

Conversations for a One Planet Region

Learn – Discuss – Imagine – Design – Create

Who we are and what we do

Our vision is that the Greater Victoria Region achieves social and ecological sustainability, with a high quality of life and a long life in good health for all its citizens, while reducing its ecological footprint to be equivalent to one planet's worth of biocapacity.

Our mission is to establish and maintain community-wide conversations on One Planet living and a One Planet Region.

We meet monthly at the Central Branch of the Public Library, use only local speakers – since we know we have the knowledge and expertise to do this here - and cover a wide range of issues, from energy and food to housing and transportation, the role of the arts to the role of faith communities – and much else.

Our plans for broadening, deepening and connecting the Conversation

- **Expand** the Conversation to engage a much wider range of participants, both geographically and demographically
- **Deepen** the Conversation by creating safe spaces where people can explore the mental, social and spiritual dimensions of the change we seek
- **Connect** the Conversation to others doing similar work across the Region

Expanding and deepening

1. **Video, webcast and livestream the current *Conversations program***, enabling people in other sites in the Greater Victoria Region to join in from where they live.
2. **Establish a *Kitchen Table Conversations* program,**
3. **Undertake *One Planet Neighbourhood Co-design Charettes*** that bring community members and design professionals together to imagine a design such a place.
4. **Establish *People for a One Planet Region***, a group of citizens in every municipality who are able to speak at Council meetings to support the One Planet approach.
5. **[Perhaps] create *One Planet Region Awards*** to recognise people, organisations, businesses and governments that are working to create a One Planet region.

Spin-off projects

- Several sessions in the Fall at UVic based on Joanna Macy's "The work that re-connects", to help people come to terms with the anxiety and grief they may experience
- We are working with the Community Social Planning Council to look at the social justice and employment implications of a One Planet Region.
- We are starting a discussion about an initiative around art, nature and place as a way of engaging people in considering the global ecological challenges, and possible actions.
- An ecological economics group is forming, linked to the Green New Deal, looking at what an ecological economy would look like locally