

POSITIVE ENERGY 2

BUILDING BIOREGIONAL RESILIENCE



"A crisis is a terrible thing to waste..."

Hazel Henderson,
green economist

**A One-Week Conference at
THE FINDHORN FOUNDATION, Scotland
3 – 9 October 2009**

"Finally, the generation that moved from producer to consumer, broke its connection with the land and found by doing so that life was lonelier, less fulfilling and less nourishing, has a mission. That mission, should we accept it, could be the making of us, revealing a resourcefulness and ingenuity we never would have believed possible."

Rob Hopkins, Transition Network,
author of 'The Transition Handbook'

THE CONFERENCE



As crises converge from all sides, it is clear that our economic system cannot be sustained. The time for building more resilient and bioregionally-based systems is now!



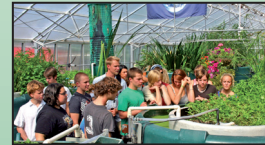
Building on the success of the 2008 conference *Positive Energy: Creative Community Responses to Peak Oil and Climate Change*, **Positive Energy 2: Building Bioregional Resilience** brings together pioneers who have been developing tangible and replicable models for community economic resilience over many years.



This is a conference that will engage head, heart and hands. We will explore experientially how to awaken and heighten our sensitivity to the specificities of our own distinct places. Lectures, workshops, debates and open space sessions through the week will explore how in practical ways we can build resilience back into our communities and economies.

THE VENUE

The conference will take place at the Findhorn Foundation ecovillage in the north of Scotland. A recent study found that the Findhorn ecovillage has the lowest ecological footprint ever recorded for any settlement in the industrialised world. It has its own community currency and bank, the UK's oldest organic CSA box-scheme, the UK's first Living Machine sewage treatment system and a large number of innovative ecological houses built in various styles. The ecovillage is a net exporter of electricity from its 750 kilowatt-capacity wind-park.



BOOKING INFORMATION

If booked before 1 July 2009: £525/£675/£805 (low–high income)
Bookings from 1 July 2009: £575/£625/£855 (low–high income)
Contact: bookings@findhorn.org (Scottish charity number SC007233)

"This conference helped me to come to terms with my emotions about the world situation by helping to clear out my mind, body, and spirit. By dealing with my fear, sadness, and guilt I now no longer have that ball and chain that at times prevented me from engaging the problems of the world with 100% effort."

Jordan Chablowski, participant of the first Positive Energy conference

THE PRESENTERS



Richard Olivier is the founding voice of *Mythodrama* – a new form of experiential learning – which combines classic stories with psychological insights, creative exercises and organizational development techniques to explore issues faced by modern leaders.



David Whyte is a poet with a highly refined bioregional sensitivity. Using poetry and thoughtful commentary, he illustrates how we can foster qualities of courage and engagement that will be needed to face the challenges ahead.



Rob Hopkins is founder of *Transition Towns*, an international movement of citizen-led sustainability initiatives that seek to increase community resilience in the face of peak oil and climate change.



Judy Wicks is founder of Philadelphia's celebrated *White Dog Café*, co-founder of the *Business Alliance for Local Living Economies* (BALLE) and recipient of countless awards for her business achievements and social action.



Peter Harper is Head of Research and Innovation at the *Centre for Alternative Technology*. CAT has been a leading player in the Ecodyfi initiative that is promoting social and economic regeneration in the Dyfi Valley in mid-Wales. Peter is co-author of the CAT report, *ZeroCarbon Britain*.



Caroline Lucas (by video link) is leader of the Green Party of England & Wales and Member of the European Parliament. She is a tireless advocate of more sustainable and equitable locally-based economic systems.



Richard Heinberg (by video link) is widely regarded as one of the world's foremost commentators and educators on Peak oil and climate change. He is Senior Fellow of the *Post-Carbon Institute*.



Pooran Desai (by video link) is Co-founder of the *Bio-Regional Development Group*, an environmental organisation based in London, which develops practical solutions for sustainable living, including the development of locally-based enterprise in forestry, farming and recycling.

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