

7. Wrapping up



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7.1 WRAPPING UP

Well done! You have now completed the main content of the Transition Streets program. This session is all about evaluating and celebrating your achievements, and deciding whether your group wishes to continue working together.

There are a number of optional workshops and activities that you may wish to try, or you may already have formed your own plans about the next steps for your group: for example, going through the sessions again and picking up some new actions, or starting to explore some of the advanced (often more expensive) options presented at the end of some of the chapters.

If you decide to continue (and we sincerely hope you do) then it's probably helpful for you to agree on the purpose of the group moving forward, how often you'll meet, and so on.

It may be useful to plan perhaps another seven sessions and then have another evaluation, rather than agreeing to an indefinite program.

You may wish to get more involved in other community activities that are looking at reducing our fossil fuel dependence, such as the Transition Movement. More information is provided later in this section.

The following pages cover:

- Final evaluation (7.2)
- About Transition (7.3)
- Next Steps (7.5)
- Celebrate!



Photo of Transition Culver City Bike Parade, courtesy of Transition Culver City, CA

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7.2 FINAL EVALUATION

How did you do?

Please now complete the “after” section of the evaluation form that you started at the beginning of your very first session. Hopefully you will clearly see your progress as you add up the number of actions you have completed, or which are still in progress (some of which might have already been underway before you started Transition Streets).

Also please complete the feedback section at the end of the evaluation form to let us know what you liked and what you didn’t like about the program. Many thanks.

Please collect all the completed evaluation forms send them to the Transition US office at PO Box 917, Sebastopol, CA 95473. We are keeping track of the overall impacts of the program and will use the evaluation forms to continue improving and providing support for Transition Streets.

Transition Streets Evaluation Form

PLEASE COMPLETE THE BLUE COLUMNS AT THE START OF THE PROGRAM (first session):					AND THE GREEN ONES AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM (last session):							
1.	What do you hope to gain from being part of Transition Streets (please list up to 3 things):				Did you meet your objectives (e.g. all, most, some, none):							
	In this section, please rate the following statements:				Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
2.	I feel positive about the future.				1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
3.	I feel that a strong sense of community is important in these uncertain times.				1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
4.	I feel connected to, and a part of, my local community.				1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

Your stories

Would you like to write a success story about your group? Would you be willing to supply us a quote about your experiences of doing the project so that we can tell other people about how it has been for you? We can put these on the website and use them to help inform others about the benefits of Transition Streets. If so, please call or email us and we’ll give you some help.

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7.3 ABOUT TRANSITION

About Transition

Transition US is the national hub for the international Transition Movement, a grassroots network of communities around the world that are taking action to make the transition away from oil dependency and vulnerability toward local self-reliance and environmental sustainability. We believe that if properly designed and planned for, our communities can use fewer resources and become more resilient in the face of ecological and economic instability, while maintaining and enhancing our quality of life.

Inspired by the first Transition Town in Totnes, UK, the Transition Movement has since spread to more than 43 countries. In the US, more than 150 official Transition Towns have formed, and many more are just getting started.

There are a number of reasons why making this transition is necessary, but essentially we know we are living at a pivotal moment in time and we are exploring and developing ways to strengthen our communities and take responsibility for every aspect of our lives and our impact on the planet.

While our task may be serious, our approach is fun and welcoming. Whether you are a doer or a thinker, a farmer or a banker, a mom or a dad, a senior or a youngster, there are plenty of ways you can be involved.

Every Transition Initiative is unique, with projects that look at food, local business, jobs, energy, arts, housing, building, education, transport, health and well-being, emotional support, and much more. The next page provides a list of additional resources and information on how to get involved in Transition.



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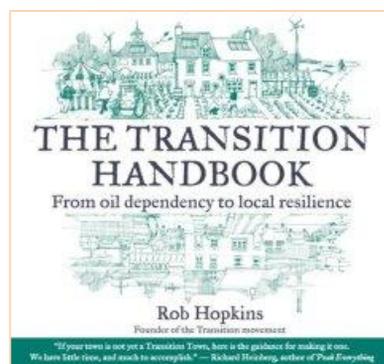
7.4 ABOUT TRANSITION

Would you like to continue to be a part of a process that strengthens and rebuilds our friendly, vibrant community, and enhances our quality of life? Would you like to be a part of one of the most exciting movements in modern times, at one of the most exciting moments in history? Give Transition a try!

Learn More

To learn more about Transition:

- Visit the Transition US and Transition Network websites (www.transitionus.org and www.transitionnetwork.org).
- Pick up a copy of the Transition Handbook or the Power of Just Doing Stuff (books by Transition founder Rob Hopkins).*
- Watch “In Transition 2.0,” a documentary film featuring stories of Transition groups around the world (DVD and free download available at www.transitionus.org).
- Sign up for the Transition US newsletter (at www.transitionus.org), to receive stories and resources from local Transition Initiatives across the US straight to your inbox.



Trainings

Transition LAUNCH



Transition LAUNCH Training - Albuquerque, New Mexico
April 10-11, 2015
[Read more & register](#)

Transition LAUNCH is an in-depth experiential introduction to the ideas, processes and practices that have inspired tens of thousands of people and catalyzed a global Transition network.

Effective Groups



Effective Groups is a dynamic and engaging 2-day skills-building training for individuals and teams which



Urban Farmers Trade Goods and Stories at “Crop Swaps” New York Times article on crop swaps highlights Richmond Rivetz (CA) Transition Initiative.



Responding to the Prison Industrial Complex with Permaculture and Resilience
Rob Hopkins interviews Transition US Board Member Pandora Thomas about Pathways to Resilience.



Get Involved

To get involved in Transition:

- Find out if there is already a local Transition group in your area (ask around, visit www.transitionus.org/initiatives-map, or email info@transitionus.org)
- If there’s not already a local group, consider signing up as a “mulling” group (email info@transitionus.org for more info) and hosting a Transition LAUNCH Training to jump-start Transition in your area (learn more at <http://transitionus.org/training/transition-launch>)

*Transition Handbook is available in hard copy by searching online, or you can download the free (edited) pdf version at <http://www.transitionus.org/transition-handbook>. You can order a hard copy of “The Power of Just Doing Stuff” for \$14 by emailing info@transitionus.org (continental US only).

Where to now?

Think about and discuss where you will go from here, either on your own or with some or all of your group. Will you:

- Continue to complete the basic actions?
- Come up with new actions?
- Get more involved with Transition or other local community groups?
- Engage your local government around sustainability issues?
- Develop an emergency preparedness plan for your neighborhood?
- Join a rally or protest?
- Tell your friends about Transition Streets?

For additional resources and inspiration, check out the Guide to Building Thriving, Resilient Communities at: www.resilience.org/communities-guide

Mentor

Would you like to become a Transition Streets mentor? Now you know what it's all about, you could help another group to get started and to get the most from the program. This is a great way you can give back to your local community. Please contact us to find out more.

Celebrate!

And now – celebrate what you've already achieved with your group!

Celebration is an important part of Transition. Our task is great, and we will always have more to do and more to learn. It's important to take the time to celebrate accomplishments along the way! Regardless of what you decide to do next, your participation in Transition Streets (including the actions you've taken, the bigger-picture context you've gained, and the time you've spent getting to know your neighbors) is well worth celebrating.



The end

(of the beginning of your journey, we hope!)



Thanks for your participation, we hope you've enjoyed it!



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