

A Global Transition Plan

- a starting point

First Draft (please add your ideas through the comments)

Introduction

This “plan” is crystallizing around the recognition that most of the cultural and ecological problems that we face are inherently systemic. Therefore, for people to find a harmonious balance within ourselves, each other, and our natural environment, will require a fundamental re-design of all our social systems. Fortunately, through movements such as Transition Towns and the political and economic reform that is happening in Iceland, Ecuador and Costa Rica, we now have living examples of how large groups of people can progressively and effectively change our ways to create systems that actually reflect our values and aspirations - all while building vibrant and resilient communities and honouring the rights of Nature.

Today, as climate change becomes an international concern, spurred by books like *This Changes Everything* by Naomi Klein, we are witnessing a growing understanding of the relationship between our ecological (and social) degradation and our economic system. At most demonstrations these days we consistently see banners that say “*Let’s Change the System - Not the Climate*” and “*To Change Everything It Will Take Everyone*.” These two slogans essentially sum up the primary objective, or “meta-driver” for United Earth. To realise an endeavour as colossal as re-designing our social systems that have become deeply encrusted into our way of life, it will surely require a monumental collaborative effort that transcends all cultural, spiritual, political and economic boundaries.

And it all begins with unity. This is an invitation for all humanity to intentionally come together around the purpose of “changing everything” - which essentially means, building a peaceful, just, healthy and abundant world for everyone. The United Earth vision emerges through the foresight that when a significant proportion of all the people and groups, who are creating a better world, will unite for a shared purpose, it will inspire a wave of unification throughout all the groups and movements creating the more beautiful world. From there, our collective message of intelligent cultural reform, that highlights numerous ecological solutions and alternative economic and political models, will spread across the planet igniting the hearts and imaginations of millions of people who can see the system isn’t serving our welfare or that of the planet.

By walking the path we make it visible for others.

- Chief Phil Lane Jr.

United Earth is just being born. Our family of intentional unifiers and collaborators is still incomparably small to what it will soon become. What follows is an example of what our Global Transition Plan might look like. While we aspire to reflect some of the most visionary, innovative and pragmatic ideas, views and transition strategies on the planet today, we recognise that this proposal is merely an embryo of the planetary transformation that needs to be gestated, birthed and co-created by all of us, equally and together.

*If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be.
Now put the foundations under them.*

- Henry David Thoreau

An Emergent Plan

With our human resources organised and primed for action, our digital and mobile collaboration and communication tools functioning optimally, and abundant finances at-the-ready, we collectively and intentionally enter a well-designed, progressive Global Transition Plan. We imagine that by this time most of the world's governments will have aligned (willingly or unwillingly) with the will of The People and thus will be fully supportive and integrated into our collaborative efforts.

The Global Transition Plan will be carried out in five primary dimensions of Ecological, Social, Economic, Technological and Worldview - recognising that what is good for one must be good for all. The details and timelines will emerge as we collaborate ever more effectively.

Priority #1

Our first priority as a Unified Human Family will to ensure the basic human needs of healthy food, clean water, comfortable shelter and clean energy are met by everyone - throughout the transition phase and beyond into abundance for all. This work will be a profoundly inspiring, healing and bonding; and will be realised by mobilising and deploying teams of permaculturists, transitioners, ecovillagers, natural builders, community builders, social architects, nonviolent communication educators, other relevant experts and hundreds of thousands of goodwill volunteers to collaborate with local NGO's while using and improving existing tools and infrastructures.

Ecological

Phase 1

- Halting all environmentally destructive activity
- Urgently phasing out animal factory farms
- Transitioning industrial agriculture into large scale agro-ecological farms
- Up-scaling urban and sub-urban food production
- Maximising low-input, land-based water retention
- Up-scaling renewable energy and appropriate technology research, development and distribution.
- Urgently down-scaling fossil fuel extraction and consumption
- Biogas production - from household up to urban-scale
- Gathering, sorting, recycling and upcycling all land and water-based waste.

Phase 2

- Phasing out all fossil fuels and minimizing mineral extraction and consumption
- Realising 100% clean and renewable energy globally.
- Building water-retention landscapes wherever appropriate
- Implementing natural and quantum water purification strategies
- Implement anti-desertification strategies and commence re-greening degraded landscapes and deserts.
- Wild animal - especially sea creature - populations are actively restored
- Create urban and sub-urban food forests

- Creating a global-to-local network of heirloom seed-banks that freely provide a vast variety of seeds for all.
- Eliminating all genetically contaminated organisms
- Eliminating all toxic materials and residues with the help of fungi, Effective Micro-organisms, quantum transmutation etc.

Social

- Creating an international system of social organisation that is based on mutual support, resource sharing and transparent, direct-democracy for the purposes of facilitating, coordinating and synergising our collective transition at the global and local levels.
- Mainstreaming relevant education through the Internet and the television around subjects like ecological awareness, localisation, zero waste, conscious consumerism, Natural Law, voluntary simplicity, planetary boundaries & natural family planning, re-skilling etc. When most people realise the monumental wealth of inspiring and practical knowledge that is readily available, they will become progressively inspired to self-educate.
- Sharing the most relevant work of growing food and providing vital goods and services at the local level.
- Re-designing healthcare systems that synergize the most effective and complementary innovations in modern medicine with natural medicine and quantum healing.
- Elders are respectfully re-integrated into society, valued for their contributions to life, their wisdom will be sought out.
- Designing and creating inspiring and free learning environments for children.
- Bringing the journey pregnancy, birthing and child care into the new (and ancient) paradigm and practices.
- Learning the value of compassionate communication.
- Constructing and retrofitting urban, suburban and rural Transition Research & Education Centres (TRECs).
- Creating self-organising, zero waste, resilient and vibrant communities, villages and towns. Voluntarily re-populating the country-side that is flourishing with activity and culture while bringing city populations down to sustainable levels.

Economic

- Secure a *Universal Basic Income* for every human being 16 years and older
- Implementing a 20 hour work-week as many jobs will be obsolete due to their ecologically harmful nature
- Tax business and corporations according to their ecological and social responsibility.
- Evolve cryptocurrencies, local currencies and community exchange systems
- Developing thriving zero-growth, local, circular and resource-based economies.
- Transition into moneyless communities

Technological

- Developing appropriate technology that raises our quality of life and enhances our biosphere. Transport becomes 100% clean and international product exchange is limited to a matter of necessity.

- All production becomes environmentally sound, free of any toxic ingredients. Products are designed for durability, repairability and fully recyclable.

Worldview

- Promoting cultural and spiritual diversity and inter-cultural exchange. Traditional and indigenous skills, crafts and knowledge systems are preserved, restored and integrated.
- Creating Cultural Development Centres (CDCs) where people can find resources and guidance in adapting their skills and interests towards serving our Global Transition. While TRECs focus more on ecological and economic dimensions, CDCs focus more on the cultural and social dimensions, yet both are holistic and interconnected. CDCs provide open labs for people to explore and develop their passions, talents, creative expression, communication skills and self-awareness.

Welcome to the New Earth

Aspirations that we continue to cooperatively work towards using the wisdom, tools and skills that we have gathered... as prophesied by many cultures)

All life and the miracle of Creation is celebrated.
 We have learned how to see, hear and act in a sacred manner.
 All political boundaries are dissolved, creating one immensely diverse,
 yet undivided Human Family. All people share equal rights and status
 Women and men are equal partners in the entire flourishing domain of human affairs.
 All children are safe anywhere they want to go.
 In full conscious co-creation with Nature our biosphere thrives,
 providing abundant food for all the Earth's creatures.
 All rivers and streams are drinkable and run crystal clear.
 Recreation and work become synonymous; with ample time for relaxation,
 playing with the children and building meaningful relationships.
 Money or material wealth are seldom thought or spoken about.
 Arts and culture flourish like never before.
 Technology has developed to responsibly provide for all our communications,
 travel, physical comforts and conveniences.

And so our children will grow and live happy and free in a vibrant, diverse, uncomplicated, humane and abundant world. And as they grow they will begin to comprehend the profound significance of our truly epic and timely global collaboration to consciously and collectively rise from the ashes of domination and destruction. Yet they will only be able to imagine what an incredible privilege it was for us to be alive on planet Earth during this fleeting window of astronomical opportunity.

*Another world is not only possible, she is on her way.
 On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing.
 – Arundhati Roy*