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CONVERGENCE

**Resilient
Communities**
green, smart
and sustainable

Global Communities

Ideas and Technology from the South

Wednesday 26th May

**13.30 – 16.30 | €Free but spaces are limited | Bookings & Info 01 674 5773
The Greenhouse, St. Andrew Street,
Dublin 2**

**Hosted by Irish Development
Education Association and Cultivate
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Idea sharing and technology transfer have often been focused on what the South can learn from the North. This has led to one-dimensional models of development that helped foster the worldwide economic, climate and energy crises. A more diverse and reciprocal sharing is needed if we are to overcome the challenges ahead. There is a wealth of knowledge and techniques accumulated in the global South in relation to coping and adaptation strategies that are now relevant to communities focused on sustainability both North and South. At this event our particular focus is on equitable and reciprocal learning exchanges that help build our ability to withstand shocks to our systems through the use of appropriate technologies and community organisation techniques.

This event takes the form of a facilitated inquiry using a World Café format hosted by Eimear McNally (IDEA) and Davie Philip (Cultivate).

This event is part of...

CONVERGENCE
Sustainable Living Festival www.cultivate.ie

Wednesday 26 May - Tuesday 1 June 2010

This Convergence is the 15th such gathering of people from all walks of life and sectors of society to advance sustainable solutions. The host of the event, Cultivate, is one of the foremost NGOs in Ireland providing access to the knowledge and tools to cultivate sustainable lifestyles and resilient communities.


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Who Should Attend?

Development workers, disaster/ emergency relief workers, researchers, climate activists, Transition initiatives, community workers, appropriate technology advocates, development educators, and anyone interested in coping and adaptation strategies.

World Café

World Café is an innovative, yet simple, methodology for hosting conversations about questions that matter. These conversations link and build on each other as people move between groups, cross-pollinate ideas, and discover new insights into the questions or issues that are most important to them. See Cultivate's short video of World Café in action on YouTube:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=Su_w9gYrtuk

Further information



There will be a number of brief provocations to ignite the conversations. These will be provided by:

Trish Groves, Campaigns Officer of Trocaire: Community-based water management and earthquake-proof building in Central America

Sharon Jackson, independent researcher and co-founder of the Trinity International Development Initiative: Community organisation, health and climate justice in Africa

Ben Whelan, co-founder of Sustainable Ireland Cooperative and Managing Director of Cultivate: Local resilience in Ireland, the Transition movement and adapting appropriate technology

Laurence Gill, Researcher from Trinity College Dublin in civil, structural and environmental engineering, and coordinator of a solar disinfection of drinking water project

The Latin American Solidarity Centre: Food sovereignty and community organising techniques

Questions that we will explore during the event:

What can we learn from communities in the Global South about adapting to the impact of climate change?

What ideas and techniques can we learn from communities in the South used to working within constrained energy and economic circumstances?

How do we adapt these lessons to our own contexts?

How do we negotiate the learning relationship between Global North and South?

What kind of reciprocal partnerships can we build with Global South communities?

What are the implications of building learning partnerships with communities from the Global South?

See www.cultivate.ie for details on these and other Convergence events...

Planning Our Retreat from Fossil Fuels
Exploring the Ramifications of Peak Oil
Wednesday 26th May
19.00 – 21.00 | €10 | Cultivate

The Green New Deal from Below
Cooperative and Bottom-Up
Opportunities of the Green Economy
Thursday 27th May
20.00 – 21.30 | €10 / €5 | Cultivate

The Resilience Tour
A Bus Trip from the Greenhouse to Cloughjordan
Ecovillage & Back
Sunday 30th May
10.00 – 19.00 | €50

Visit the Cloughjordan Ecovillage, one of Ireland's most exciting ecological projects. The tour will be focused on the elements that can be replicated in any community or neighbourhood to strengthen its resilience. The bus trip starts at the Greenhouse in Dublin and the day features films on the bus, a presentation of the project, a tour of the ecovillage, a light lunch and is back in Dublin by 19.00.