

Circular Economy
Innovative thinking for a sustainable future
The Ron Cooke Hub, University of York
6th October 2011

Programme

11:00 Registration, tea & coffee

11:30 Introduction & welcome – *Jon Price, Director, Centre for Low Carbon Futures*

Theme 1: A view from government and business

Chair: Bernice Lee, *Research Director, Energy, Env. & Resource Governance, Chatham House*

11:45 Keynote address – **The importance of science and technology in the Circular Economy – a perspective from the select committee**
- *Andrew Miller MP and Chair of House of Commons Science and Technology Select Committee*

12:30 **Can a closed loop business model be competitive in a predominantly linear economy? A business view**
- *Stef Kranendijk, CEO, Desso*

13:10 Lunch

Theme 2: A view from stakeholders

Chair: Hilda Coulsey

14:10 **Green economy and sustainable products – a view from DEFRA**
- *Sara Eppel, Head of Sustainable Products & Consumers, DEFRA*

14:50 **The skills gap – a view from University**
- *Alan Murray, Leeds Business School, University of Leeds*

15:30 **Themed Discussions – Introduction to Breakout sessions**
Chair: Hilda Coulsey

16:00 **Breakout sessions (tea & coffee available)**

- a) Sustainability for competitive advantage – insights from forthcoming Chatham House briefing paper
Felix Preston, Chatham House
- b) Opportunities in education
Dr Alan Murray, Business Schools and Ellen MacArthur Foundation programme
- c) Markets - opportunities for businesses
Keith James, WRAP

17:00 **Event summary**
Chair: *Sue Hartley, Director, York Environmental Sustainability Institute*
Rapporteurs from themed discussion

18:00 **Wine reception** – *hosted by Trevor Sheldon, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of York*