R-URBAN is a bottom-up strategy that explores the possibilities of enhancing the capacity of urban resilience by introducing a network of resident-run facilities to create complementarities between key fields of activity (economy, housing, urban agriculture, culture). R-Urban initiates locally closed ecological cycles that will support the emergence of alternative models of living, producing and consuming.

R-urban in Hackney Wick established a collective and participatory process leading to the creation of a new public 'recycling' facility centred around ecological and civic practices while exploring issues around mobile urbanism and reversible use of vacant urban sites.

To overcome the current crises (climate, resources, economic, demographic), we must, as philosopher Andre Gorz says, 'produce what we consume and consume what we produce'. This balance between production and consumption through local sustainable sourcing can not occur without changes in the living and working lifestyles of citizens who must be involved in these changes through collaborative practices supporting each other through local networks.