

Transition: University of St Andrews – grassroots responses



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Sustainable Development

SD – crisis and response?

Transition is part of the response!

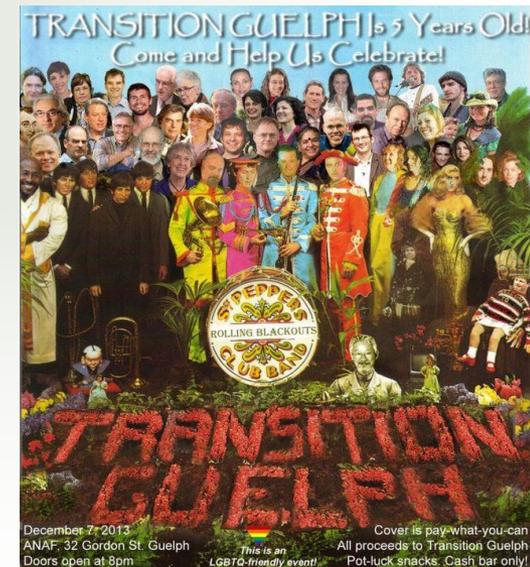
Social movements and grassroots responses

- Can be seen as collective response
- Part of a wider community mobilisation
- Particularly in global north a celebration of the (re)affirmation of 'community'
- Is not the only route to community action....

Transition



“Transition Network[‘s] role is to inspire, encourage, connect, support and train communities as they self-organise around the Transition model, creating initiatives that rebuild resilience and reduce CO2 emissions. Ultimately it’s about creating a healthy human culture, one that meets our needs for community, livelihoods and fun. We’re here to support you.”



Transition model

- Recognises the twin threats of peak oil and fossil fuel depletion
- Community led process to help a town/village/neighbourhood become stronger and happier
- Over 1000 communities worldwide signed up
- Focus on food, transport, energy, heart and soul; also waste, education, housing, arts etc



Transition?

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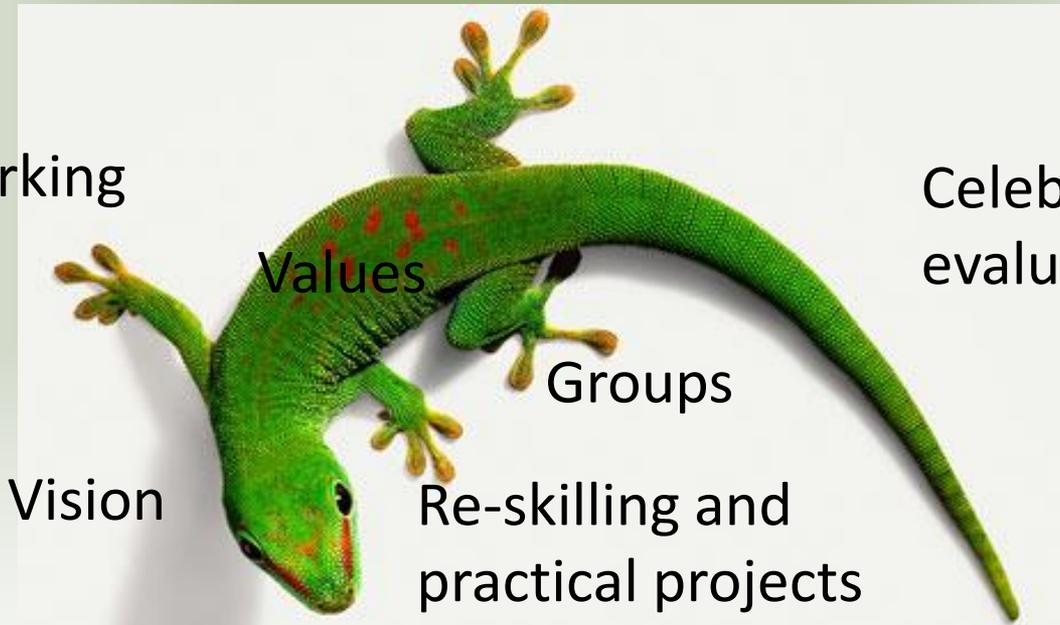


Transition ingredients

Community
engagement

Networking

Celebration and
evaluation



Values

Groups

Vision

Re-skilling and
practical projects

Topics/groups often:



food



energy



transport



community or
heart and soul

Examples of Transition initiatives



Portobello Transition Town

APPLE DAY

At The Community Orchard
Saturday 26th October

2.00pm till 4.30pm ... Everyone Welcome



- Apple pressing (Please bring apples and a bottle to take some juice home)
- Apple dookin, games and other apple activities
- Wear fancy dress!
- Bring a Porty grown apple and show it off
- Also apple juice & home baking to buy.

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Examples of Transition initiatives

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Example: Transition University of St Andrews

