



## **Please join us for a Training for Transition Workshop:** *exploring lessons and approaches to strengthen community resilience*

**Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 – 4:30 pm both days  
Reynolds High School, Victoria BC  
3963 Borden Street, Room 212**

### **Transition Towns Movement**

Transition Towns (TT) was initiated over four years ago in Totnes, U.K. so whole communities could take action and adapt their lives to peak oil and climate change. The movement has spread very quickly around the globe. After 4 years of learning in Totnes, the founders and others formed Transition UK as a network to support TT initiatives and training. There is also a Transition US Network formed in December of 2008. Peterborough, Guelph and Dundas, Ontario, and Victoria and Nelson, BC are the first five designated Transition Towns in Canada. There are BC groups we know of in Cranbrook, Powell River, Port Alberni, Abbotsford, Vancouver and Saltspring Island. It is here to stay.



### **Victoria Region Transition Initiative**

Victoria Transition group is pleased to be hosting this workshop as part of a series of events and activities beginning this fall. Our goal is to find ways to support existing, and encourage new, activities that all contribute to the transition of the Victoria region to a powered down, sustainable future. These activities will include; film screenings, public discussions on topics including regional food sovereignty, a neighbourhood street-fest, a visioning workshop, participation in the International Climate Day of Action on October 24<sup>th</sup>, and more. We welcome new members at all levels of involvement!  
([transitiontowns.org/VictoriaBC](http://transitiontowns.org/VictoriaBC))

### **Training for Transition Workshop**

This two day workshop is intended to introduce and allow for practice of skills required to initiate the very successful "Transition Town" model of local response to global challenges. Learn how to: initiate a transition group in your community; build awareness of peak oil, climate change and economic instability; and engage citizens from all walks of life in neighbourhood or community projects. This is a very full two days of learning. From the practical (organizing Open Space sessions and planning awareness activities) to the theoretical (principles of resilience and theories of change), you will leave the session better equipped to offer transition leadership in the place you call home.

## Course Objectives Include:

- understanding the context for transition;
- understanding the Transition Towns model as it has evolved so far – from inspiration to working groups;
- gaining knowledge of the main steps of transition;
- working out a plan of action for yourself and your community;
- understanding the inner and outer aspects of transition;
- having the elements of an inspiring talk on Transition Towns and
- enabling educators to share transition concepts and actions with their students.

## Who Should Attend

The workshop is for anyone interested in strengthening a *community wide response* to the converging trends of fossil fuel dependence, climate change and economic instability. The leaders of the Village Vancouver movement in B.C. have found real value in the workshop, as have participants from the permaculture, environment, education and eco village fields. Likewise, participants who are just starting to think about these issues – municipal staff, elected officials, and neighbourhood associations – have rated the workshop very highly. Ideally you will come with at least one other person from your organization or community.

**Registration: email this page to: [mcolussi@telus.net](mailto:mcolussi@telus.net)**

Name:

Organization or group if relevant:

Phone:

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How did you hear about the workshop:

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The workshop fee includes materials and refreshments. Please bring a memory stick to load the files onto.

Lunch is “on your own” both days. There are a number of café’s within a short walk of the school, or bring your own bag lunch.

Make cheques payable to: Canadian Centre for Community Renewal

Mail cheques to: PO Box 1161, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M1 (include a copy of this reg. form)

**Contact Michelle at: 250-595-8874 or [mcolussi@telus.net](mailto:mcolussi@telus.net) for more information about the workshop or if you are interested in [billet or accommodation](#) information.**