



*Climate Bottom Meeting – Windows of Hope in Copenhagen*

## **Seminar on Sustainable Economy**

**Tuesday 8th December 2009.**

<b>Theme</b>	<u>MAN AND MONEY: How do we create sustainable money systems?</u>
<b>Subtitle</b>	<b>From Globalization to Localization.</b>
<b>Short description</b>	The biggest challenge of our time is to incorporate human values into our economic system, thus creating a more harmonious and environmentally sustainable society. In particular, our focus must shift to the needs of local communities, the backbone of every nation.

### **Program with comments and questions**

**10.00 - 13.00 ECONOMICS OF RESPONSIBILITIES - The Globale Perspective**

**1. Economy that leads to enjoyment of life within sustainable ecosystems.**

Circulation economics presupposes communication between economics, natural sciences and humanities. Circulation economics is based upon an organic worldview, cooperation, circular value chains and value pluralism. The end in circulation economics is to establish an economy that leads to enjoyment of life within sustainable ecosystems.

by [Ove Jakobsen](#), Professor at [Centre for Ecological Economics and Ethics](#), Bodø Graduate School of Business, Norway

**2. Restructuring the Global Economy**

The multi-dimensional crisis facing humanity—ecosystem overload, global warming, overpopulation, increasing inequalities, peak oil—are the result of a dysfunctional economic/political system with no global governance. A radically new structure that could work for everyone will be presented, along with a strategy to achieve it.

by [Ross Jackson](#), PhD, [Gaia Trust](#), Denmark

**3. A Pluralistic Perspective on Money**

How can we build a bridge from the unsustainable to a sustainable economy? And what is the role of money? In a world of rising complexity, the singularity of money gets to its limitations. Monetary systems need further differentiation. A Carbon Currency, Regional and other Complementary Currencies are blueprints for a paradigm shift in economics.

by Ludwig Schuster, architect, researcher and project manager for sustainability, Berlin (Germany)

**4. Worldcafe dialogue**

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## **14.00 – 14.10 Funeral/Ceremony**

*Funeral of the day: Greediness and Materiel Growth.*

## **14.15 – 16.45 ECONOMICS OF SOLIDARITY - The Local Perspective**

### **1. Experience of the ecovillage movement,**

The lesson of ecovillages is that to break the gravitational pull of the globalised economy, we need to create what has been called 'Economics of Solidarity' that involves not only community currencies but also community ownership of assets, social enterprises and a transformation of values in terms of what constitutes wealth.

by Jonathan Dawson, Sustainability Educator, Board member of [GEN](#) and of the [Findhorn Ecovillage](#)

### **2. The Local Currency and Mutual Credit Union in Damanhur**

Damanhur's economic system is a mixture of solidarity and free entrepreneurship, strongly rooted in the principle of creating collective wealth by sharing dreams, ideals, resources and time. In the early 80's, a complementary currency system was introduced: the Credito. A Mutual Union is also fully operational within the Federation.

by Esperide Ananas and Macaco Tamerice, [Damanhur Federation](#)

### **3. Building local resilience in existing towns**

During the last few years more than 200 Transition Towns have been established as a response to peak oil and climate change. Two Master-students in [Social Entrepreneurship](#) will report from a study tour to England, about this contribution to building new economies.

By Niels Johan Juh-Nielsen and Erik Lemcke, Roskilde University, Denmark

### **4. Worldcafe dialogue**

## **17.00 – 18.15 Banks and their function in society - failed and sustainable models for banking**

"We experienced the most severe financial turmoil since the 1930's depression. What are the backgrounds in the macroeconomic thinking? Why did the banks fall and how can we establish a more sound and societal oriented financial system? Can mainstream learn from social banks?"

By Lars Pehrson, managing director, [Merkur Cooperative Bank](#), Denmark's leading sustainable bank.

**Facilitator all day:** [Ditlev Nissen](#), The Danish Ecovillage Association,

**18.20 – 18.50**

### **The Bottom Line – money and learning.**

By Peter Ingemann, musician and accountant, speaking, singing and playing

**18.55 – 19.25**

### **Singing and Dancing for body and soul**

Community singing of the old Danish song, "I get up in the morning and go to my job ...".

Suzannah Darling Khan: Dance and music for body and soul.

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### **19.30 – 21.45 How do we create sustainable money systems?**

- The fear of money - How heal our wounds created by our current money by [John Croft](#).
- Imagine a sustainable economic in your local area - a journey to a sustainable future
- Reports from the morning/afternoon program.
- Sharing's and dialogue

### **22.00 – 24.00 Theatre, Dance and Music**

## **Workshop at 9th December from 10 to 13 in the Fabric**

### **How do we strength the economies in and between different communities?**

Building and strengthen relationship between communities (ecovillages, transitions towns, cooperatives, companies and cultural/political/ religious groups in the city) in and across (bio)regions, through liberating local creativity.

Facilitator: [John Croft](#), Community Development Consultant, [Gaia Foundation of Western Australia](#)

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