

INFOSHEET

EVENTS AND FUN THINGS TO DO

People:	The people in your group who are planning events
Time:	30 minutes to read and discuss
Resources:	This infosheet and a place to meet to discuss

Why should we read this?

This is a list of events that you could put on to promote Transition in your community, get new people involved and have fun as a group. These are just a few examples of some of the things that Transition Groups have put on in their communities, feel free to develop your own.

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Awareness raising events

- Green drinks - meeting up at cafe, bar, pub to talk about Transition and related issues
- Films - Show films that are related to Transition with a discussion afterwards
- Discussions - Pick a topic and have a discussion around it, such as Should we fly?
- Put on a speaker with discussion afterwards
- Local specific events - Look at your communities history and how it relates to Transition, for example how did your community feed itself in the past, present and how will it does this in the future, invite local people to tell their stories
- Open space sessions - Have a big question and use open space to look at different aspects of it
- Unleashing or Launch- This is a big event to promote the launch of Transition in your community, can include films, talks, food etc.
- Put on a "Ceremony for the passing of the oil age"
- Theatre / plays - Local theatre groups put on a play about issues related to Transition
- Discussion evening with other groups - invite other groups to an event to talk about Transition, or to promote their Transition like activity
- Storytelling events
- Food - put on a meal using just local food
- Swap things - seeds, clothes, unwanted stuff
- Invite another Transition group to do a talk about Transition in their community
- Visit another Transition Group
- Put on a Transition Launch training
- Put on a Transition related training

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Fun social events:

- Celebrate different seasons of the year / religious festivals with a shared meal, music and dancing
- Put on a band or disco as a fundraiser for your group
- Invite local choirs, poets or musicians to put on an event with songs or poems relevant to Transition
- Shared meals, get everyone to bring one dish and share it amongst yourselves
- Have a big picnic / barbeques
- Have an anniversary with great cake
- Go to a local food or drink producer for a tasting session
- Cider pressings
- Put on a procession

Re-skilling workshops:

Workshops to learn new skills are a great way to celebrate local talent and get people feeling engaged and skilled up for the future! You might have these as free events, or ask for a donation to pay the host. Here are just a few ideas -

- Darning socks
- Making bread
- Making felt
- Make a mosaic
- Learn Non-violent communication skills
- Sew a bag from old clothes
- Scything
- Green woodworking
- Mend a bicycle puncture or other repairs
- Make and plant a raised bed
- Seed saving
- Jam making
- Fermenting food
- Compost making
- Upcycling waste material

For more ideas..

Check out the news and blogs section on Transition Network here:
<http://transitionmovement.org/news-and-blog/>

More support:

For more support and information on community involvement go here:
<http://transitionnetwork.org/do-transition/starting-transition/7-essential-ingredients/community-involvement/>

Check out all the 7 essential ingredients here:
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