

## **Programme**

### **Alternatives to Economic Growth**

**A One-day Conference with  
Tony Juniper, Molly Scott-Cato,  
Miriam Kennett and Rupert Read**

**Saturday, 18th February 2012,  
Centre at St Paul's, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1JP**

*An underlying question to much of today's political agenda is "How can we get back to Economic Growth as soon as possible?". Yet economic growth does not take into consideration finite natural resources, social justice and individual wellbeing.*

*How can we escape the dependency of a system based on continuous economic growth? What alternatives are there? How can alternatives be implemented and given the priority they need in our crowded social and political agendas?*

*This "Ideas Day" will bring together prominent speakers and activists who have addressed these issues constructively from a sustainable point of view; as well as a range of individuals and groups who are developing and implementing practical alternatives.*

*Our intention is that this day will stimulate thought and action amongst sustainability and green activists in and around Cambridge and the Eastern Region, leading to an intensification of appropriate economic, social and political change, locally, regionally and nationally.*

#### **MORNING - The Great Challenges**

**10.00 - 10.20. Welcome, Introductions and Keynote Speech - Tony Juniper**

**10.20 - 10.40 "The Green Party case for challenging Economic Growth" - Rupert Read,  
Eastern Region Green Party Co-ordinator and University of East Anglia.**

**10.40 - 11.10 "Key Features of our current economic system and what needs to change"  
- Miriam Kennett, Green Economics Institute, and University of Oxford**

**11.10 – 12.00 Open Café and Local Initiatives Exhibitions**

**12.00 - 12.30 "The Great Transition" - A new Framework for Economic Policy and action  
- A voice from the New Economics Foundation**

**12.30 - 1.00. Panel Discussion with the morning's speakers**

**LUNCH**

## ***AFTERNOON - Alternatives and Initiatives for economic resilience***

The morning session has given us a context for change, with ideas from leading progressive thinkers. This afternoon we will explore the solutions that can grow in our own communities.

Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon.

- 2.00 – 2.30 “The Economics of Happiness” - Molly Scott Cato,  
University of Cardiff and Green Party spokesperson on economic policy***
- 2.30 – 2.45 A Briefing on the Open Space session to come***
- 2.45 - 3.30 Breakout! - Move around and gather inspiration from the local initiatives***
- 3.30 – 4.10 The Open Space Experience - creative conversations and golden nuggets***
- 4.10 - 4.30 Feedback and Findings***
- 4.30 - 5.00 Final Discussion***
- 5.00- 5.15 Summing Up and Conclusion - Tony Juniper / Rupert Read***

***We are not alone in the search for Alternatives***