

## **Transition Charlottesville-Albemarle launches local movement for community resilience**

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Charlottesville, VA - Local citizens are bringing a global movement for community resilience to Charlottesville. Transition Charlottesville-Albemarle will offer a two-day workshop – “Training for Transition” – this weekend at CitySpace. The workshop will explore community responses to peak oil, climate change and economic crisis.

The weekend event begins with a free public talk, “From Oil Dependence to Local Resilience,” on Friday, Feb. 10, 7-9 p.m. at CitySpace, 100 5th St. NE. Former Vice Mayor Holly Edwards will provide opening remarks. Workshop sessions will run Saturday, Feb. 11, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The global Transition Movement began in the UK through the work of permaculture educator Rob Hopkins. Transition Towns focus on establishing local community initiatives for resilient systems of food, water, energy, transportation, housing, and jobs. More than 100 U.S. communities, including Staunton and Richmond, VA, are using the Transition model to identify solutions for adapting and thriving in a post-fossil fuel world.

“Training for Transition” workshop participants will discuss creative responses to the local impact of peak oil, climate change and economic instability. A team of certified Transition Trainers will facilitate the event. Participants will develop skills for working with neighbors and local government to ensure a locally-rooted and secure future.

Workshop registration is based on a sliding scale, and scholarships are available. With nearly 40 people already signed up, additional registrants will be placed on a waiting list.

Transition Charlottesville-Albemarle welcomes press coverage at Friday evening’s talk. Reporters interested in covering Saturday and Sunday’s workshop should contact Drew Moore about arranging interviews and photo coverage.

For more information about the event, please visit <http://transitionus.org/event/training-transition-charlottesville-va>.