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“How can a commons-based collaborative economy strengthen the resilience of our communities?”

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Ticket to all Cloughjordan Events only €60

Cultivate, WeCreate Workspace and the P2P Foundation are delighted to host this series of events that will bring together cooperative advocates, community activists, and commons animators to share perspectives and ideas on the question, “How can a commons-based collaborative economy strengthen the resilience of our communities?”

These events will explore and further a commons approach to building and stewarding shared resources, building community resilience and creating meaningful livelihoods.

The highlights include a major conference that will reimagine cooperatives and look at how the cooperative model could facilitate sustainable livelihoods and service provision in our communities. We will be introducing peer production and open hardware in both the Limerick and Cloughjordan Fab Labs. A symposium will examine the potential of the old idea of the commons, which is now being rethought with new ideas from the open source community and the cooperative movement.

If we are to make the changes that are needed to adapt to climate change, or to connect with each other in deeper ways and strengthen our resilience, we need to revive the commons. This series of events is for anyone interested or active in doing that.

Places are limited, for details and to how book, see inside.

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A team of researchers, lead by Michel Bauwens, founder and president at the P2P Foundation, gathered in Ecuador this year to develop a societal transition model from patent and IP process toward a society based on the Open Source model of Free/Libre Open Knowledge (free as in freedom, not as in 'beer').

Lead researcher from the project and founder of the Peer to Peer Foundation, Michel Bauwens, and project policy writer John Restakis, discuss commons transition strategies and the role of policy design in a common future, moderated by David Murphy, RTE's business editor.

"The research project focuses on many interrelated themes, including open education; open innovation and science; the arts, cultural and meaning-making activities; open design commons; distributed manufacturing; sustainable agriculture; and open machining. The research also explores the enabling of legal and institutional frameworks to support open productive capacities; new open technical infrastructures, systems for privacy, security, data ownership and digital rights; and ways to mutualise the physical infrastructures of collective life and promote collaborative consumption." David Bollier

THURSDAY 11th September 14.00 - 17.00 €5 Suggested Donation

OPEN DESIGN & PRODUCTION

Fab Lab Limerick, Rutland Street, Limerick

An exploration of commons based peer production and design with Michel Bauwens, founder of the P2P Foundation. Participants will gain practical experience of open hardware projects including Wiki House.

"At the heart of our economies, a diversification and increasing importance of collaborative practices can be observed. By proposing alternative paths of value creation and sharing, these practices open new perspectives in terms of consumption, production and innovation models." Michel Bauwens,

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COMMUNITY AND THE COMMONS

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A talk and public interview with Michel Bauwens, a Belgian integral philosopher and Peer-to-Peer theorist, moderated by Professor Peadar Kirby, a resident of Cloughjordan Ecovillage.

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OPEN CULTURE - OUR CREATIVE COMMONS

WeCreate, Cloughjordan Ecovillage

Performance, Storytelling and Celebration - A celebration of the new ways we are sharing knowledge and techniques to create a cultural commons. Blending international and local speakers with food, music, performance and spoken word.

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TOPICS INCLUDE P2P Networks * The potential of Fab Labs and Digital Fabrication for sustainability * Social enterprises that facilitate new livelihoods * Relocalisation, Community Resilience and Permaculture * Co-working, co-housing, community supported agriculture and cooperative energy generation * Digital and complementary currencies + Open Source and Appropriate technologies + Managing the Commons for the benefit of all * Collaboration and sharing in urban and rural environments

SUNDAY 14th September, 11.00 - 1300 €5 Suggested Donation

SOCIAL PERMACULTURE DESIGNING VIABLE ORGANISATIONS

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The Viable Systems Model designed by the late Stafford Beer identifies the necessary and sufficient conditions for any system to be 'viable', meaning being able to cope with and to adapt to changes in its environment. Jon Walker, Angela Espinosa and Davie Philip explore community applications of the viable systems model through the lens of Permaculture design.

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WECREATE OPEN DAY

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An Open Day in the grounds of the WeCreate Workspace featuring a maker market space and tours of the FabLab. Participate in the the Eco Coder Dojo and get an introduction to Raspberry Pi small computers and their applications in resilience building. There will be taster sessions on future courses that WeCreate will be hosting in Green Building and Digital Manufacturing. Learn basic digital fabrication skills including laser cutting, vinyl cutting, milling, routing and 3D printing,



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THE COOPERATIVE MODEL REVISITED

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This timely event will bring international experts, national thinkers and local entrepreneurs together to inspire a co-operative approach to nurturing sustainable livelihoods and facilitating new enterprises at the local, regional and national level.

Horace Plunkett pioneered the cooperative movement in Ireland in the late 1880s along with George William Russell (AE), R.A. Anderson and Father T.A. Finlay. They persuaded communities and farmers across the country that by pooling resources and creating strength in numbers they could both survive and thrive. Globally the co-operative movement has more than 1 billion members, employs more people than global corporations and provides services for 3 billion people every week.

With the withdrawal of government from the funding of social services, and the rise of austerity policies that have attended the current economic crisis, there is an urgent need for new forms of social care. Over the last twenty years, social and solidarity co-ops have emerged as a new form of care that not only provides care to citizens but also reforms the purpose and direction of social care itself. Pioneered in Italy, social co-ops are a new form of open co-operativism in which multiple stakeholders work together to provide a wide range of social services not only to co-op members but to the community as a whole.

Tipperary has a rich tradition of cooperative enterprise and in recent years this has taken off with the community tearoom in Loughmore, the cooperative energy projects in Templeberry and Drumbane, as well as the many cooperative initiatives in community farming and housing at the Cloughjordan Ecovillage.

Recently a new vision for a cooperative economy has emerged based on the principles of collaboration, solidarity, the protection of the commons, environmental stewardship, economic democracy, social justice, and the common good.

Speakers include ...

Peter Couchman, John Restakis, Mary Fogarty, Maeve O'Hair, Michel Bauwens, Jon Walker and Angela Espinosa as well as other representatives of local cooperative initiatives.

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The commons provides a framework to facilitate transformative action around co-operative and commons-based housing and land tenure, mutually owned renewable energy, local and sustainable food systems, and even community controlled health and social care.

Sharing with others and working together is hard-wired into our very being. Today, however, the dominant social and economic systems we depend on are actually working against our ability to collaborate, curbing our development and, in many ways, destroying our cultural and natural environments.

A fresh approach for taking care of our shared resources is emerging. The old idea of the commons, which has been around since the start of human history, is being supercharged with new ideas from the open source community and the cooperative movement. This new collaborative economy may offer an egalitarian and collaborative approach to a more just and sustainable future.

The commons is a social practice for meeting our needs outside of the market. It is estimated that there are 2 billion people around the world right now who are managing land, forests, fisheries, water, seeds and creative knowledge as commons. In doing so, these commoners are not only the users and beneficiaries, but also the co-creators and stewards of these shared resources.

A commons is not just about resources, it is more about how we work together and relate to each other, and is a conversation about who we are and how we act. It involves taking your life into your own hands, rather than being dependent on markets to sell you what you need. Commoning allows people to make decisions and take action to shape the future of their own communities.

This symposium, which features local and global thinkers, will explore the question, "How can a commons-based collaborative economy strengthen the resilience of our communities?"

Speakers include...

Michel Bauwens, John Restakis, Angela Espinosa, Peter Couchman, Órla O'Donovan, Jon Walker, Mary McDermott and other representatives from P2P Foundation, WeCreate Fab Lab and Workspace and Cloughjordan.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Michel Bauwens a Belgian Peer-to-Peer theorist and an active writer, researcher and speaker on the subject of technology, culture and business innovation.. **Peter Couchman** Chief Executive of the Plunkett Foundation who which supports predominantly rural communities to set up and run a range of co-operatives. **John Restakis** the former Executive Director of the BC Co-operative Association in Vancouver, has a professional background in community organising and co-op development and is the author of "*Humanizing the Economy – Co-operatives in the Age of Capital*". **Órla O'Donovan** a lecturer in Applied Social Studies at University College Cork. She is interested in questions about how democracy can be deepened and worked on a special issue of the Community Development Journal on the commons, 'Commons Sense'. **Angela Espinosa** a Colombian academic focused on issues of complexity management and self-organisation with applications in cooperative management. **Jon Walker** a UK-based proponent of the Viable Systems Model, an organisation tool used by cooperatives and communities. **Peadar Kirby** an author, Professor Emeritus of International Politics and Public Policy at the University of Limerick and a resident of Cloughjordan Ecovillage. **Mary Fogarty & Maeve O'Hair** the women who set up Loughmore Co-operative Shop and Tearooms. **Mary McDermott** a worker in education, policy analysis and community development and a co-editor of 'Commons Sense', the special edition of the Community Development Journal. **Davie Philip** a host and facilitator focused on sustainability and community resilience. Also featuring others from Cultivate, WeCreate, and Cloughjordan Ecovillage.

Plus many other local cooperative activists and commons animators. See www.openeverything.ie

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Accommodation is available in Django's Hostel www.djangos.ie or call 087 256 9348. Some other B&B accommodation is available, contact philippa@cultivate.ie for details.



Directions

Cloughjordan is in North Tipperary, Ireland, between the towns of Nenagh and Roscrea,

The easiest way to Cloughjordan is to M7 between Dublin and Limerick and get off at junction 23 at Moneygall.

Coming off at junction 23 turn left and go through Moneygall, there is a turn to the right at the end of the main street which is signposted for Cloughjordan. Its 10km from there.

We will be working in the WeCreate Workspace, which is the new grey building at the back entrance to the ecovillage in Cloughjordan.

When you get into Cloughjordan there is a Centra on the left, turn right here and drive up Step Road for about 500m, there is an entrance on the left which has an ecovillage sign, drive in here, veer left and turn at the red barn and park in the carpark beside the grey building, which is WeCreate. The entrance is at the south end of the building.

Continue on this road if you are heading to the hostel. Take the turning to the left and head on to the back of the hostel where you can park.

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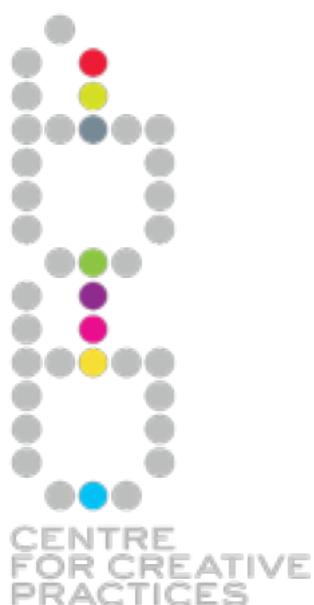
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Cultivate www.cultivate.ie

Design and facilitate learning journeys, host training in community resilience and offer courses in green technologies.

The P2P Foundation <http://p2pfoundation.net>

Is an international organisation focused on studying, researching, documenting and promoting peer to peer practices in a very broad sense.

WeCreate www.wecreate.ie

Provides a range of digital fabrication equipment based on the MIT Fab Lab model which are designed to let people make almost anything.

