

Transition News #26

Transition Nelson Update

Over the last 12 months Mary Curnow at the Nelson Environment Centre has provided Transition Nelson with 4 hours per week in admin support, maintaining the website, database, supporting the groups, helping organise events and putting out a monthly newsletter.

Unfortunately from 12 July 2010, the Nelson Environment Centre will be reducing its input into Transition Nelson further and providing only the most basic level of admin support. However, this should be sufficient to keep Transition Nelson ticking along. Elizabeth Hovell will be adding Transition Nelson support to her role from 12 July 2010 and will be available to update the website as required and answer emails. Unfortunately there will no longer be any capacity to put together a monthly newsletter, organise events or provide support to individual groups. If someone would like to volunteer to help in this area, that would be fantastic!! Please let Elizabeth know on info@transitionnelson.org.nz or 03 545 9176 ext 0.

The Transition Nelson Advisory Group will continue to meet as and when required, and send out updates from time to time. You will soon start receiving "EcoEvents" (if you don't already), a weekly email listing all the environmental events coming up in the region which is put together by the Nelson Environment Centre. This will keep you up to date with Transition related activities in the local area. For information about Transition elsewhere in NZ go to www.transitiontowns.org.nz.

NCC & TDC Business Waste Survey

Nelson City and Tasman District Councils are asking all businesses in the region to complete a new short survey. The survey, prepared by Waste Education Services, asks how businesses in the region dispose of their waste; what is reused or recycled and where improvements in waste services could be made.

The survey is available on line at <http://tinyurl.com/wastesurvey> and businesses are asked to complete it by 31st July 2010. Those who complete that survey could be in with a chance to win \$200 from Office Max.

For further information, contact Mary Curnow at Waste Education Services on 03 545 9176 ext 3 or email marycurnow@nec.org.nz.

Generation 2020

Generation 2020 is a community of young people (14+) who care about the world we live in and want to do things better!

Founded by the Nelson Environment Centre, www.generation2020.org.nz enables young people in and around Nelson to come together and talk about the environmental issues that concern them. It provides a platform for open discussion and awareness raising that will lead to positive action for change.

Generation2020.org.nz is now live and ready for action – so all we need now is for young people to get busy and start using it!

Ecofest Eco Challenge – Eat local!

This year Ecofest, one of the biggest events for environmentally friendly products, services and messages in NZ, takes place on 21 and 22 August at the Trafalgar Centre, Nelson. For the month prior to Ecofest (from Friday 16 July 2010 – Friday 20 August 2010) the challenge is to ONLY eat and drink produce grown, baked, made or produced within the Top of the South.

To launch the food challenge, a Pot Luck dinner is taking place at the Granary, Founder's Park on Friday 16th July 2010. For further information about this event, have a look at the Events section below.

For more information about Ecofest and the local food eco challenge visit the Ecofest website at www.ecofestnelsontasman.co.nz or listen to the Breakfast Show Monday-Friday on Classic Hits 89.8FM with Kent and Radar. You can also go to your local library to look at the Eco Challenge displays or share your ideas and inspiration with everyone via the 'Ecofest Nelson Tasman' Facebook page at www.facebook.com.

AVAAZ – Global online advocacy community

Avaaz.org is a new global online advocacy community that brings people-powered politics to global decision-making.

Avaaz—meaning "voice" in several European, Middle Eastern and Asian languages—was launched in January 2007 with a simple democratic mission: organize citizens everywhere to help close the gap between the world we have and the world most people want.

In 3 years, Avaaz has grown to 5.5 million members from every country on earth, becoming the largest global web movement in history. Avaaz empowers its members to take action on pressing issues of international concern, from global poverty to the crises in the Middle East to climate change. Its model of internet organising allows thousands of individual e-efforts, however small, to be rapidly combined into a powerful collective force.

For more information, visit www.avaaz.org

Power Prize up for grabs

Nelson residents can win a \$10,000 energy efficiency home makeover in a competition launched by the Electricity Commission's RightLight.govt.nz campaign. It is part of the commission's drive to promote the use of energy efficient light bulbs. Entrants to the national

draw need to buy any three of the bulbs before 31 July 2010. The competition includes a weekly prize draw of \$500 worth of energy efficient light bulbs and fittings. The public can enter by visiting <http://www.rightlight.govt.nz/>.

EVENTS IN BRIEF

Mining & other critical environmental issues – Keving Hague, Green Party MP

Tues 13 July 2010 at Motueka Community House (Deck's Reserve)

Kevin Hague, Green Party MP will meet with the public to discuss a range of environmental issues affecting the region and wider NZ community.

Ecofest Eco Challenge Launch – Pot Luck Dinner

Fri 16 July 2010 at The Granary, Founders Heritage Park

The official launch of the Ecofest Eco Challenge is a pot-luck dinner evening with musical entertainment by Don Manunui.

Cultivating Sustainability Workshop – Behaviour Change

Tues 3 August (at a location yet to be confirmed), a one-day workshop will be taking place that provides environmental sustainability advocates with insights, models and tools to trigger the psychological drivers of environmentally sustainable behaviour.

EVENTS IN DETAIL

Mining & other critical environmental issues: a discussion with Ken Hague, Green Party MP – Tues 13 July 2010, 7.00pm at the Motueka Community House (Decks Reserve)

Come and meet with Kevin Hague to discuss a range of environmental issues that are affecting the Nelson-Tasman region and wider NZ community. For further information contact Joanna Plows on 03 545 9284 or greenmps.nelson@parliament.govt.nz

Ecofest Eco Challenge Launch: Pot-Luck Dinner – Fri 16 July 2010, 6.00pm – 8.00pm at The Granary, Founders Heritage Park, Nelson

To launch the Ecofest Eco Challenge officially, there will be a pot-luck dinner evening, with musical entertainment by Don Manunui, a bar and spot prizes!

The Eco Challenge is all about eating LOCAL for the month before Ecofest (16 July 2010 – 20 August 2010). Come along, bring an ALL LOCAL pot luck contribution and don't forget to bring your own plates/bowls/cutlery. You'll be surprised at how easy it is to go ALL LOCAL. Check out Fresh Choice Nelson City and Fresh Choice Richmond for their LOCAL signage, making it really easy to find all the LOCAL food and drink to support.

For further information, please see the Ecofest website: www.ecofestnelsontasman.co.nz and click on the Eco Challenge logo.

Cultivating Sustainability Workshop – Behaviour Change, Training for Sustainability Advocates – Tues 3 August, location (tbc)

Cultivating Sustainability is a one-day workshop that provides environmental sustainability advocates with insights, models and tools to trigger the psychological drivers of environmentally sustainable behaviour. This workshop will assist you to:

- Understand the psychological drivers of environmentally sustainable behaviour
- Identify the specific needs of your target audience in order to embrace sustainability
- Target your efforts and resources to the points of most leverage
- Incorporate psychological principles to your sustainability programmes
- Communicate about sustainability more

Anybody who has taken on the challenge of influencing others to live and work more sustainably will find this workshop a valuable addition to their skills.

Presented by Tim Cotter, a psychologist specializing in behaviour change in an organizational and environmental context, Tim provides consulting and training to groups and organizations seeking to develop sustainable behaviours.

Cost: For-profits \$250; Not-for-profit/Government \$200; Individuals/Community Groups \$120

For more information and registration, see <http://www.awake.co.au/cultivating.html>

To discuss this workshop further, email timc@awake.co.au