

# Waste to Resource Innovation Network

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# The Challenge

- The earth's resources are limited
- Our population is growing
- Economic growth MEANS greater consumption of resources and production of WASTE
- Need to de-couple economic growth from increasing resource consumption







Transition from linear to circular

- Provides commercial opportunities for reuse/remanufacture
- Supporting sustainability and wealth creation.







## Zero Waste Circular Economy



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## Multi-sectoral and multi-disciplinary





Silos – Academia / Industry and Business Cross Collaboration and fertilisation of ideas

MMU Cross Faculty Network and Steering committee



### **The Network and Group Relationship**



## **1** - Cross Faculty Research Network



FACULTY	CAPABILITY AND EXPERTISE
The Faculty of Business and Law	<ul> <li>Future Economies Research Centre</li> <li>Links to NW companies and SMEs</li> <li>New business models approaches to achieving the CE</li> <li>Can develop the business cases for change</li> <li>Test innovative business models, products and services.</li> <li>Identification of, and potential to influence, regulation and Policy.</li> </ul>
The Faculty of Education	<ul> <li>New ideas to enrich schools programmes</li> <li>Research on the acceptance of new developments by student groups Creating a population of waste aware citizens.</li> </ul>
The Faculty of Arts and Humanities	<ul> <li>Design for deconstruction, remanufacture, consumerism</li> <li>Slow and Fast fashion within the textile industry</li> </ul>
The Faculty of Health, Psychology and Social Care	<ul> <li>The Behaviour Change Network</li> <li>Interventions for behaviour change to encourage higher recycling rates linked to psychology</li> </ul>

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## **Existing Research and Projects**

PhD Students:

- Demonstrate barriers to effective policy implementation use for waste management
- Provide educational interventions to improve municipal recycling rates for LA
- Towards a more CE approach to food systems
- Addressing the issues of management and recycling engagement

#### ERASMUS+:

 Waste Citizen Behaviour change EU project – Best practice approach across 5 EU countries providing education to improve recycling

#### HORIZON 2020:

• Manchester Fashion Institute Resyntex - textile recycling and recovery project

#### Interreg:

- Strengthening regional innovation policies to build sustainable food chains
- Benchmarking & Developing Circular Economy Business Models (tbc)



## **2** - Cross Faculty Research Network

## **Existing Research and Projects**

- AD Plant corrosion analysis for GMWDA waste contract
- Incinerator Bottom Ash Fines loss of ignition test for alternative treatment route
- Viridor Future waste streams & Transport assessment
- Textile industry Duvets Pillows and Mattress Recycling NBF Valorisation techniques Collection and Treatment strategies
- WRAP and GMWDA Bespoke Carbon Literacy model for Waste and Recycling TBC
- Food reduction systems WRAP Delivering new business modelling for the Robinsons Brewery Chain
- 3D Printing Educational Hub and integration of recycled plastic



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## **3** - The Greater Manchester Waste Observatory



'Supporting the NW to transition to a Zero Waste Circular Economy'

# **Critical Steps**





# **Industry Examples**





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