

#### **Bangkok Recycling Chain OFFICIAL**

Making circular economy approachable

Gift economy & network of conscious consumers

One-stop shop for a sustainable life in Bangkok

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# Thailand's Largest English-Speaking Sustainability-Focused Facebook group

A hands-on & communal approach to promote circularity



# How did Bangkok Recycling Chain start?

It all began with a pile of paper bags ...



- I posted clean paper bags and food containers for giveaway in Bangkok Expats.
- Nearly 20 people wanted the bags
- It started me thinking about how to match my friends who had paper bags & other reusables lying around in their homes with people who could use the bags!

#### Is This Thailand's Ultimate Circular **Economy Facebook Group?**

**JANUARY 8, 2021** 

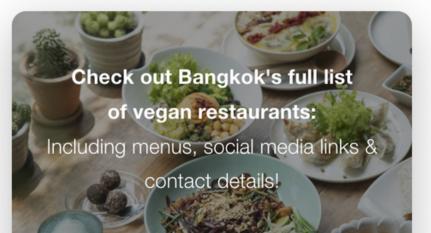


Last month a new Facebook group was created that enables people to donate and repurpose recyclables and consumables to help reduce waste! You can donate your recycling or any unwanted goods for people to collect for free.



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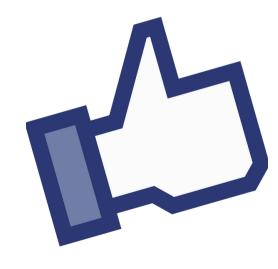
# MY IDEA TO START A "RECYCLING CHAIN"

If we all joined hands more bags could be reused!



#### MANY PEOPLE HAD BAGS LAYING AROUND

What if we found more ways to reuse items around our homes, like glass bottles or egg cartons?

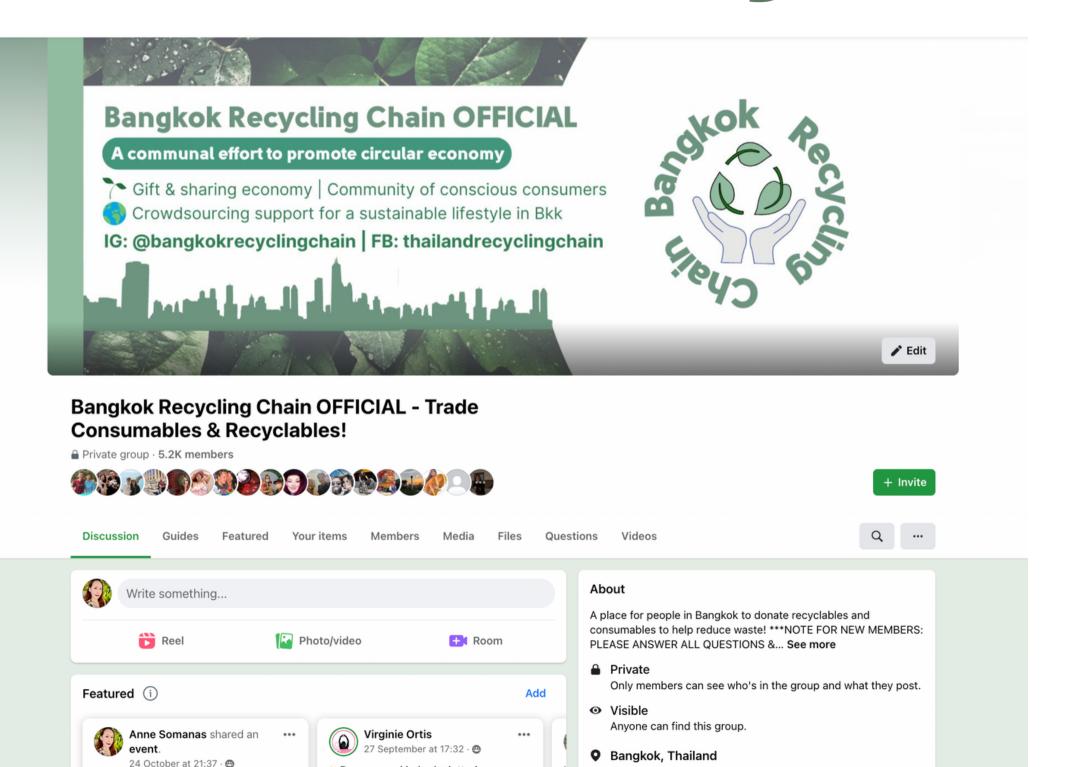


# TECHNOLOGY HELPED US SCALE

Facebook helped me connect lots of people who had items to give away with people who needed the items!



# About our community



# Expats Thais Eco-friendly businesses Green initiatives Charities

Gift-economy
Knowledge-sharing
Waste-reduction
Circular events
Eco-friendly decluttering

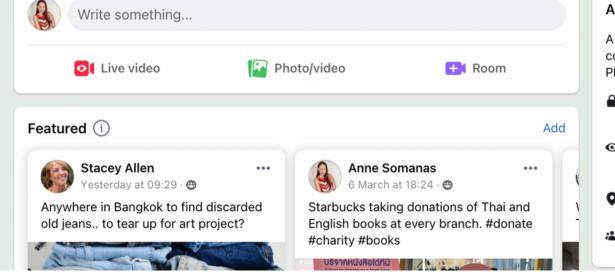
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#### About

A place for people in Bangkok to donate recyclables and consumables to help reduce waste! \*\*\*NOTE FOR NEW MEMBERS: PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS &... See more

Joined ▼

+ Invite

- Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.
- Visible
   Anyone can find this group.
- Bangkok, Thailand
- General



# POSTING ITEMS FOR REUSE

Paper bags, cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, glass jars, egg cartons, toilet paper rolls, ANYTHING that can be reused!



# GIVEAWAYS & TRADING/SWAPPING

People post items they don't need anymore for giveaway or offer to trade/swap for other things, or sell unused items in their homes to raise money for charities.



#### SHARING INFORMATION

We share information about places where people can recycle items in Bangkok & other tips & tricks to reduce waste!



# WHAT DO WE DO IN BANGKOK RECYCLING CHAIN?

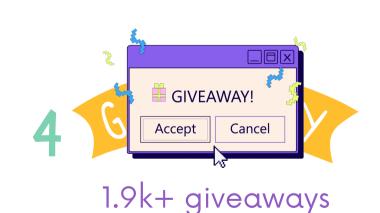
We <u>declutter</u> our homes and help the world at the <u>same time!</u>

# Our impact

#### **Group topics 1 GiveAway** Pinned by admin • 1.9K posts in this group lookingfor Pinned by admin • 801 posts in t **Group hashtags** information help measure Pinned by admin • 288 posts our impact boxes Pinned by admin • 123 posts in this paperbags Pinned by admin • 101 posts in this group event Pinned by admin • 74 posts in this group trade Pinned by admin • 73 posts in this group

## Thousands of items saved from landfills in 1.5 years!







2 100+ Moving Box giveaways











# Our clothing SWaps



# Our Urban Flea Market



Launched in 8 days, over 100 visitors
 Place for people to clear their closets
 Preloved items

- Upcycled crafts Eco-friendly brands Plant based & Allergen friendly foods





PRESS RELEASE: New monthly "Urban Flea Market" launches in Asoke/Phrom Phong neighborhood with sustainable focus

BANGKOK, Thailand - September 15, 2022 - A monthly preloved clothing flea market is coming to the Asoke/Phrom Phong neighborhood.

Hosted at the HOME BKK, a warm communal space, the inaugural event and opening ceremony will be held Sunday, September 18, 2022.

Socially conscious consumers and bargain hunters are invited to thrift preloved women's, men's and children/baby clothing, accessories, jewelry and upcycled crafts and designer items and other products from brands with a sustainable focus in the cozy atmosphere of THE HOME BKK.

The event is a collaboration between the Bangkok Recycling Chain OFFICIAL group on Facebook and The

It is sustainability and slow-fashion themed - a place for people to clear their closets & declutter their homes, and also for brands with a sustainable element to participate. As for the food, it will be vegan, allergen friendly with efforts towards zero-waste packaging - packaging must be recyclable or biodegradable, as the HOME BKK is a single-use-plastic-free environment.

we launched our Bangkok Recycling Chain clothing swap event in August, we had quite a few people asking about an event where they could also sell their items - and that's how we came up with the

"Within just 72 hours of launching the Market, we had nearly 100 people interested in our first event. This shows there is a strong demand for places to exchange preloved clothing and household items and



At 3 PM on September 18 during the first Urban Flea Market, there also will be an opening ceremony and panel on sustainable fashion with Bangkok Recycling Chain founder & event organizer Anne Somanas, micro-blogger & slow fashion advocate Aparna Sharma from Stylish Suitcase, Carla Soledae Rivera, sustainable fashion designer and founder of Soledad Designs and owner of the HOME BKK, and Margot Doré, founder of upcoming slow-fashion brand Sorore to discuss how we can be more conscious consumers and promote sustainable fashion solutions.

The monthly "Urban Flea Market" will be held on the 2nd or 3rd Sunday of each month from 1-5 PM at the HOME BKK. Sukhumvit Soi 23.

Inquiries: bkkrecyclingchain@gmail.com

Event page: https://www.facebook.com/events/792829638424486/

More info: www.bangkokrecyclingchain.com & www.thehomenetwork.org

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#### PRODUCT LAUNCH--URBAN FLEA MARKET

Join Our Facebook Group

We ensure that the local media highlight your new products & launches and make them relevant to their readers in their publications & social media.

With sustainability trending, local media are looking for stories on sustainable products. We ensure that your products get the coverage they deserve so that they can change the world for the better!

#### The Urban Flea Market, Sep 2022



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#### URBAN FLEA MARKET



Bangkok Recycling Chain group recently announced that it has launched a monthly Urban Flea Market in the Asoke/Phrom Phong neighborhood, where people can shop and thrift their "pre-loved" clothing, accessories, jewelry and upcycled crafts and designer items. Free entry, The Home BKK

What to do this weekend in Coconuts Bangkok





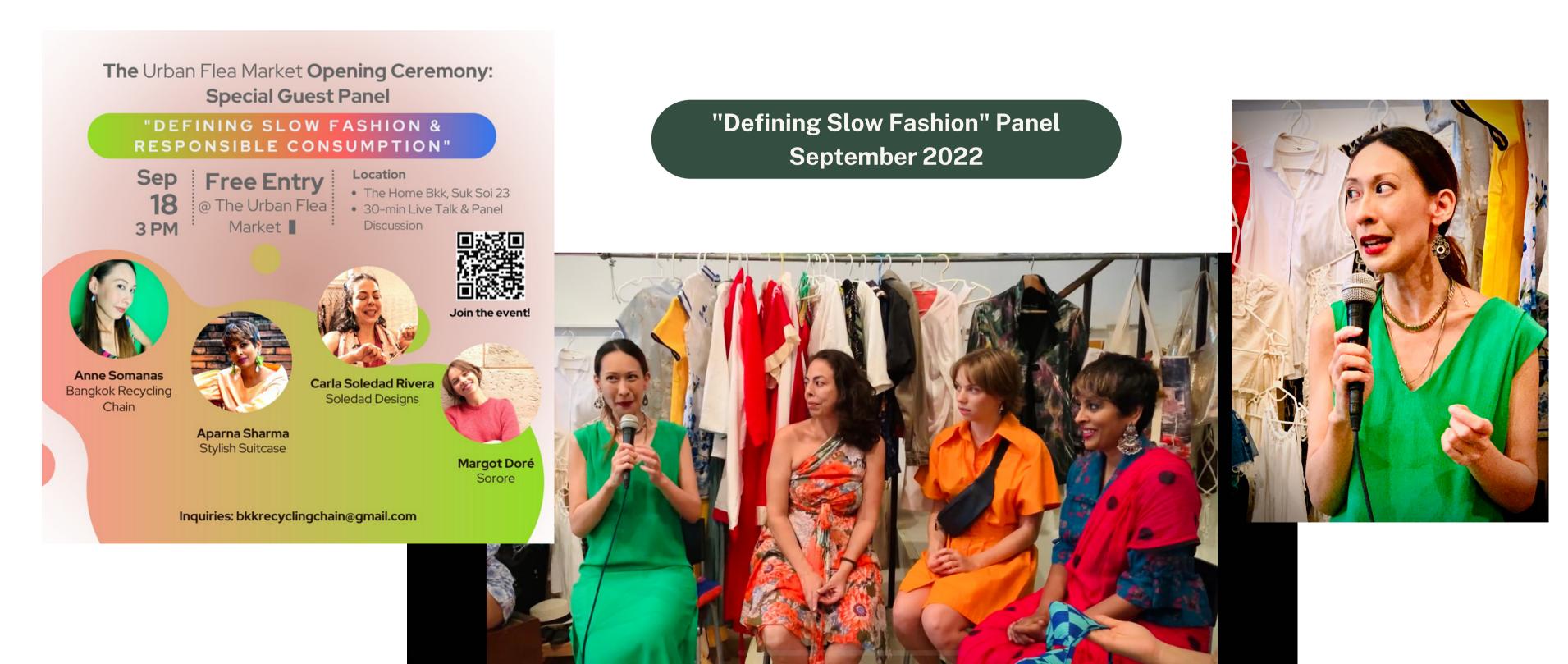
Thanks <u>@rootthefuture</u>

for the shoutout! 😬 🦺

Looking forward to visiting this flea market by @bangkokrecyclingchain

#### EVENT - GREEN PANEL

We arrange panels with KOLs and thought leaders with journalistic-quality moderation & content curation that allow you to express your thinking alongside thought leaders in the field, establishing you as a Key-Opinion-Leader on topics that matter to you. Such panels can be strategically used to garner interest in your upcoming products and launches, or to establish your business as a community center for groups of people with the same interests & values.



#### PRESS COVERAGE - GREEN EVENTS

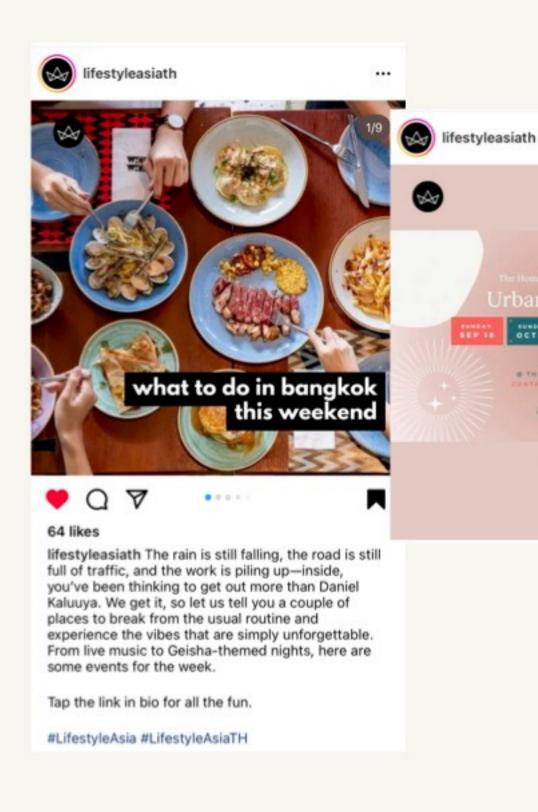
Urban Flea Market

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urban flea market

at the home bkk

We ensure that the local media regularly highlight green events and recommend them to their readers in their lists of upcoming activities both in their publications and on their social media.

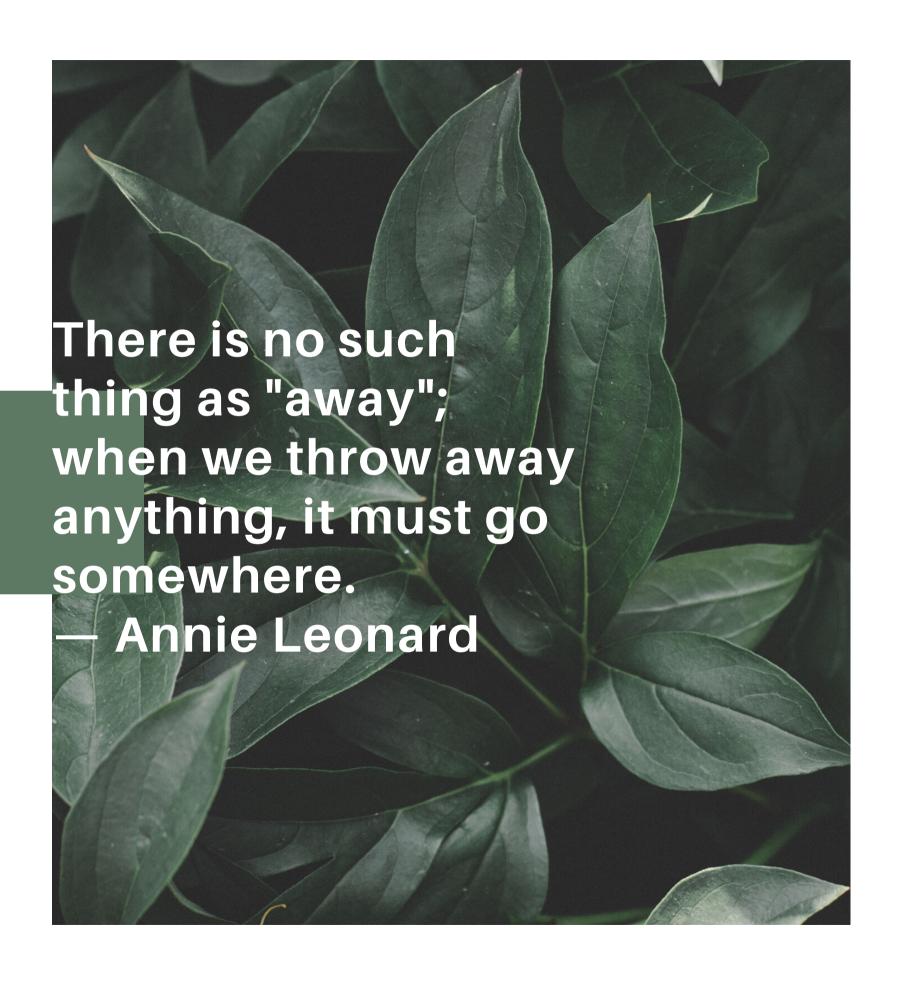








**Urban Flea Market & Clothing Swap** 



#### **Our charities**

Bangkok Community Help
Home of Grace, Community Store
Squiggles Charity Shoppe
The Myanmar Community Center
...and more!

#### Our recyclers

Trash Lucky
Cirplas
Won
Green Roof Project
Recycle Day Thailand
Less Plastic Thailand
Precious Plastic
Green Road
N15
...and more!

# Upcoming projects



## Sustainability Market

Bangkok Swapmeet

Circular Recycling Station

# What we need



## Sustainable Venue Sponsors

## Sustainable Partners

Locations to set up recycling stations

## Founder Bio

Hi, I'm Anne



Sustainability Advocate

Community Builder



#### INBOUND MARKETING - COMMUNITY BUILDING

We build quality communities around people with united interests on your platform of interest -- whether Facebook, WhatsApp, Line, Telegram or other places -- that can be used to seed your products or services to a highly engaged and interested audience.

We also run campaigns to "seed" products and infiltrate your target audience communities to get them interested in your product from multiple angles.

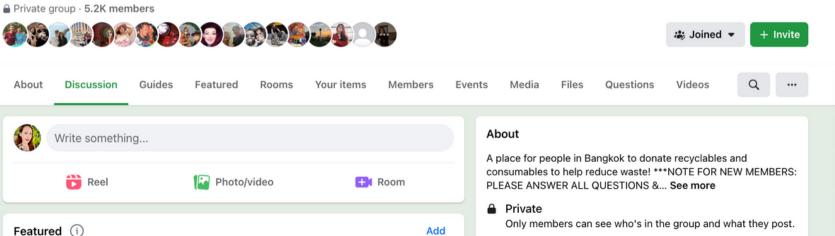




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4 large really sturdy cardboard boxes

(three from ikea) and a big bag of



Isabelle Dupont

Any ISB Students out there?

Visible

Anyone can find this group.

Bangkok, Thailand

Topics in this group 🚯

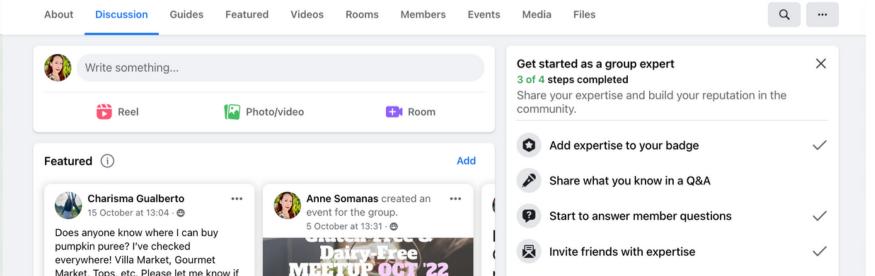


#### Free-From Foods Thailand [Gluten Free, Lactose Free, Allergen Free]



#### Some examples of our communities to date

Crypto Ladies Bkk [Global] (Women-Only)



# Journalism

## An Expat's Guide to Sustainable Living in Thailand

2022-09-20 by **Anne Som** 



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One of the greatest frustrations for expats living in Thailand is how to manage household waste and recycle effectively.

Although many Thais are passionate about sustainability and eco-friendly living, the recycling scene in Thailand is still nascent. Challenges include the lack of formalized recycling solutions and fragmentation of





#### Thailand Recommended Services

We receive a lot of e-mails asking for recommendations for products, services, and companies. We can't answer all of them individually, so we've put together a list of the most important ones below.

You can also check out our <u>premium subscription</u> for a complete solution to help you get set up as an expat in Thailand.

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IF SO, WE MIGHT BE A GREAT FIT!

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ANNE SOMANAS



Anne Somanas is a bilingual travel, tech and lifestyle journalist & interpreter whose writing & work has been published on ExpatDen, Lifestyle Asia, Prestige, Robb Report Thailand, Techsauce, the Financial Management magazine by AICPA, TTG Asia & TTG MICE, Travel Weekly Asia, and others. Her op-eds have also been published in the Bangkok Post.

She is also a sustainability advocate and a seasoned community builder with over a decade of experience specializing in women empowerment, entrepreneurship, tech & sustainability.

Anne founded the Bangkok Recycling Chain community, now Thailand's largest English-speaking sustainability-focused Facebook group in 2020 and grew it to over 5000 members in less than two years.

Her passion is to make sustainable products & socially conscious businesses known to the world & give them greater reach to change people's lives for the better. CONVENIENCE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ENVIRONMENT IS NOT CONVENIENCE AT ALL.



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS!



#### Find more info

on our Facebook Group & Blog:

www.facebook.com/groups/bangkokrecyclingchain www.bangkokrecyclingchain.com/blog



## Thank you!

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# Recycling Station Concept