

**For People and Planet: Not Profit and Self-Destruction
Can Universities make the move towards, or even lead 'transition'?**

**West Downs Centre, Winchester
February 5-6 2011**

Programme

This is now close to a full programme but we anticipate some last minute changes!

Saturday 5 February: Articulating the Challenge

Time	Session	Contributors	Alternative group
9.45 - 10.30	Registration		
10.30 - 10.45	Welcome, Introduction	Joy Carter (Winchester VC) followed by Mark Levene, for organisers	
10.45 - 11.15	Mapping the weekend <i>the purpose of this session is to:</i> <i>a) show the range of geographies, attitudes, ages of participants</i> <i>b) to get them talking to each other</i>	Ben Brangwyn (Transition Towns)	
11.15 - 12.00	Panel: What's the matter with UK universities plc? <i>Is what universities are facing simply more of what has been 'wrong for a long time' but now in an age of post-Browne austerity and marketisation. Or do we need to factor in the big issues, not least peak oil and climate change? If so, how grim is the UK university future likely to be based on 'business as usual' ?</i>	To include John Raiment, Jonathan Ward, Dougald Hine. Facilitator: Mary Tiles (Winchester)	
12.00 - 12.15	Break for tea/coffee		
12.15 - 1.05	Panel: news from around	Mat Jane, (Winchester Uni)	

	<p>the universities. Focus: energy descent.</p> <p><i>Sub-text, renewables, feed-in tariffs, positive research</i></p>	<p>Carbon Reduction Officer, Nick Stewart, -Jacqui Hodgson (Totnes TT)</p> <p>Facilitator, Anton Page (Southampton)</p>	
1.05 -2	Lunch		<p>1.30 - 2. 00</p> <p>Craig Duckworth, Exploring Climate Ethics through Research Drama.</p>
2- 2.30	Keynote: What can universities learn from the transition towns experience?	Ben Brangwyn	
2.30- 3.30	Panel: news from around the universities. Focus: curricula for an age of transition	<p>-Heather Luna, (HEA Education for Sustainable Development)</p> <p>-Beatriz Acevedo, -Isabel Carlisle, -Colin Richmond, Simon Boxley, -Mary Tiles,</p> <p>Facilitator Chris Shaw (Sussex)</p>	
3 -3.40	Break for tea/coffee		
3.40- 5.00	Open space: An opportunity for university transition activists or anybody else to offer an open space on how we might be changing the goalposts	<p>- Louise Hazan and Alice Hemming (People and Planet)</p> <p>- Isabel, Daniel, Lara (Catalyst, Embercombe)</p> <p>Jonathan Ward</p> <p>- (Student Force for Sustainability)</p> <p>- Joss Winn, Mike Neary and Richard Hall</p> <p>http://www.universityofutopia.org/critical-theory</p> <p>- Imogen Michel, NVDA training</p> <p>- Beatriz Acevedo, (case study: student action at Anglia Ruskin)</p> <p>Facilitator: Simon Boxley</p>	

5.00- 5.30	Open Plenary session: Review of the day: signposting for tomorrow <i>What is it that we're trying to achieve?</i>	Facilitators: Simon Boxley with assistance from Mark Levene, Mary Tiles (matrix of conference so far) et al.	
Evening/Social	'Railway Inn' acoustic lounge (Upstairs), for anybody who would like to join us. Map here: http://www.railwaylive.co.uk/find.html		

Sunday 6 February : Meeting the Challenge

Time	Session	Participants	Alternative group
10.15 - 10.35	Taking Southampton University towards transition: video and presentation	Grace, Ella, Dax and Alex (Soton undergraduates)	
10.35 - 11.25	Panel: Step changes 1: Food, food miles and community gardens	- Myles Bremner (Garden Organic); - Elona Hoover (Brighton Uni's and community food), - Ria Jackson, Slowfood - George Legg, Food Kitchen project. Facilitator: Dave McKay (Green Action, Soton)	
11.25 - 11.35	Break for tea/coffee		
11.35 - 12.25	Panel: Step changes 2: Community Inspirations	- Jim Kirkpatrick, (WinACC) - Arran Stibbe (Gloucester) - Ian and Dai, (Transition Heathrow) - Neil Jennings (Student Switch Off) - Carole Whitty (Totnes TT) - Megan Strebb (Soton TT) Facilitator: Barbara Large (Winchester)	

12.25 - 1.00	<p>Keynote: 'The Edges & The Centre' <i>What can we learn from past examples of the adoption or diffusion of new institutional models, particularly in moments of disruption? And how do we open lines of communication with those operating inside of Whitehall and the policy world?</i></p>	Dougald Hine (Dark Mountain)	
1.00 – 2.00	Lunch		
2.00 – 2.45	<p>Small group discussions: In a constrained financial environment and general age of austerity how can we innovate towards university transition?:</p> <p><i>Are we attempting to find ways of working with the university administrations we have, or subverting them? Or of reaching out to something completely different for an age of transition?</i></p>	Four groups based on curricula, food, energy descent and community-action panels.	
2.45 - 3.00	Break for tea/coffee		
3.00 - 4.00	<p>Open plenary: Putting together an action plan for a nationwide university transition network</p> <p><i>The course of the weekend will determine what outcomes are appropriate: should we be reaching towards a manifesto of our goals, setting up a university transition network, or simply sharing ideas and practice on a dedicated website? Or something entirely different.</i></p>	Plenary session group Facilitator, Ben Branwyn et al.	

