



Mark Your Calendars!

Transition Whatcom's GREAT UNLEASHING is Coming, April 10 and 11!

What is it?

The Great Unleashing will be a two-day celebration and extravaganza that will motivate, excite, educate and engage our community in coming together to envision a vibrant, resilient, and dramatically less energy-dependent Whatcom County, and will unleash our collective genius as we start working towards a tangible and compelling plan to get us there.

Day 1 will include:

- Exhibits and demonstrations of and about energy, gardening, transportation and more- including bicycle-powered musical performances!
- Facts and information that you should know about peak oil and current climate change issues.
- Exhibits and information about organizations currently involved in sustainability efforts.
- Breakout sessions on topics related to meeting our community's basic needs locally as much as possible.
- Vision Central- a place for everyone to participate in envisioning our resilient and less-energy-dependent future, and a place to sign up for one of the Work Groups that convenes on Sunday.
- We Got It All Right Here! Local musicians, storytellers, art and theater.
- Local food, and the chance to blend your own smoothie with pedal-power.
- A Community Greeting to Whatcom County from Rob Hopkins, co-founder of the global Transition movement.
- Keynote talk by Transition U.S. board member, Transition Whidbey Board Member, and noted author, Vicki Robin.
- Sustainability activist Trathen Heckman from San Francisco, speaking about the need to "create new institutions of culture".
- Nationally Recognized Mystery Speaker, TBA

Day 2 will involve a focused visioning process and will see the formation of Transition Whatcom Work Groups. These groups will begin work on a concrete multi- year plan for how we will actively and meaningfully address a number of critical issues our community is now facing in regards to energy, climate, and economy.

Why Transition?

Because of the inevitable problems we'll experience as a result of energy issues, we're going to be challenged profoundly in the ways we live. As a community, we have two choices: we can sit back and wait, or we can respond proactively and begin making real changes that will lead to a more resilient community. The Great Unleashing is an event that will engage Whatcom County in a collective and committed response, and will kick-off the process of creating our 10-20 year Energy Descent Action Pathway.

When and Where?

Saturday, April 10, 9am – 5pm and Sunday, April 11, 12pm-4pm
Bellingham High School

For more information go to <http://transitionwhatcom.ning.com>

