



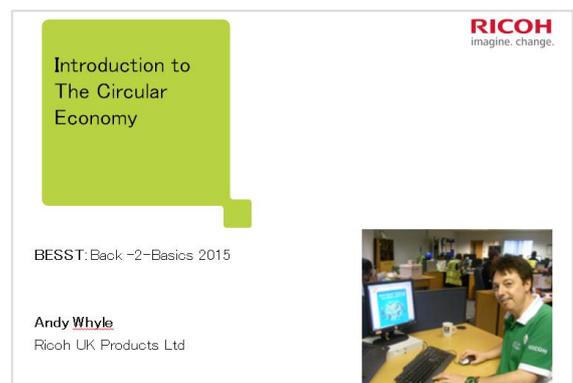
Sponsored by BESST member Mark Gilbert of Emerald Trading ([www.emeraldtrading.org.uk](http://www.emeraldtrading.org.uk)) our now annual Back 2 Basics event was held at Best Western Valley Hotel in Ironbridge.

Event sponsor Mark Gilbert of Emerald Trading, spoke to attendees about the value and importance of segregation of waste and talked about some of the issues that companies are facing around recycling



Dave Baynton of Waterwide gave a presentation on Legionella and tips on how to avoid this in the workplace

Andy Whyte, BESST Chair (Ricoh Products UK) spoke about awareness and understanding of Resource Conservation and how this fits into the Circular Economy and will become a crucial issue in the future for manufacturing companies.



Stadco began their environmental journey at their Telford site in 2014 by involving employees in their 3 day Energy Kaizen programmes and pulling together teams of Energy Champions. Teams worked on identifying resource efficiency opportunities from 'Just Do It's' to long term capital investment projects.



Andy Whyte also spoke to delegates about the new BESST Sustainable Business Award that is being launched shortly and will be awarded 17 November 2015. Full details of this award will be available shortly – please email [besst@telford.gov.uk](mailto:besst@telford.gov.uk) for further details

Below are Top Ten Tips from this event:

### Top 10 Tips

- 1) Plastic recycling – understand what your plastic types to understand their values to maximise savings / revenues
- 2) Plastic Recycling – segregate plastics by type to increase recycling potentials
- 3) Legionella – understand the conditions promoting growth (i.e. stagnant water (dead legs), algae, sediment & rust) and refer to HSE ACOP <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/l8.pdf>
- 4) Legionella – identify a managerial responsible person
- 5) Circular Economy – understand how future demographics and available resources will affect your ability to manufacture your products (business continuity).
- 6) Circular Economy – consider if any of your products can be returned to you for remanufacturing (saving money , resources and sustainability)
- 7) Stadco – Identify your annual energy spend to set target for reduction, considering future price increases. and utilise meter readings to identify base loads and show where energy is being wasted
- 8) Stadco – engage your employees through continuous improvement programs (i.e. Energy Kaizen) and identify quick wins (Just Do It's !) to make immediate savings.
- 9) Stadco – utilise meter readings to identify base loads and show where energy is being wasted
- 10) Stadco – calculate cost savings and return on investment to promote the business benefits and capture the projects and achievements and use at any other sites in your organisation to increase the business benefits

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