

SUSTAINABLE REMEDIATION FORUM UK (SuRF-UK)

Terms of Reference

PURPOSE

Sustainable Remediation Forum UK (SuRF-UK) is an initiative set up to progress the UK understanding of sustainable remediation. In 2010, with the recognition of environmental regulatory bodies, it published the SuRF-UK framework – a document which subsequently shaped consideration of sustainable remediation across the world. Since this time, it has delivered a stream of relevant outputs. The forum sits as a project within the CL:AIRE portfolio of projects.

ENGAGEMENT

SuRF-UK's goal is to stimulate awareness and shape the best practice of sustainable remediation in the UK, but the Framework and the associated toolkit has global applicability. The outputs are shaped by the view of practitioners in the UK and beyond. This includes:

- Multiple open workshops in which concepts are shared and discussed, and content shared freely on SuRF-UK's web site
- Convening and chairing of dedicated special sessions in conferences across Europe and the world
- Contributing to working groups
- Publishing journal papers that are free to access and have been subject to peer review
- Co-ordinating the sharing of knowledge across the global SURF community

GOVERNANCE

SuRF-UK is co-ordinated by a small steering group (SG) of professionals made up of a balance of regulators, consultants, site owners and academics who have expertise and interest in sustainable remediation. CL:AIRE provide the secretariat. The SG is chaired by one or more members of the SG. The make-up and balance of the SG (including role of Chair) is reviewed every few years and amended by collective agreement of the existing SG members. The Chair(s) also represent SuRF-UK on the International Sustainable Remediation Alliance (ISRA).

The steering group meets on a regular basis to shape the agenda and facilitate the development of best practice guidance and tools, and to raise awareness of sustainable remediation.

DELIVERABLES

All SuRF-UK outputs are freely available on the dedicated webpage www.claire.co.uk/surfuk

Journal papers are published and accessible in the respective journal.

Each year a review of potential activities for the forthcoming year is developed by the steering group and prioritised for the coming year.