UK fashion and textiles industry.



RE&UP

RE&UP is an advanced textile recycling company focused on transforming post-consumer and post-industrial textile waste into high-quality recycled fibres and polymers suitable for new textile production. By combining mechanical recycling processes with innovative fibre engineering, RE&UP aims to enable genuine textile-to-textile circularity at scale.

WHAT THEY DO

RE&UP provides recycling solutions designed to reintegrate textile waste back into the manufacturing supply chain:

Textile-to-textile recycling: Processing cotton and polyester textile waste into recycled fibre suitable for new yarn and fabric production.

Recycled raw material supply: Production of recycled cotton fibres and recycled polyester polymers that can replace virgin inputs.

Manufacturing partnerships: Working with brands and textile manufacturers to integrate recycled content into new product lines.

Waste stream diversion: Processing post-consumer and post-industrial textile waste that would otherwise be difficult to reuse.

VALUE & IMPACT

- Enables brands to reduce reliance on virgin fibre inputs.
- Supports recycled content targets and circular material strategies.
- Creates new value streams from previously unrecoverable textile waste.
- Provides scalable feedstock solutions for the next generation of textile manufacturing.

As sustainability expectations grow and recycled content requirements increase, fibre-to-fibre recycling will become a critical component of the textile supply chain. RE&UP offers UKFT members access to recycled raw materials that support circular manufacturing and reduce environmental impact.



Roberts Recycling

Roberts Recycling Ltd is a family-run UK textile recycling, reuse and processing specialist trusted by brands, retailers, charities, councils and communities to deliver scalable, transparent and circular textile solutions. Founded in 2009 and now a three-time King's Award for Enterprise winner, Roberts Recycling helps partners tackle textile waste at scale while meeting sustainability and ESG commitments.

WHAT THEY DO

Roberts Recycling offers a broad suite of services that span the full lifecycle of unwanted textiles:

Customer returns & QC recovery: Tailored handling, sorting and recovery of returned goods and quality control rejects, keeping garments in reuse streams wherever possible and maintaining full traceability.

Overstock & excess inventory solutions: End-to-end support for managing seasonal, outlet or unsold stock with brand-specific requirements.

Retail take-back programmes: In-store and online take-back initiatives that allow customers to return unwanted clothing and footwear for circular processing.

Textile recovery & collection infrastructure: From branded outdoor banks to indoor recycling boxes and workplace or community collection schemes, Roberts Recycling helps organisations implement effective textile diversion.

Secure brand protection & destruction: Confidential shredding and secure disposal of sensitive textiles (e.g. branded uniforms or IP-protected items) with certificates of destruction and zero-to-landfill compliance.

Uniform, workwear & public sector recycling: Nationwide solutions for councils, schools and corporate clients, ensuring compliant and sustainable reuse or recycling.

Innovation & circularity projects: Collaborative initiatives that extend reuse and repurpose non-rewearable textiles into new materials and products, including early work on textile-derived wood alternatives for MDF.

VALUE & IMPACT

- Processes more than 1,000+ tonnes of textiles monthly, diverting millions of items from landfill and reducing CO₂e emissions.
- Works with 1,000+ partners across the UK and EU to capture value from textile waste.
- Raises significant funds for charities through community recycling programmes.
- Offers free educational and fundraising programmes for schools and community groups, supporting environmental awareness and local impact.

Roberts Recycling helps UK fashion and textile businesses meet circularity obligations while protecting brand reputation, enhancing customer engagement through take-back schemes, and delivering transparent measurement of environmental outcomes, a strategic asset as Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and sustainability reporting requirements evolve.



Salvation Army Trading Company Ltd (SATCOL)

Salvation Army Trading Company Ltd (SATCoL) is the UK's largest charity owned textile collector. SATCoL actively encourages the reuse and recycling of donated clothing and other household items through over 250 charity stores, and a nationwide network of clothing banks.

With the support of the British public, SATCoL has donated millions of pounds to The Salvation Army to help its work with vulnerable people in the UK (over £100 million has been donated in the last twelve years).

WHAT THEY DO

SATCoL manages large-scale textile recovery infrastructure:

Nationwide clothing bank network: Operating thousands of textile banks across the UK to collect unwanted clothing.

Charity retail supply: Processing donated textiles and supplying garments to Salvation Army charity shops.

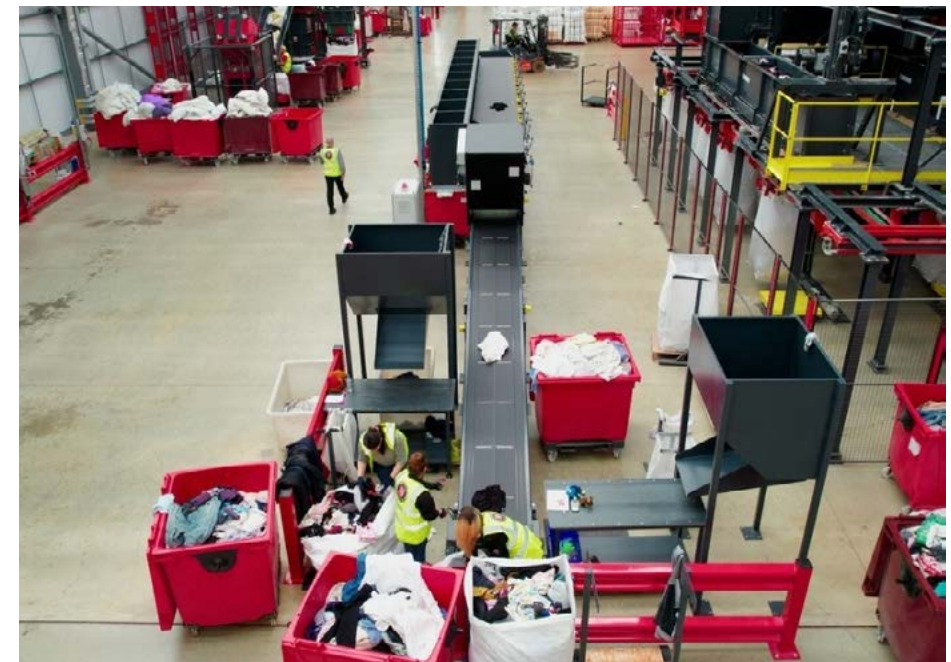
Sorting & grading operations: Large-scale facilities that sort clothing into reuse and recycling streams.

Secure textile destruction: Providing certified destruction services for branded or sensitive materials.

VALUE & IMPACT

- Diverts large volumes of clothing from landfill.
- Generates significant funding for charitable activities.
- Supports employment across collection, sorting and retail operations.
- Maintains established international reuse networks.

SATCoL represents one of the UK's most significant textile collection infrastructures. For brands and retailers exploring take-back schemes or circular programmes, organisations like SATCoL provide practical routes to recover post-consumer clothing and keep textiles in circulation.



Project Reclaim

Project Re:claim is the UK's first commercial-scale polyester textile recycling facility, creating a scalable fibre-to-fibre recycling solution that helps accelerate the transition to a circular textiles economy.

WHAT THEY DO

Project Re:claim provides a commercial-scale solution for recycling polyester textiles into high-quality recycled feedstock that can be used to manufacture new textile products. Developed through a partnership between SATCoL and Project Plan B, the Kettering-based facility processes both post-industrial and post-consumer polyester textiles using adapted mechanical recycling technology.

Recycles post-industrial and post-consumer polyester textiles, including uniforms, bedding, curtains and other fabrics.

Converts polyester textile waste into high-quality recycled pellets suitable for spinning into new yarn and other applications.

Provides a UK-based fibre-to-fibre recycling route for polyester textiles.

Combines SATCoL's nationwide collection and sorting network with Project Plan B's recycling technology and design for recycling expertise.

Supports brands and retailers with the recycling of manufacturing waste, faulty products and retired stock.



VALUE & IMPACT

Project Re:claim addresses a longstanding gap in end-of-life solutions for polyester textiles by providing a commercially viable recycling pathway at scale. The partnership enables greater material traceability, reduces reliance on recycled plastic bottles as a polyester feedstock, and supports brands in embedding circularity into product development and supply chain strategies.

- Delivers the UK's first commercial-scale polyester textile-to-textile recycling system.
- Creates a traceable UK-sourced recycled polyester feedstock for new products.
- Helps reduce carbon emissions through domestic recycling and shorter supply chains.
- Supports brands in meeting circularity and recycled content objectives.
- Demonstrates how collaboration between industry, charities and technology partners can scale circular textile solutions.
- Offers UKFT members a practical route to integrate design for recyclability and circular supply chains into their businesses.



TRAID

TRAID is a UK charity dedicated to extending the life of clothing through reuse, resale and public engagement in sustainable fashion. Operating retail stores, textile collection banks and sorting facilities, TRAIID plays a prominent role in promoting clothing reuse and funding global development initiatives.

WHAT THEY DO

TRAID combines textile collection with consumer engagement and resale:

Textile collection infrastructure: Clothing banks and donation systems that capture garments for reuse.

Retail resale through charity shops: Selling second-hand clothing through TRAIID retail stores and online channels.

Sorting & redistribution: Processing collected clothing and directing it to appropriate reuse markets.

Public education & campaigns: Promoting awareness around sustainable fashion and textile waste.

VALUE & IMPACT

- Extends the lifecycle of clothing through resale and reuse.
- Funds development and sustainability projects through charitable activities.
- Encourages behaviour change around clothing consumption.
- Supports the wider second-hand clothing economy.

TRAID's work highlights the growing importance of resale and reuse as part of the fashion ecosystem. For brands exploring circular business models, partnerships with reuse organisations can support both environmental goals and consumer engagement.

TRI Group

(JMP Wilcox, SWD Clothing, Nathans Wastesavers & Cookstown Textile Recyclers)

TRI Group is made up of the UK's most established textile reuse and recycling operators, these companies have decades of experience in large-scale collection, grading and global distribution of second-hand textiles. Operating major processing facilities in the UK, the company plays a key role in diverting post-consumer clothing from waste streams and ensuring garments remain in circulation through reuse markets around the world.

WHAT THEY DO

TRI Group provides a comprehensive range of services across the textile recovery and reuse supply chain:

Nationwide textile collection infrastructure:

Partnerships with charities, local authorities and commercial organisations to collect post-consumer textiles at scale.

Large-scale sorting & grading: Processing facilities capable of sorting large volumes of clothing into detailed product grades suitable for different reuse markets.

Global reuse market supply: Exporting second-hand clothing to established international markets, extending garment lifecycles and supporting circular trade.

Industrial wiper production: Non-reusable cotton textiles are repurposed into wiping cloths used across engineering and industrial sectors.

Recycling of non-reusable material: Lower-grade textiles are directed into recycling streams for fibre recovery or industrial reuse.

VALUE & IMPACT

- Processes significant volumes of post-consumer textiles annually.
- Supports reuse markets across Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia.
- Helps divert textiles from landfill while generating value from recovered materials.
- Maintains long-standing partnerships across charities, collectors and exporters.

TRI Group provides essential infrastructure for managing the end-of-life phase of clothing. For UKFT members navigating increasing scrutiny around waste and circularity, their experience in global reuse markets and large-scale sorting offers practical solutions for textile recovery, surplus stock management and future EPR compliance.



Zori Tex

Zori Tex develops affordable, high-accuracy fibre identification technology designed to support circular textile supply chains through improved composition checking, sorting, and recycling decisions.

WHAT THEY DO

Founded by Alexandra Harrod, a fashion sourcing specialist with 15 years of experience across retailers, brands, and manufacturers including John Lewis and Tendam, Zori Tex focuses on making fibre composition insights faster, more accessible, and more practical for real-world textile sorting and recycling applications.

The company supports brands, retailers, take-back schemes, sorters, and recyclers by providing material intelligence that reduces risk and improves decision-making, particularly for blended fabrics and complex feedstocks.

Core services include:

Fibre composition checking for textile products and feedstocks

In-house sample testing with concise reporting

Feedstock profiling to assess composition variability

Pilot and sampling project scoping

Collaboration with sorting and recycling partners to address material data gaps

VALUE & IMPACT

Zori Tex is helping improve the quality and reliability of textile sorting and recycling decisions by providing scalable and practical fibre composition analysis suited to operational environments. Its technology is designed around the realities of mixed textile waste streams and supports better routing, recycling, and reuse outcomes.

Key strengths and achievements include:

- Early industrial testing capturing blended materials and low-percentage fibres such as elastane
- Active collaborations with UK and EU sorting, recycling, and innovation stakeholders
- Support through Horizon Europe and Innovate UK programmes
- Technology designed for conveyor-based and real-time workflows
- A modular and affordable approach suitable for a wide range of operational needs
- Focus on closing critical data gaps for collectors, sorters, and recyclers

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