

7. What's Next



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7.1 WHAT'S NEXT?

You're done!

Congratulations!

You have now completed the Transition Streets program. This session is all about evaluating and celebrating your achievements, and deciding whether your group wishes to continue working together.

There are a number of optional workshops and activities that you may want to try, or you may already have formed your own plans about the next steps for your group: for example, going through the sessions again and picking up some new actions, exploring some of the advanced options presented at the end of some of the chapters, or sharing skills with each other (canning, composting, gardening, etc.).

If you decide to continue (and we sincerely hope you do), then it's probably helpful for you to agree on the purpose of the group moving forward, how often you will meet, and so on.

It may be useful to plan another seven sessions and then have another evaluation, rather than agreeing to an indefinite program.

You may wish to get more involved in other community activities that reduce our fossil fuel dependence and build resilient communities, such as the Transition Movement. More information is provided later in this section.

The following pages cover:

- Final evaluation (7.2)
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- Next Steps (7.5)
- Celebrate!



Photo of Transition Culver City Bike Parade, courtesy of Transition Culver City, CA

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7.2 FINAL EVALUATION

How did you do?

Please complete the “after” section of the evaluation form that you started at the beginning of your very first session. We hope you will clearly see your progress as you add up the number of actions you have completed and which are still in progress (some of which might already have been underway before you started Transition Streets).

Also, please complete the feedback section at the end of the evaluation form to let us know what you liked and what you didn’t like about the program. We are keeping track of the overall impact of the program and will use the evaluation forms to continue improving and providing support for Transition Streets.

Please collect all the completed evaluation forms and send them to the Transition US office at PO Box 917, Sebastopol, CA 95473. Thank you!

Transition Streets Evaluation Form

PLEASE COMPLETE THE BLUE COLUMNS AT THE START OF THE PROGRAM (first session):					AND THE GREEN ONES AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM (last session):				
1.	What do you hope to gain from being part of Transition Streets (please list up to 3 things):				Did you meet your objectives (e.g. all, most, some, none):				
	In this section, please rate the following statements:	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
2.	I feel positive about the future.	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
3.	I feel that a strong sense of community is important in these uncertain times.	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
4.	I feel connected to, and a part of, my local community.	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

Your stories

Would you like to write a success story about your group? Would you be willing to supply a quote about your experiences of doing the project? We put these on the Transition US website and use them to inform others about the benefits of Transition Streets. If you are willing to share, please call or email us with your story or quote.

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7.3 ABOUT TRANSITION

About Transition

Transition US is a national hub for the international Transition Movement, a grassroots network of communities around the world who are taking action to make the transition away from oil dependence and vulnerability toward local self-reliance and environmental sustainability.

Inspired by the first Transition Town in Totnes, UK, the Transition Movement has spread to more than 50 countries. In the US, more than 164 official Transition Towns have formed and new groups start all the time.

We believe that, if properly designed and planned for, our communities can use fewer resources and become more resilient in the face of ecological and economic instability, while maintaining and even enhancing our quality of life.

We are living at a pivotal moment in history when we need to explore new (and old) ways to strengthen our communities while taking responsibility for our impact on the planet. While the task is serious, our approach is fun and welcoming. Whether you are a doer or a thinker, a farmer or a banker, a mom or a dad, a senior or a youngster, there are plenty of ways you can be involved.

Every Transition Initiative is unique. Groups often choose to undertake projects that involve local food, local business, renewable energy, housing, education, transportation, health and well-being, emotional support, and more. See 7.4 for additional resources and information on how to get involved in Transition.



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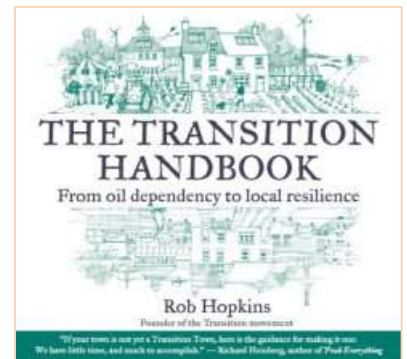
7.4 ABOUT TRANSITION

Would you like to be a part of one of the most exciting movements in modern times, at one of the most important moments in history? Would you like to continue to be a part of a process that strengthens and builds a friendly, vibrant community and enhances our quality of life? Give Transition a try!

Learn more

To learn more about Transition:

- Visit the Transition US and Transition Network websites (www.transitionus.org and www.transitionnetwork.org).
- Pick up *The Transition Handbook, The Essential Guide to Doing Transition*, or *The Power of Just Doing Stuff*, books by Transition founder Rob Hopkins.*
- Watch “In Transition 2.0,” a documentary film featuring stories of Transition groups around the world (DVD and free download available at www.transitionus.org).
- Sign up for the Transition US newsletter (at www.transitionus.org), to receive stories and resources from local Transition Initiatives across the US straight to your inbox.



Trainings

Transition LAUNCH



Transition LAUNCH Training: Albuquerque, New Mexico April 18-19, 2012. Good choice & resource!

Transition LAUNCH is a in-depth experiential introduction to the ideas, practices and practices that have empowered thousands of people and catalyzed a global Transition network.

Effective Groups



Effective Groups is a dynamic and engaging 2-day skills building training for individuals and teams which



Urban Farming, Trade Skills and Stories of 'Crop Sprinklers'. New York Times article on crop usage highlights Richmond Nevada (CA) Transition Initiative.



Responding to the Prison Industrial Complex with Permaculture and Resilience. Rob Hopkins' interview: Transition US Board Member Federico Thomas about Pathways to Resilience.



To get involved in Transition:

- Find out if there is already a local Transition group in your area: visit www.transitionus.org/initiatives-map, or email info@transitionus.org.
- If there's not already a local group, consider starting one. You can sign up as a “mulling” group (email info@transitionus.org for more info). You can also host a Transition LAUNCH training to jump-start Transition in your area (learn more at <http://transitionus.org/training/transition-launch>).

Get involved

**The Transition Handbook* and *The Essential Guide* are available in hard copy by searching online, or you can download free (edited) pdf version at <http://www.transitionus.org/transition-handbook>.

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7.5 YOUR NEXT STEPS

Where to now?

Think about and discuss where you will go from here, either on your own or with some or all of your group. Will you:

- Continue to complete the basic actions?
- Come up with new actions?
- Get more involved with Transition or other local community groups?
- Engage your local government around sustainability issues?
- Develop an emergency preparedness plan for your neighborhood?
- Tell your friends about Transition Streets?
- Start a Transition Initiative in your community?

For additional resources and inspiration, check out the *Guide to Building Thriving, Resilient Communities* at: www.resilience.org/communities-guide

Mentor

Would you like to become a Transition Streets mentor? Now you know what it's all about, you could help another group to get started and to get the most from the program. This is a great way to give back to your local community. Please contact us to find out more.

Celebrate!

And now – celebrate what you've already achieved with your group!

Celebration is an important part of Transition. Our task is great, and we will always have more to do and more to learn. It's important to take the time to celebrate accomplishments along the way! Regardless of what you decide to do next, your participation in Transition Streets—the actions you've taken, the bigger-picture context you've gained, and the time you've spent getting to know your neighbors—is well worth celebrating.



The end

(of the beginning of your journey, we hope!)



Thanks for your participation, we hope you've enjoyed it!



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