

I think the challenge we face at this moment is pretty simple. We just need to completely transform our economy, our technology, our system of agriculture, our food system and the governance systems that go with it - and we needed to have done this all 10 years ago!

Transition Town Initiatives

- "Scalable microcosms of hope"
- Jeremy Leggett

4 Assumptions:

- Life with dramatically lower energy consumption is inevitable, and that it's better to plan for it...
 - Our settlements and communities presently lack the resilience to enable them to weather the severe energy shocks that will accompany peak oil.
 - We have to act collectively, and we have to act now.
 - By unleashing the collective genius of those around us to creatively and proactively design our energy descent, we can build ways of living that are more connected, more enriching and that recognise the biological limits of our planet.
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The Principles are:

- Positive vision for the future (for not against)
 - Inclusion (beyond the 'usual suspects')
 - Awareness raising (doing the job of the media)
 - Building resilience (while reducing carbon footprint)
 - Psychological insights (beyond powerlessness, overwhelm and isolation)
 - Credible & appropriate solutions (beyond light bulbs)
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Where are we now?

- October last year at the Eco Show
 - An email group
 - A Wiki
 - A social networking site
 - Over 40 towns across Aotearoa
 - TT Training
 - Networking, Support, Action on the ground
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On the ground

- Awareness raising events (transitiontowns.org.nz)
 - Projects on Waiheke
 - Awareness Raising
 - Public Orchard & 4 Community Gardens
 - Energy partnership with Right House
 - Community Transport plans
 - Open Space gathering on food
 - The Big in Tent Festival
 - Stream restoration as a foundation...
 - We need examples (Holmgren)
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*We are going to transition...
it's going to happen anyway.*

- We can imagine all kinds of outcomes.
- But we don't know what the future will look like.
- Our experience is defined by our imagination, our thoughts, words, deeds, fears, hopes, desires - and our silence.

*Your imagination is the
preview to life's coming
attractions*

- Albert Einstein
