

12 Steps to Transition

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<http://transitiontowns.org/TransitionNetwork/TransitionPrimer>

Set up steering group to attain Steps 2-5.

Once minimum of 4 sub-groups formed, steering group reforms with one member from each sub-group.

Awareness raising.

Identify allies, build crucial networks and prepare community for launch of Transition initiative.

Lay foundations.

Network with existing groups and activists, making clear that Transition Initiative is designed to incorporate their previous efforts and future inputs by looking at the future in a new way.

Organize Great Unleashing.

Create a memorable milestone to mark project's coming-of-age, move it into the larger community, build momentum to propel initiative forward and celebrate community's power to affect change.

Form working groups.

Integral to developing an Energy Descent Action Plan is tapping into the genius of the community. These groups each focusing on specific issues under the umbrella of the project may address food, waste, energy, education, youth, economics, transport, water, local government.

Use Open Space.

Open Space Technology is a highly effective approach to running meetings for Transition Initiative. A large number of people come together to explore a particular issue with no agenda, no timetable, no obvious coordinator and no minute takers. By the end of the meeting everyone has said what they needed to, extensive notes have been taken.

<http://www.transitiontowns.org>
<http://transitionus.ning.com>
<http://ecolocity.ning.com>

Develop visible practical manifestation of the project.

You need to create practical high visibility manifestations in your community. These will significantly enhance people's perceptions of the project and their willingness to participate.

Facilitate the Great Reskilling.

To respond to Peak Oil and Climate Change by powering down and relocalizing our communities, we'll need many of the life skills our grandparents took for granted. Some skills we may regain are cooking, bicycle maintenance, natural building, weaving, bee-keeping, brewing, canning, hand-laundrying, etc.

Build a Bridge to Local Government.

No matter how well-conceived your plans, you will not progress very far without the cooperation of your authorities. It is best to have them on board at the outset. When regulations and legislature need to be introduced or amended they will already be on your side.

Honor the elders.

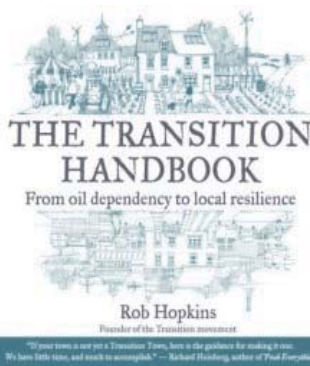
It's hard to imagine a life with less oil and the energy we've come to take for granted. Those born before 1950 know what it was like and we can learn much from them.

Let it go where it wants.

Holding to a rigid vision will sap your energy and end up frustrating you. Your role is not to come up with all the answers but to act as a catalyst for the community to design their own transition. The collective genius and wisdom of the community will enable a feasible, practical and highly inventive solution to emerge.

Create an Energy Descent Action Plan.

Combine the efforts of the working group to form the basis of the EDAP, building on current and potential community resources, establishing a timeline that relies on community resilience indicators.



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