A **circular economy** is an alternative to a traditional linear economy (make, use, dispose) in which we keep resources in use for as long as possible, extract the maximum value from them whilst in use, then recover and regenerate products and materials at the end of each service life.

Source: [www.wrap.org.uk](http://www.wrap.org.uk)

A circular economy requires:
- Raw Material and Energy Inputs
- Feasible Engineering Solutions
- Cross-sectoral flows and linkages
- Effective Policy Measures
- Education and Research

The symposium and workshop will explore the interdependent roles each play in bringing about a sustainable future. The outcome of the event will be a vision for and roadmap to a sustainable world where affordable and reliable resources support the social, economic and environmental needs of a growing population.