



TRANSITION TOWN TRAINING

April 4 and 5, 2009 ~ La Placita Village, Tucson

Workshop Description: This two-day workshop is designed to provide a detailed introduction to the most important skills necessary to successfully set up, develop, and run a Transition project in Tucson or any other locality. It is designed for people who are already in a group that is working to achieve this or who are thinking of creating such a group.

The training comes out of the community experience of Totnes, England, a town leading an expanding worldwide network of communities desiring to lessen their dependence on fossil fuels and to create more resiliency to withstand the economic and ecological shocks coming from our outworn industrial-growth economic system. The Transition Town organization just recently merged with the Post Carbon Institute and thus is becoming one of the most important sources of education and guidance for communities worldwide that are preparing to transition to more localized and sustainable economies.

At the end of the course, participants will:

- ◆ Have a clear understanding of the current global context for transition arising from climate change and peak oil and gas
- ◆ Understand the Transition Town model
- ◆ Have experiences of joint visioning, using Open Space, and organizing effective meetings
- ◆ Understand the purpose and principles of an Energy Descent Plan
- ◆ Have the outline of an effective and inspiring talk on Transition Towns
- ◆ Have an initial plan of action for themselves and their community

Who should attend: Those wanting to take on leadership roles within Sustainable Tucson's present planning initiative and other sustainability projects—students, educators, activists, community organizers, concerned citizens, permaculture and sustainability practitioners, green economy activists, etc.

Facilitators:

Sarah Anne Edwards, LCSW and PhD, is an ecopsychologist and founder of Let's Live Local, a nonprofit organization working to build local resiliency and sustainability in the mountain village of Pine Mountain Club, CA. Along with husband Paul, Sarah has written 17 books on career and lifestyle change. Her background includes training and consulting with a wide variety of private, nonprofit, and government organizations.

Bill Aal is deeply involved in social and environmental justice work with a particular focus on agricultural sustainability and social healing. Versed in opening the imagination, awakening people's best thinking and inspiring group transformation, Bill works with group reflection to unleash collective genius in organizational settings. He co-founded Riseup.net to build computer-based communications networks for activists.

Registration: Program fee is \$220. Those who register by March 13 are eligible for a \$20 discount, for a fee of \$200. Register soon, as space is limited to 30 people. A \$50 deposit will hold your place, with the balance due by March 27. (You also have the option to pay the full fee when you register.) **Use this link for a downloadable registration form:** <http://www.sustainabletucson.org/2009/02/26/registration-for-the-transition-town-training-april-45/>

Please make your deposit check out to: NEST, Inc.

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Please send your check, along with a registration form, to: Kira Freed, 4500 E. Sunrise Dr., #D-6, Tucson, AZ 85718
When your deposit/fee has been received, you'll receive an e-mail confirmation letter with directions to the training site.

Questions: Contact Linda Ellinor at (707) 217-6675 or lEllinor@q.com

Complimentary coffee and continental breakfast will be available in the morning. We ask that you bring your own lunch (sorry, no fridge space) or let us know when you reserve your space if you would like us to supply you with a box lunch for \$10/day.