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## NEWS

### 'Transition News' Section In Positive News

Positive News has teamed up with Transition Network News to feature a new section dedicated to news from the Transition movement. The just-published winter edition includes articles from Transition Initiatives in Forest Row, Brixton, Edinburgh plus reviews of the In-Transition Movie and Local Food book.

<http://transitionnetworknews.wordpress.com/2009/12/09/transition-news-section-in-positive-news/>

### Green Community Hero Award

The 2009 Energy Saving Trust/Guardian 'Green Community Hero' award has been awarded to Rob Hopkins.

<http://transitionnetworknews.wordpress.com/2009/12/08/green-community-hero-award/>

## NETWORK NEWS

### Diversity Project Coordinator

A new post has opened up with the Transition Network. The role of the Diversity Project Coordinator will be to 'Develop models and practices to enable the transition movement to successfully engage across culture, race, faith and income groups.'

<http://transitionnetworknews.wordpress.com/2009/12/09/diversity-project-coordinator/>

### Web Project Update

Ed Mitchell, Transition Network: Web Co-ordinator explains what they are up to with the web platform, a high level view of the services it supports , and an idea of times for everyone.

<http://transitionnetworknews.wordpress.com/2009/12/05/web-project-update/>

### Transition Network at Copenhagen People's Summit

A number of people are travelling (by land and sea, of course!) from Totnes to Copenhagen to be part of the People's Climate Summit. While the world leaders make international agreements (or don't) many thousands of people from around the world who are working to tackle climate change at a grass roots level will be meeting in the centre of Copenhagen.

<http://transitionnetworknews.wordpress.com/2009/12/05/transition-network-at-copenhagen-peoples-summit/>

## RESEARCH

### Free Guide to Setting Up Local Currencies

Transition Network is delighted to be able to present the first in an occasional series of pdf only 'How to' guides: THE LEWES POUND A Transition Network 'How To' Guide.

<http://transitionnetworknews.wordpress.com/2009/12/10/free-guide-to-setting-up-local-currencies/>

### Who Are The Transitioners?

In spite of its rapid growth and plentiful positive publicity, there have until now been no studies looking at who is getting involved and what their motivations are. Dr Gill Seyfang at the School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia has conducted an in-depth membership survey of Transition Norwich earlier this year and published the results.

<http://transitionnetworknews.wordpress.com/2009/11/13/who-are-transitioners/>

## VIDEOS

### In Transition 1.0 DVD is Now Available On DVD and Online

'In Transition' is the first detailed film about the Transition movement filmed by those that know it best, those who are making it happen on the ground. The Transition movement is about communities around the world responding to peak oil and climate change with creativity, imagination and humour, and setting about rebuilding their local economies and communities. It is positive, solutions focused, viral and fun.

<http://transitionnetworknews.wordpress.com/2009/12/08/in-transition-1-0-dvd-is-now-available/>

### Rob Hopkins Ted Video

Back in July Rob Hopkins gave a talk at TED and the video is now online.

<http://transitionnetworknews.wordpress.com/2009/12/08/rob-hopkins-ted-video/>

### Vandana Shiva on Transition Initiatives

While Vandana Shiva was in Berlin recently promoting her book 'Soil Not Oil', Andreas Teuchert and Thomas Finger of Transition Berlin, who were filming the event, spontaneously asked her for her thoughts on what the Transition Towns movement could do that is of real use for people in the global south.

<http://transitionnetworknews.wordpress.com/2009/11/11/vandana-shiva-on-transition-initiatives/>

## TT On Film

More and more Transition initiatives are making films about what they are up to. Here is a collection of Transition related films on YouTube.

<http://transitionnetworknews.wordpress.com/2009/12/10/ti-on-film/>

## REGIONAL REPORTS

### Sweden in Transition

Naresh Giangrande recently returned from a Transition Training tour of Sweden, here is a report about his trip.

<http://transitionnetworknews.wordpress.com/2009/11/05/sweden-in-transition/>

### Gathering in the East

In mid November Transition East Support Group held its Second Regional Gathering in Norfolk. An insightful document that reviews the groups in the region and looks at some of the common problems they are running into has been published that they describe as 'everything you wanted to know about Transition but were too correct to ask.'

<http://transitionnetworknews.wordpress.com/2009/12/09/gathering-in-the-east/>

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Italy Gets the Handbook and A Local Authority Gets It

Hot on the heels of the publication of an Italian version of the Transition Handbook, a local authority has shown what it looks like when a they REALLY Get Transition!

<http://transitionnetworknews.wordpress.com/2009/12/09/italy-gets-the-handbook-and-a-local-authority-gets-it/>

### Working With Councils

The Community Development Foundation have produced a handy little nuts and bolts explanation of how local authorities in the UK work. Called Green Up!, it provides community groups with everything they need to work productively with their councils on environment and sustainability issues. It explains how community groups can use everything from Local Area Agreements to Sustainable Community Strategies to get their work supported. The guide also explains all the words and vocabulary commonly used by councils, so local groups can clearly understand 'council speak'

<http://transitionnetworknews.wordpress.com/2009/12/09/working-with-councils/>

#### Quote of the Month

"Many of us, particularly in the developed world, will have to change our lifestyles. The era of flights that cost less than the taxi ride to the airport is drawing to a close. We will have to shop, eat and travel more intelligently. We will have to pay more for our energy, and use less of it. But the shift to a low-carbon society holds out the prospect of more opportunity than sacrifice."

Editorial published by 56 newspapers around the world in 20 languages. 7th December 2009

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