



Transition News...

what's new & what's cool in the transition toward resilience

Transition is a community wide effort to increase community resilience, self reliance and alternatives to fossil fuels in our lives. Transition engages a whole community through the head, the heart and the hands.

What's New with Victoria Region Transition Initiative (VRTI)

- Welcome to the newest Transition Towns in Canada: our own Powell River (<http://transitionpowellriver.wordpress.com/>) and London Ontario. That makes 9!
- The Vancouver Island Citizens Council is recommending new regulations to support local food production and support for citizen led groups like Transition. Check out the final report of the Citizen Conservation Council on Climate Action at:

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/pac/climate-action/docs/2009/ccc-finalreport.pdf>

Email your support to two Ministers: John Yap (John.Yap@gov.bc.ca) and Barry Penner (Barry.Penner@gov.bc.ca). (Thanks to Michael Dunn for sharing this!)

Idea of the Month

Planting time will be here soon! Organize a seed swap in your neighbourhood.

Our Current Needs:

We need communications support. Specifically, we could use help with

- ∞ **Web design!** The blog is working to keep basic information flowing about Transition-related events in our area, but we'd love to have a more functional, more professional-looking web setup that's easy to update and maintain. Please email us if you can help!
- ∞ **Writing letters** on Transition-related issues. The fossil fuel industry pays full-time salaries to people who write letters to editors, post on blogs, news comment pages, etc., to create the illusion that there's continuing debate about climate science. We need to fight back!
- ∞ And of course, **fundraising** is always a huge need. There are all sorts of cool things we could do with a few Babylon dollars...

Looking for concrete ways to get involved?

This is a call-out to anyone interested in participating in Transition working groups!

Transition Victoria is getting started with **working groups!** After last month's orientation for potential leaders, on January 30th we'll be hosting our biggest event yet: **Working Groups: Cultivating Action!** Here's a chance for people interested in getting their hands dirty to self-organize according to neighbourhood and sector. We hope to come out of this event with a number of active working groups ready to get started on **projects**.

See "Important events" below for details.

Important events coming soon!

- **An Introduction to Transition**

Jan. 28th, 7:30PM

St. John's United Church
10990 West Saanich Rd, North Saanich

Eco-cell is hosting an introduction to the Transition movement. This is ideal for those of you on the Peninsula that have not yet attended an introductory session, or have friends to whom you could suggest it.

Open to the public; free admission

- **Working Groups: Cultivating Action!**

Jan. 30, 1 – 5:30 pm
Registration 12:45 pm

925 Balmoral Road

Biggest Transition event yet! Join us for an afternoon of **Open Space** to kick off Transition **working groups**. If you're interested in community resilience, re-skilling, food, energy, transportation, inner work, or any other aspect of Transition, and would like to get involved in concrete, local action, this event is for you. **Everyone welcome!**

- **North Island Transition Training**

Jan 30-31, 10 – 5 pm both days
The Rotary Room, the Filberg Centre
411 Anderton Avenue, Courtenay

Please join us for a North Island Training for Transition Workshop.

Hosted by Renewable Energy Denman Island.

For details and registration form go to:

<http://www.cedworks.com/transition.html>

Vernon and Vancouver workshops also coming this spring.

- **Working Groups 201**

Details TBA

This event will be a follow-up to our January 30th 'Working Groups: Cultivating Action' event. We will provide a space for newly formed working groups to start the process of connection and planning.

- **Workshop for Teachers**

Feb 19 at Tapestry 2010

How can we prepare for teaching in the low carbon future?

Information and registration here:

[Greater Victoria Teachers Association](#).

- **Well Foundation Panel**

Feb 25

The Well Foundation is sponsoring a workshop on 'Resilience: Developing Inner Strength in Challenging Times,' with panelists John Shields, Michael Tacon, Tamara Schwartzenruber, and Chris Bullock. See our next newsletter for details!

Where to find us:

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Check out our Google Group at: <http://groups.google.ca/group/vrti>

Have a peek at our blog: <http://transitionvictoria.wordpress.com/>