

TRANSITION DENMAN ISLAND

Transition Denman Island is part of the worldwide Transition Town movement started in 2004 in the U.K. (www.transitiontowns.org)

TDI's Terms of Reference

Our goals and terms of reference are to:

1. promote local resilience to climate change
2. inform and educate the community about the need to reduce our carbon footprint
3. promote sustainability projects and "localization"
4. work to develop a strong community that works together for the future welfare of the island and islanders

Transition Denman Island - history

Transition Denman Island was started in 2010 by a group of islanders concerned about the threat of climate change and what was then called peak oil. It became an official "Transition Town" in 2011 (registered with the TT organization).

In January 2010 a community-wide TDI visioning process and launch was held and out of it came Action Groups who took on the goals/tasks related to the following areas: agriculture, arts and entertainment, building, health and welfare renewable energy, reskilling, transportation, and water and waste.

Not all Action Groups continued into 2012-13. Today they consist of:

- Arts & Entertainment (Sustainability Festival Organizers)
- Agricultural Sustainability (now the H/D Growers & Producers Alliance)
- Reskilling
- Transportation
- Building
- Renewable Energy

See the list of projects and events for 2011-13.

Join Us

For more information or to join us:

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PROJECTS AND EVENTS IN 2011, 2012 and 2013

2011

1. Micro Film Festival – Films about climate change in preparation for the TDI Launch
2. **Launch of Transition Denman Island** Day-long community visioning event and information meetings. Formed Action Groups to achieve the short-term and long-term goals.
3. Seedy Saturday - Day-long event. Seed Swap table, seed vendors, films, speakers, lunch.
3. Calendar Fundraiser – developed a calendar for sale
4. Secret Tree Festival (collaboration with Arts Denman). Filmshow: “Rethinking Happiness”.
5. Started a Rideshare Program online
6. Sponsored and delivered workshops:
 - a. Quilting Course
 - b. Starting a Seed Savers/Sanctuary
 - b. Cheesemaking
 - c. Grafting Fruit Trees
 - c. Canning and preserving
 - d. Cheesemaking
 - e. Grafting Fruit Trees
 - f. “*Chemercial*” – making your own cleaners
7. Slow Film Nights - Monthly Film Shows – Environmental and agricultural issues
8. Sorghum Seed Experiment – purchased and planted sorghum as an ethanol crop.
9. Website Developed – Transition Denman Island
10. Logo for TDI developed and a banner produced
11. Started a Seed Savers Group (meets monthly)
12. Updated and published the 2011 DI Local Food Directory
13. REDI/TDI members participated in the Farm Plan Group Workshop (sponsored by Islands Trust)
14. TDI members participated in the building of a Community Garden at the Hermitage
15. Produced a list of all the organizations/committees on Denman Island
16. Developed a library of resource books

2012

1. Explored the development of a Car Stop Program
2. Started building a Humanure Toilet at the Old School
3. The HDGPA became the TDI Agricultural Sustainability Action Partner-Group (March)
 - a. Published the 2012 Food Directory
 - b. Purchased community agric. equipment
4. Organized and Ran a Sustainability Festival – June 23-30 which included:
 - a. Art Gallery Shows – sustainability theme
 - b. Community Picnic and Concert
 - c. Reskilling Workshops
 - d. Film Nights and Piano Lounge
 - e. Local Produce BBQ
5. Registered as the Transition Denman Island Society

2013 Projects and Events

1. Seedy Saturday – January 26th
2. Community Potluck – Scraping the Bottom of the Barrel – February
3. Grow Local, Buy Local, Eat Local Campaign (HDGPA)
4. Building the Humanure Toilet
5. Ethanol Project – Grow Your Own Fuel
6. Purchase of community equipment and workshops (HDGPA)
7. Partnerships with other Denman organizations
8. 2nd Annual Sustainability Festival – August 23-31st
Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/summersustainabilityfestival/>