



Quadra

transition island

WELCOME - TRANSITION WEEKEND

Saturday & Sunday November 12-13, 2011 Quadra Community Centre

AGENDA

• THIS OPEN SPACE, THERE IS NO AGENDA!

There might not be an agenda but there are lots of ideas and talents at hand. Coming together as a group once again we have the opportunity to:

- Share our personal successes and initiatives toward transition.
- Discuss community-wide projects and lay ground work for future meetings and action
- Participate in workshops on a variety of topics
- Consider the formalization of the Transition group
- Investigate ways to extend the initiative throughout the community and into the wider region, for example by developing a charter
- Enjoy the challenges we face and the creativity we can employ to overcome them
- Come together in celebration of the bounty we have by sharing a potluck meal of local foods
- Most importantly to be a part of directing the Transition Initiative forward in each and every way it has potential to go.

12 Steps to Transition

- 1: Start a temporary steering group
- 2: Raise awareness
- 3: Lay foundations
- 4: Unveil the project
- 5: Form sub groups
- 6: Use Open Space
- 7: Develop goals with concrete results
- 8: Facilitate labour-force re-skilling
- 9: Bridge to Local Government
- 10: Honour elders
- 11: See how it develops
- 12: Create an Energy Reduction Plan

Housekeeping

- We have the Community Centre from 9 am Saturday until 6:30 pm when we must be cleaned up and ready for the Sierra Quadra film show. Then again Sunday 9 am to noon.
- Donations toward hall rental, materials & other costs appreciated.
- Entrance to 'How to Boil a Frog' by donation
- Bring a bag lunch for Saturday and a pre-prepared potluck item for the Saturday dinner.

Open Space is all about Self-organization

It is characterized by few basic mechanisms:

- A broad, open invitation that articulates the purpose of the meeting;
- Participant chairs arranged in a circle;
- A “bulletin board” of issues and opportunities posted by participants;
- A “marketplace” with many breakout spaces that participants move freely between, learning and contributing as they “shop” for information and ideas;
- A “breathing” or “pulsation” pattern of flow, between plenary and small-group breakout sessions.

Law of two feet

If at any time you find yourself in any situation where you are neither learning nor contributing: Give greetings, use your two feet, and go do something useful. Responsibility resides with you.

Guiding principles of Open Space (adapted)

Whoever comes are the right people - we don't need experts to take charge, instead we share our knowledge, creativity and enthusiasm to reach common goals.

Whenever it starts is the right time - we are already on Island Time so let's stick with that!

Wherever it happens is the right place - this weekend we have the whole Community Centre at our disposal. Go where you please. Discussions are open. Listen and participate as long or as little as you feel is right. And afterwards... keep going transition in the coffee shop at a friend's houses, on the ferry!

Whatever happens is the only thing that could have - the Transition Initiative is already a success because we're thinking about it! Each and everything we do and say toward self-reliance prepares our community.

When it's over, it's over - do the work, not the time. share what you have to share and then move on. There is no schedule, there is only continuous forward momentum. Energy descent is about efficiency, we can start with all our deliberations. Keep to the point and finish when it's been made.

The Ultimate Goal of Transition is to Develop an Energy Decent Plan

Some of the steps toward creating that plan might be:

- 1) Build a local resource picture
- 2) Create a vision for the community in 15-20 year
- 3) Backcast from the vision to “today”
- 4) Work in co-operation with the OCP
- 5) Create the first draft of the EDAP
- 6) Finalise the EDAP