

SCHEDULE: *The Economics of Happiness: Creating a More Equitable World*

14 September 2016 (Timings, topics and speakers are subject to change without notice)

Time	Description
10:00-10:15	Mike Smith Welcome and introduction
10:15-10:45	Film showing: abridged version of <i>The Economics of Happiness</i>
10:45-11:00	Helena Norberg-Hodge From Global to Local: creating an economics of happiness The global economy is at the root of our major social, environmental and financial crises. Helena will explain how relatively simple shifts towards the local would have a range of benefits—from increasing human wellbeing, food security and economic stability to reducing poverty, unemployment and carbon emissions.
11:00-11:15	Lawrence Bloom Are we in the middle of a second renaissance? We are living in a time of Renaissance. We need to move from a culture of fear, where ‘the other’ is a threat and security is simply protecting ourselves from each other, to an understanding that we need to come together as a global family to deal with the challenges that we, as a global family, have created—financial, environmental and social. Lawrence will explore how we can support and reconnect with the Earth that gives us life, the Cosmos that gave us birth, with each other, and finally with ourselves. Every decision we make based on the false belief of separation leads to fracture, breakdown and war and every decision we make based on connection leads to healing, harmony and peace.
11:15-11:45	Tea break
11:45-12:00	Stephen Hinton Ushering in a Culture of Peace and Happiness Since the astronauts sent back pictures of the Earth awareness has been growing that we are all one people on one planet and we need to get on with each other. However, we have grown up in a culture of competition, war, conflict, scarcity and oppression and the prospect of peace seems far away and almost non-human. Stephen will explore where, starting from desire for peace, we can start to make changes, particularly at a local level, to bring forth a culture of peace. He will also speak about his own experiences of transformational change at the local level.
12:00-12:15	Diego Isabel La Moneda The Ecosystem of the New Economy We are living the development of alternative proposals and models for a new economy. Diego will discuss several new economy models, including Economy for the Common Good, Localisation, Social & Solidarity Economy, Sharing Economy, Circular Economy or Orange Economy and he will explain how these emerging proposals complement each other and shape the living ecosystem of a new economy.
12:15-12:45	Q & A
12:45-1:45	Lunch
1:45-3:00	Debate and discussion Is a New Economy Really Possible? There’s a lot of talk these days about a “new economy”. Localisation sounds like a great idea, but is changing the economy really possible? This session will be an opportunity for the audience to participate in a discussion with the speakers around ‘sticky’ issues, such as: Can we actually take back democratic control and dismantle corporate power? What strategies would be most effective? How do we deal with the apparent contradictions between the global and the local, like international communication systems vs. strengthening community

	<p>connections? Can localisation work in the city as well as the countryside? What would happen with trade and manufacturing? How does localisation relate to economic growth? Can localisation really create more jobs?... The discussion will be facilitated to elicit lively debate and participation from the audience.</p> <p>Chair: Mike Panel: Helena, Stephen, Diego</p>
3:00-3:30	Tea break
3:30-4:30	<p>Co-creating a Vision for a New Economy</p> <p>There's no doubt that the current global economy has some powerfully convincing narratives, such as 'we need growth in GDP to create jobs', 'free trade is necessary to alleviate poverty' and 'more money equals more happiness'. Even though we know, deep down, that something isn't right, these myths can be difficult to refute. The economic situation is complicated and key concepts are often hard to articulate. We need a new narrative--one that clearly describes the multiple benefits of a people and planet-centred economy. This session will focus on creating the core messages for building a new economy. We'll explore questions such as: What are the essential components of a new economy? How do we get these ideas across? How do we come together around a common vision? (This session will involve brainstorming in small participatory groups.)</p> <p>Facilitators: Diego and Helena</p>
4:30-5:00	Translating talk into action: What you can do to help birth the new economy