

Building a New Economy for Western Australia

Two Day Symposium



Friday 24th and Saturday 25th August 2018
Tickets - \$50 waged, \$25 unwaged

Western Australia is blessed with bountiful natural resources and a wealth of human talent. But the model on which our society is based is intrinsically unstable, resulting in booms and busts, degradation of natural resources, uncertainty of business and employment, and concerns about social justice. Time and time again, our faith is placed in the latest short-term 'silver bullet': a new resources boom, a new infrastructure project, a drive for more technological innovation. But too often such proposals come at an interconnected economic, social and environmental cost.

Fortunately, there is a growing awareness across Australia and internationally that can see that 'more of the same' is not the answer. There is a new movement emerging for a 'New Economy', that aims to connect people and ideas, break down "silos" and strengthen our work aimed at transforming Australia's economic system so that achieving ecological health and social justice are the foundational principles and primary objectives.

Many different movements have emerged around the world focused on the concept of a 'New Economy'. Although they use different labels, such as the ***Social Economy, Solidarity Economy, Sharing Economy, Collaborative Economy, Steady State Economy*** and ***Community Economy***, they all share two key goals:

[i] to challenge the current dominant economic system, with its reliance on fossil fuels, large scale resource extraction and socially unjust structures and wealth distribution; and,

[ii] to create and strengthen economic systems that serve the needs of people in ways that are ecologically sustainable, socially just and culturally diverse.

Therefore the **2018 "Building a New Economy for Western Australia" Symposium** is being developed with the following objectives:

- ⇒ **Networking/Community building** – Bring all the people and organisations working in this 'New Economy' space together to meet each other and develop strong relationships.
- ⇒ **Connect the dots between existing initiatives** - remember an economy is really about looking after the wellbeing of everyone; no initiative has all the answers, their approach is simply one of many. Rather than competing with business as usual and between ourselves we need to find common ground on how we approach our collective challenges.
- ⇒ **A precursor to the 2019 Annual New Economy Conference** – following on from events in Sydney (2016), Brisbane (2017) and Melbourne (October 2018) Perth is hosting the 2019 Conference. As such this year's event aims to build interest and act as a testbed for ideas .

Programme

The format for the event is as follows (full programme TBA):

Friday 24th August

The Platform Perth, Adelaide Terrace, Perth
6pm to 9pm

- ⇒ Welcome to country
- ⇒ Introduction to the New Economy Network of Australia from co-founder Dr Michelle Maloney
- ⇒ Dinner, drinks, festivities, mingling

Saturday 25th August

Murdoch University - Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre
9am to 12pm

- ⇒ 3 Keynotes presentations (30 mins each)
Dr Jose Ramos, Dr Amanda Cahill, Dr Martin Brueckner
- ⇒ Workshops / Panels – Session 1 – Local people and initiatives briefly present their model/initiatives reflecting on its strengths and weaknesses.

12pm-1pm - lunch break

Murdoch University - Learning Link Building
1pm to 4pm

- ⇒ Workshops / Panels – Session 2 – finding synergies and crossovers between local New Economy initiatives.
- ⇒ Wrap up and next steps

4pm to 7pm

- ⇒ Drinks and snacks

after 7pm

- ⇒ Party! (details TBA)

Assisting local people in hosting the conference are the following national leaders in the New Economy movement who will be delivering keynote speeches:

- ⇒ **Dr Michelle Maloney** is a lawyer, activist and co-founder of the *New Economy Network of Australia* and co-founder/director of *Australian Earth Laws Alliance*.
- ⇒ **Dr Jose Ramos** is director of *Action Foresight*, a Melbourne-based business that focuses on bridging transformational futures with present-day action.
- ⇒ **Dr Amanda Cahill** is the CEO of *The Next Economy*. Originally trained in anthropology, she has spent over two decades working with communities across Australia, Asia and the Pacific to develop more equitable and sustainable local economies.
- ⇒ **Dr. Martin Brueckner** is a senior lecturer at Murdoch University who over the last fourteen years has worked in a variety of teaching and research capacities across different disciplines and universities with a focus on sustainability with a social and natural justice lens

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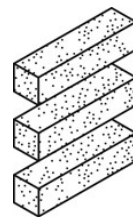
The New Economy Network Australia (NENA) - an emerging network of individuals and organisations working to transform Australia's economic system so that achieving ecological health and social justice are the foundational principles and primary objectives of the economic system. neweconomy.org.au



Friends of the Earth Perth - local member group of Friends of the Earth Australia (FoE) working for a socially equitable and environmentally sustainable future. foe.org.au

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