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# **Inspired Huddersfield 2017**

The Circular Economy from a Fashion & Textiles Perspective: Make your business future proof and sustainable with system thinking and technology

Thursday 15th June 2017

The Boardroom, Level 6, Student Central, University of Huddersfield, HD1 3DH

**Registration and light refreshments from 16:00** Presentations from 16:30 / Discussion and networking from 18:30

Register here (free): circular-economy-ih.eventbrite.co.uk

The circular economy is gaining momentum, solving the issues created by our 'traditional' linear economy (take, make, use, dispose... with waste and pollution at every stage). Circular approaches aim to keep resources in use for as long as possible, extract the maximum value from them during use, then recover and regenerate products and materials at the end of each service life.

Join us for this informal business workshop to find out how circular approaches could lead to new ways of thinking that, coupled with current technologies, are enabling for resource efficient and new transparent business models.

In this era of scarce resources and increasing consumption, business as usual is not an option - find out how your business can thrive with consumer patterns changing and the arrival of Generation Z as your future customer base.

The session is free of charge starting with light refreshment and concluding with discussion and networking.

#### **Speakers and topics**

#### Bill MacBeth Director, Textile Centre of Excellence

Latest sector thinking in response to the key issues

#### Jo Conlon Senior Lecturer, UoH

#### Vivek Mani ITC Infotech

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#### Paul Arnold Sustainability and Innovation at Camira Fabrics Limited

Pulling apart the linear model at Camira

#### Catherine Weetman Rethink solutions and author of: A Circular Economy Handbook for Business and Supply Chains, Repair, Remake, Redesign, Rethink

Overview of the Circular Economy in Fashion and Textiles

#### Charles Ross FRSA Specialist in sustainability matters

The end of consumerism 1.0? Living in a time of change: The future is bright, but not like the past

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