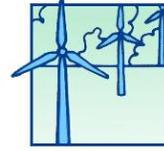


TRANSITION



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~ Living better together, one street at a time! ~

How to Get Started

Want to see a Transition Streets group on your street? Awesome! Transition Streets is initiated and run by neighbors, so neighborhood leaders like you are the key to “living better together, one street at a time.”

Transition Charlottesville Albemarle has a small team of dedicated volunteers who will help you join or organize a group and get off to a good start. We can help by:

- Publicizing Transition Streets all over town
- Providing sample flyers, resources, and a printed handbook for each group
- Connecting you with a volunteer Transition Street [TS] Facilitator who will answer your questions, cheer you on, and attend your first and last group meetings

Ready to get started? Follow these steps:

- 1) Email streets@TransitionCville.org and tell us what neighborhood you live in. We'll connect you with a TS Facilitator who can help with the next steps.
- 2) Recruit a friend to help you organize! There's a bit of work to do, and it's easier with a team. If we've heard from someone else in your neighborhood, we'll help you link up.
- 3) Become more familiar with the program by looking over the website: www.transitioncville.org/transition-streets/
- 4) Download the Transition Streets Handbook: Go to <http://handbook.transitionstreets.org/get-the-handbook-transition-initiatives/>. For “Your Official Transition Initiative's Name” enter Transition Charlottesville Albemarle. Your TS Facilitator will provide your group with one printed copy of the handbook.
- 5) Start reaching out to your neighbors. You want a group of about 6-8 households. (See the back of this sheet for specific ideas.)
- 6) When you have enough people ready to start, set a date for your first meeting. If folks have busy schedules, try using www.Doodle.com to send a quick survey and pick the best meeting date. Be sure to include your TS Facilitator!

How to Get Neighbors to Join Your Transition Group

- **Pound the pavement:**
 - Knock on doors and distribute flyers (sample flyer provided)
 - Talk to your neighbors! (talking points below)
 - Put up a poster on your neighborhood bulletin board
 - Get on the agenda of a neighborhood association/HOA meeting
 - Ask for a story in your neighborhood newsletter or blog
 - Distribute flyers to grocery stores, libraries, community centers, etc.
 - Distribute flyers at street fairs, farmers' markets or other community events
 - Contact institutions with local programs (e.g. churches, senior centers)
- **Use social media:**
 - Send invitations to neighbors that you've friended on Facebook
 - Try out Nextdoor.com, a private online social network for neighbors (many people in Charlottesville are already using this network)
- **Don't try to do it alone:**
 - Ask a friend or community leader for help
 - Recruit "block captains" to be responsible for recruiting their block
 - Ask neighbors (personally) to ask their next door neighbors
 - Host a sign-up party, barbecue, or potluck with the help of people already interested

Transition Street Talking Points

- Transition Streets is a community-based project to help individual households save money, conserve energy and consume fewer resources right here and now.
- Transition Streets has been tried and tested in over 600 households in the UK & USA
- Transition Streets is a community partner of [Energize Charlottesville](#)
- Program participants meet with their neighbors for seven sessions over a period of several months to build a sense of community on their street, and learn fun and easy ways to practice sustainable habits.
- Each session is guided by a chapter of the [Transition Streets Handbook](#). The handbook details actions, tips, and facts to empower you and your neighbors to increase your energy efficiency, cut down on waste, eat fresh and local, save money, and build a stronger community.
- Households save up to \$900/year on bills and expenses *and* reduce their household carbon emissions by an average of 1.3 tons!
- But, the best part is getting to know your neighbors and building a more vibrant, connected, resilient and fun neighborhood!

More information: www.transitionville.org/transition-streets/
Watch the Transition Streets video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=S94Owhn2fIM
If you have any questions email us at streets@transitionville.org
or call our committee contact person **Logan Blanco** at **434-327-3571**