Edible Landscapes London, part of Transition Finsbury Park

Running effective meetings

Students on permaculture design course in York. Photo - Andy Goldring

Steve Jenkins & Margaret Lyth at Unleashing of Transition City Lancaster

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Meetings need to balance having fun and feeling good about working together with getting things done. It can be done!

Permaculture is a design ‘glue’ to stick together all the elements for a sustainable and resilient culture.

Transition Training offers an immersion in the early stages of Transition, providing the basics for setting up, running and maintaining a Transition initiative.
A selection of Transition-related press cuttings

Work in progress on designing Transition Network's legal structure

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Volunteers, Transition Bath’s garden at Hedgemead. Photo - Iva Carrdus

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Communicating with the Media

It is vital from an early stage to get your local media on your side, and this can be done in a number of ways.

Financing Your Transition Initiative

There are many ways you can finance your initiative, from formal funding applications to thinking like an enterprise, building a base of local supporters, or just doing things that don’t need any money!

Forming a Legal Entity

The legal structure of a group affects its behaviour and how it is seen by others. Flexibility and informality is fine for a young initiative, but as you grow and take on more responsibilities you will need more structure and allocation of responsibility.

Volunteers and Volunteering

Transition initiatives are largely driven by volunteers. It is important that they feel held, supported and well-managed.
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A Totnes 'Transition Streets' group meeting. Photo - Lou Brown

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Taking time out at a Training the Trainer course. Photo - Sophy Banks

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Ben Brangwyn & Duncan Law of TTBrixton cut the celebratory cake. Photo - Amelia Gregory
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**Unleashings**

An Unleashing is your launch event, a community celebration, the event that in 10 years a blue plaque will be put up to celebrate the start of that process that led to so much change.

**Supporting Each Other**

Transition can be exhausting, stressful or exhilarating. It will be far more effective if we are able to offer each other support, thereby reducing levels of burnout.

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**Street-by-Street Behaviour Change**

A number of tools ('Transition Streets', 'Transition Circles', 'Carbon Conversations' and so on) now focus on the idea of enabling change from the bottom up, one street at a time. They are very powerful approaches.

**Healthy Conflict**

Conflict, left unaddressed or unresolved, can tear a group apart. Practicing a number of relevant skills will help us forge strong and flexible relationships that can deal with challenges that lie ahead.
An ERA is a powerful tool for allowing organisations to see where they, or one of their products, are vulnerable to volatile energy prices, focusing thinking about how to make them more resilient.

A wide range of media can help a Transition initiative communicate, both internally and externally, what it does.

Maps, in a range of formats, can be great tools for helping people to understand the place they live and to vision its future.

Belief in external experts and our dependence on their telling us what to do next has become commonplace. However, much of what we need is around us. We need ways to unlock the knowledge and ideas of our community.
A family owned pig club in Totnes. Photo - Totnes Times Lewes community power station shares event. Photo - Mike Grenville

Community supported farms, bakeries and breweries

Community Renewable Energy Companies

Connecting tools for plugging the leaks

Local dignitaries at Unleashing of Transition Malvern Hills, May 2010

Speaking up for transition
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