



For People and Planet: Not Profit and Self-Destruction

Can Universities make the move towards, or even lead, Transition?

A National Weekend Conference
West Downs Centre, Winchester

5-6 February 2011



The purpose of this dissenters' conference is to consider whether an alternative frame of reference for universities can be meaningfully and practically developed. It is not interested in REFs or research funding *per se* but instead asks a fundamental question for this age of Climate Change, Peak Oil and Global Inequality:

Can universities radically change course, and initiate a programme of genuine 'transition' not simply for their own benefit but for that of the wider common weal?

As living, learning and teaching communities, why might universities not demonstrate to wider society that a green, sustainable, holistic approach to the crisis of the 21st century is not simply possible, but the most purposeful, cooperative and communal thing they could possibly do?

The conference is open to **all university students and staff** as well as the wider public. The cost has been kept very low, thanks to some generous funding from the Marmot Trust, and includes a vegetarian lunch each day:

waged: weekend £25, one day £12.50
unwaged: weekend £12, one day £6

See our website for accommodation in Winchester; there will also be some free 'crash space' with local supporters.

Events will include keynote speakers, panel discussions, participatory workshops and open discussion sessions. There will be mix of theory and practice, but with a strong emphasis on how we put theory into practice!

We look forward to meeting you in February - please bring along your ideas, enthusiasm and commitment!

More information at the **Crisis Forum** website: www.crisis-forum.org.uk