

Resilient Communities

green, smart
and sustainable

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Sustainable Living Festival www.cultivate.ie

Wednesday 26 May - Tuesday 1 June 2010

The 15th Convergence Festival

features talks, conferences, workshops and World Café discussions on how urban and rural communities can adapt and thrive in these uncertain times.

This festival brings together people from a wide variety of sectors to strategise on how we develop the resilience of our communities.

Collaborators:

Tipperary Institute, Carnegie Trust UK, Irish Development Education Association, RealEyes Sustainability Ltd, ESD Training Ltd., Sustainable Projects Ireland Ltd., Transition Ireland and Northern Ireland, Near 90FM, ECO-UNESCO and Re-Dress

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Wednesday 26th May

Global Communities: Ideas and Technology from the South

13.30 – 16.30 | €Free | Cultivate
Hosted by Irish Development Education Association and Cultivate with support from Trócaire

This event will take the form of a facilitated inquiry using a World Café format hosted by **Eimear McNally, IDEA** and **Davie Philip, Cultivate**. There will be a number of brief provocations to ignite the conversations from Cultivate, Trócaire, Trinity International Development Initiative and the Latin America Solidarity Centre.

Planning Our Retreat from Fossil Fuels: Exploring the Ramifications of Peak Oil

19.00 – 21.00 | €10 | Cultivate

John Gibbons leads a discussion with **Minister Eamon Ryan, David Korowicz** from FEASTA (The Foundation for the Economics of Sustainability) and ASPO Ireland Director, **Richard O'Rourke**, on the ramifications of Peak Oil and what we can and should be doing to prepare for it.



Thursday 27th May

Greening our Communities: An EPA Sponsored Green Communities Network Event

13.30 – 17.00 | €Free | Cultivate

The **Green Communities Network** is a joint initiative of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, the EPA and An Taisce to encourage the growth of green communities in Ireland.

What are the hallmarks of a green community? There may already be communities in Ireland that are well on their way to being 'green' and environmentally sustainable. This half day session will bring together community and environmental initiatives from around Ireland to enquire into what it means to be a 'green community' and explore strategies for our communities, in the broadest sense, to become green, smart and sustainable.

Home - A Film by Yann Arthus-Bertrand

18.30 - 20.30 | €Free-booking essential at homethemovie@re-dress.ie
Light House Cinema Smithfield

Home offers us unique footage from over fifty countries, all seen from the air, sharing the filmmaker's wonder and concern.

The Green New Deal from Below: Cooperative and Bottom-Up Opportunities of the Green Economy

20.00 – 21.30 | €10 / €5 | Cultivate

Gavin Harte, former National Director of An Taisce and founder of the eco-village in Cloughjordan facilitates a panel discussion into the potential for grassroots, community and cooperative approaches to a Green New Deal. Panelists include **Duncan Stewart**, broadcaster and environmental activist; **Ann Irwin**, the National Co-ordinator of the Community Workers Cooperative; **Ray Doyle** from ICOS, the umbrella organisation for co-operatives in Ireland; **Shirley Gallagher**, a social entrepreneur and manager of the Cleantech Network supporting SMEs in Ireland; and **Chris O'Leary**, a former Cork City Councillor with a background in cooperatives and community organising.

Rethinking the City

The Resilient City

How do we creatively transform our cities to be green, smart and sustainable?



Friday 28th May 2010

the
greenhouse

Formerly ENFO, St. Andrew St. D2

09.00 – 17.00 | www.cultivate.ie

€60 / €40 members | Includes light lunch

Bookings 01 674 5773

This conference brings together stakeholders from a wide variety of sectors for a radical rethink on how we can transform our cities in these challenging times.

What are the converging challenges facing our cities?

What actions and changes do we need to make to future proof our buildings, develop smarter transport systems, and heat and power our neighbourhoods?

How do we reduce our energy dependency, reduce carbon emissions and build resilience in our cities?

How do we motivate people to participate in addressing the ever more complex problems facing us today?

All of this requires a systemic and multi-disciplinary approach to enable the development of sustainability and resilience in our communities.

This Convergence conference brings the ideas and people together to explore how we do this.

Rethinking the City

Now in its seventh year, this annual conference helps move Ireland's urban environments towards sustainability.

Rethinking the City offers solutions for some of the most pressing issues of our time, including new visions for enterprise, transport, food, energy and building.

This day will feature short lectures, provocations and interactive 'café' discussions involving everyone.

Guests include:

John Gibbons, Michael Donnelly, Simon McGuinness, Brendan Halligan, Tony Carroll, Aideen O'Hara, Gavin Harte, Eve-Anne Cullinan, Bonnie Horseman, John Harrington, Niamh McDonald and David Engwicht

World Café

World Café is an innovative, yet simple, methodology for hosting conversations about questions that matter. These conversations link and build on each other as people move between groups, cross-pollinate ideas, and discover new insights into the questions or issues that are most important to them. See Cultivate's short video of World Café in action on YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Su_w9gYrtuk

Who Should Attend?

Change makers, urban designers, planners, traffic engineers, architects, city councilors, city development boards, civil servants, business leaders, property developers, environmental awareness and Local Agenda 21 officers, community organisations, and environmental NGOs



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The Creative City

People and Places: With David Engwicht - Creative Communities International

19.30 – 21.30 | €5 | Wood Quay Venue

Ever wondered what it might be like to live in a city that encourages people to reach their fullest creative potential? What would such a city look like? How would it feel to live in such a city? **David Engwicht**, artist, writer and street philosopher, unpacks what it takes for a city to become a creative city and why every resident has the power to make their city a place that nurtures the creativity of its residents.

The **Wood Quay Venue** is located in Dublin City Council Civic Offices in the heart of the city. The entrance to Wood Quay Venue is from the walkway directly behind the amphitheatre in the Civic Offices Park.

Sunday 30th May

The Resilience Tour: A Bus Trip from the Greenhouse to Cloughjordan Ecovillage & Back

10.00 – 19.00 | €50

This is an opportunity to visit and experience the **Cloughjordan Ecovillage**, one of Ireland's most exciting ecological projects. The ecovillage will include 130 homes, renewable energy for heating, land for growing food and trees, an enterprise centre, community buildings and a vibrant environment for living and working. The tour will be focused on the elements that can be replicated in any community or neighbourhood to strengthen its resilience. **The bus trip starts at the Greenhouse in Dublin** and the day features films on the bus, a presentation of the project, a tour of the ecovillage, a light lunch and is back in Dublin by 19.00.



Saturday 29th May

'A Day In Transition' From Oil Dependency to Local Resilience

11.00 – 18.30 | €10 - only 100 places | Cultivate

Hosted by Cultivate, Transition Ireland and Northern Ireland, ECO-UNESCO & Near90FM.

The Transition Towns concept is one of the big ideas of our time. The Transition approach is inspirational, harnessing hope instead of guilt and optimism instead of fear. The model involves communities coming together to find ways of dealing with the challenges we face together through the localising of food production, developing renewable energy sources, building with sustainable natural materials, reskilling and enhancing our local economies. This full day introduces what is being done in Ireland to make the transition.

11.00 Community Media with Near 90FM

11.00 Community Resilience

11.00 Creative Recycling: a workshop for 10 to 18 yr olds by ECO-UNESCO

13.00 Community Food

13.00 Community Energy: anaerobic digestion

13.00 Reskilling with Redress: basic alterations - buttons, seams and hems

15.00 Community Currencies: stories of Kenmare and Killkenny

15.00 **In Transition** film screening

15.00 Community Supported Agriculture: stories from North Tipperary and West Cork

17.00 Getting Into Transition: stories from around Ireland, training opportunities and details on how to set up a Transition initiative



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Monday 31st May

Cultivate and Tipperary Institute present...

Rethinking Education for a Sustainable Ireland

09.00 – 17.00 | €Free | Tipperary Institute, Thurles, Co Tipperary

- What are the models of education we need to meet the challenges of today?
- How do we transform our education system to help us move towards a sustainable Ireland?
- How can we ensure that learners and educators are equipped to deal with future shocks?

This conference brings educators, learners, state and civil society organisations together to:

- Challenge the dominant educational paradigm
- Explore the education needed for developing resilience and sustainability

- Highlight and promote innovative and successful approaches to learning

Who Should Attend?

Third-level, formal and non formal educators, learners, community organisations, state agencies and environmental NGOs and all those involved in creating personal and social change.

Supported by:

Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Comhar, the National Sustainable Development Council, Carnegie Trust UK, Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland

The Outcome from the day will be a draft declaration on sustainable education that the delegates can sign up to. This declaration will then be used to stimulate conversation, debate and ideas for change in the curriculum and the way education is delivered.

It is proposed that a 'guardian group' be established to develop this project and to pursue its implementation.



Reflecting on Resilience: An Ecumenical Gathering

20.00 – 21.30 | St Kieran's Hall, Cloughjordan

Our resilience can be described as our ability to deal with trauma, tragedy, and all kinds of threats. The more resilient we are the faster we bounce back from difficult experiences. The term 'resilience' is also widely used by ecologists and is defined as the ability of ecosystems to maintain themselves in the face of disturbance. Resilience from a community point of view refers to the capacity of a community to cope with stress, overcome adversity and adapt to change positively. The current economic and spiritual difficulties, along with the unprecedented floods and freeze that Ireland endured recently, highlight how unprepared we are to cope with any unexpected incidents and the level of our vulnerability.

Facilitated by **Professor Peadar Kirby**, this event brings a number of churches and faith groups together in Cloughjordan to explore the importance of nurturing resilience in these challenging times.

Featuring **Noirin Ni Riain**, theologian, musicologist and internationally acclaimed Irish spiritual singer; **Sean McDonagh**, Columban missionary priest and author; from Cloughjordan, **Rev. Brian Griffin**, the minister at the Methodist Church; **Fr. Tom Hannon**, a priest from the Catholic Church; and the **Reverend Stephen Neill**, Rector at the Church of Ireland.

Cultivate, Tipperary Institute, Sustainable
Projects Ireland Ltd. and Carnegie UK Trust Present...

Investing in Ourselves:

Realising Jobs and Capital for Communities



Tuesday 1st June 2010

**10.00 – 16.00 | €30 | St Kieran's Hall,
Cloughjordan | Bookings 01 674 5773**

10.00 Opening - Ciarán Lynch, Director of
Rural Development, Tipperary Institute

**10.05 From Vulnerability to Community
Resilience - Professor Peadar Kirby** of
University Of Limerick outlines our current
vulnerabilities and suggests how we could
develop the resilience of our communities

**10.10 Designing Financial Institutions for a
Shrinking Economy - Richard Douthwaite**
from FEASTA outlines possible options for
communities to invest in themselves.

**10.40 Development of Community Land
Trusts - Bob Paterson**, the co-founder of
Community Finance Solutions, the independent
research and development unit at the University
of Salford, outlines the advantages of developing
Community Land Trusts (CLTs). CLTs are
established in communities to acquire fixed
assets and then hold them in perpetuity for local
use.

11.10 Break

11.30 Discussion with the morning speakers

12.00 Case Studies

- The Ecovillage
- Sustainable Energy in Rural Village
Environments
- North Tipperary Green Enterprise Park

12.30 Lunch

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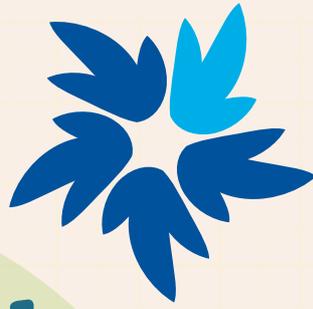
This event explores how to enhance
community assets and create jobs and
livelihoods in our localities. Topics
covered include social finance,
mutuality, cooperatives, community land
trusts, asset development, energy bonds
and other ways for communities to
invest in themselves and become
economically viable.

**14.00 Integrated Community Planning For
Rural Sustainability - Bridget Kirwan and
Catherine Corcoran** from Tipperary Institute
introduce the Institute's work on the Carnegie
Manifesto for Rural Communities

**14.15 Identifying, Utilising and Optimising
Community Assets - Dr Kate Braithwaite, MBE**
from Carnegie UK Trust outlines her experience
of resilient communities and gives an overview
of Carnegie's work in community asset
development, supporting dynamic local
economies and inspiring community innovation.

**14.45 The Launch of the Carnegie Manifesto
for Rural Communities**

15.15 Tour of the Cloughjordan EcoVillage
The ecovillage is a unique and innovative project
that is striving to create a fresh blueprint for
modern sustainable living.



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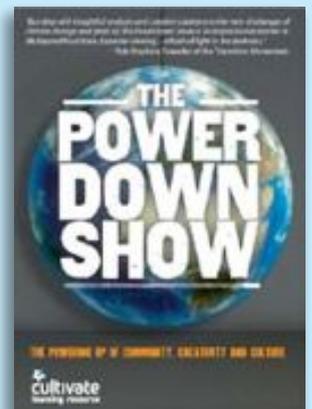
Tutors include: Graham Strouts, Kinsale College
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ture teacher. Plus additional facilitators and
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- Rob Hopkins, Founder of Transition

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