



Connecting over soil

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All over the Western world, increasing numbers of people are leaving their desk-bound lives to rediscover the joys of getting their hands dirty. Things are very different in the global South - while nearly half the population is still connected to the soil, farmers are being encouraged to leave the land by the millions. They are being made to feel ashamed of their farming traditions, ashamed of having their hands in the soil.

Around the world, soil is common currency. It binds us to each other and to the earth. This currency lies at the heart of a movement towards rebuilding local economies. I call it 'the economics of happiness', because at the deepest level localization reweaves our spiritual connection to others and to nature, something that is essential for our wellbeing.



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