

Frayed at the seams!!!



A industry at the point of imploding



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Who am I?

Dawn Dungate

**Independent Sustainability Expert in Waste
with a specialism in textiles**

My Consultancy specializes in sustainability solutions tailored to the commercial sector. With over 25 years of experience in recycling and waste management, the consultancy focuses on helping businesses optimize their waste processes while embracing sustainable practices.

From textiles to general waste, working closely with businesses, charity retailers alike to assess and improve their existing systems, identifying cost-saving measures and opportunities for growth.

In today's landscape, sustainability is more critical than ever. Everyone plays a vital role in the circular economy, but with evolving market pressures and increased waste challenges, it's essential to align waste solutions with sustainability goals. By doing so, businesses can not only reduce their operational costs but also lessen their environmental impact, contributing to a greener, more responsible future.



Key Message for Today:

In today's world waste is a growing problem but working together we can find manageable solutions, specialist, councils and the government need to pull together with a common goal so we can achieve environmental and financial targets



UK Fashion and Textile – Circular Trade Association Reuse and Recycling Division



What we do

VOICE OF THE INDUSTRY

We bring together brands, designers, manufactures, suppliers, retailers, reuse merchants, recyclers and educators to promote their businesses and our industry, both in the UK and throughout the world.

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

We champion the industry on a global stage and support UK companies to trade internationally.

INNOVATION & SUSTAINABILITY

UKFT is uniting the industry to drive innovation and meaningful action in the transition to a circular economy.

SKILLS & TRAINING

We develop industry-led solutions to address critical skills gaps to help fashion and textile businesses to attract, train and retain the best talent.

UK MANUFACTURING

We are passionate advocates of 'Made in the UK', combining a fresh approach to cross-industry collaboration with over 100 years' of experience in supporting manufacturers.

Unravelling the issues!

Frayed at the Edges

- The Global Economy
- Covid and Brexit
- Exchange Rates and Cash Flow concerns
- Political and Economic Instability in End Markets
- Transportation constraints
- Increasing Costs



Unravelling the issues!

Fast-Fashion Frenzy

- Overproduction
- Increasing tonnage volumes
- Ultra-fast fashion
- Pre and post-consumer textile waste
- Quality Issues
- Microfibres



Unravelling the issues!

Turbulent Threads

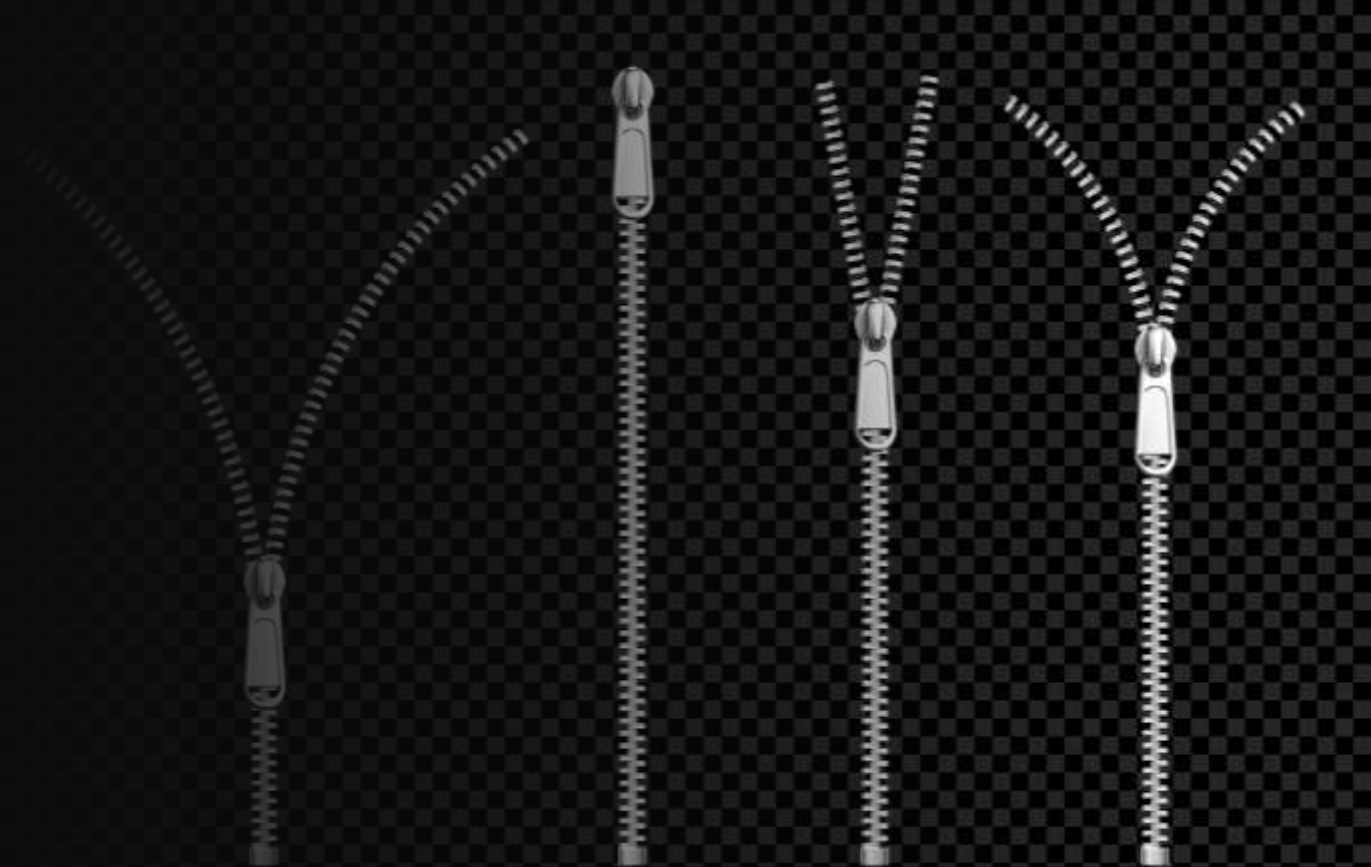
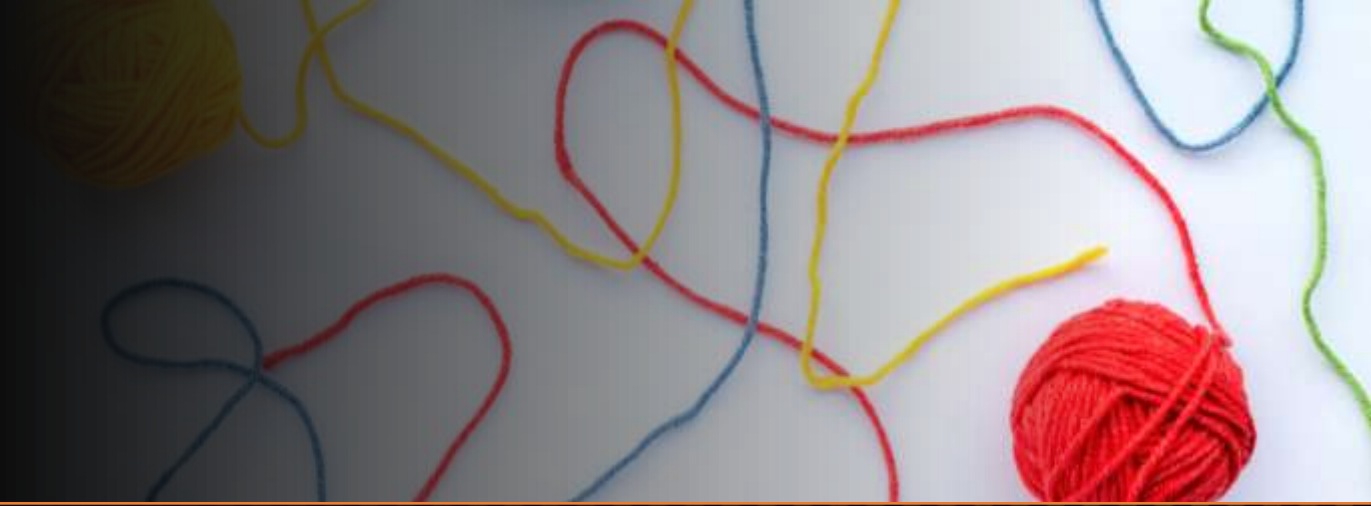
- End User Market Decline
- Poor Quality clothing
- Chinese ultra fast fashion production
- Pakistan repair and recycling markets collapsed



Unravelling the issues!

Unzipping the microfibres

- Cost of Disposal
- Increasing volumes of recycling grades
- Emerging Recycling Markets
- Sorting Costs
- Training and learning





Unravelling the issues!

The Threadbare Truth

- **Tabloid Media**
- **OR Foundation**
- **GIZ Report**
- **Used Clothing Dealers Ghana**
- **Sorting Costs**
- **Training and learning**

The Wider Impact

The Tangled Threads

- Post Consumer Textile Waste Value
- Waste Infrastructure Strain
- Due Diligence and Auditing
- Recycling Targets
- Public Pressure and Awareness
- Regulatory Challenges





Stitching it back Together

The Industry Needs

- Regulation
- Licensing
- Reform
- EPR
- Support for our Industry

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Let's Discuss!

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