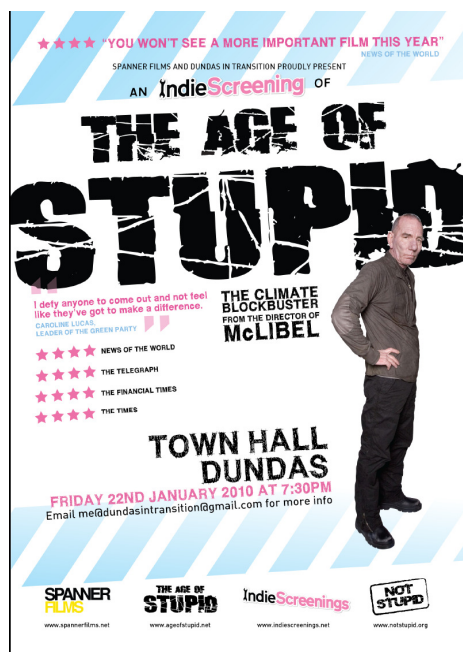


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Dear Friends,

This newsletter covers Dundas In Transition happenings over the Fall and our coming events. Please feel free to pass this on to other networks. **Future events are highlighted in red throughout this news letter.**

[MOVIE NIGHT](#)



Come out – bring a friend - to our next event – the screening of “The Age of Stupid” which takes place on Friday January 22nd 2010 at the Dundas Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Oscar-nominated Pete Postlethwaite stars as a man living alone in the devastated future world of 2055, looking at old footage from 2008 and asking: why didn't we stop climate change when we had the chance?

We show this movie courtesy of Geoff Orton “of Westdale Secondary School. Geoff organized a wildly successful showing to a packed audience this past November at which Dr David Suzuki spoke. We may have an edited version of Dr. Suzuki's remarks to show as well.

Read more about it on Wikipedia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Age_of_Stupid

[FOOD INTEREST GROUP](#)

Food security (or sovereignty as some are now calling it) is becoming of increasing interest. Groups in towns and cities around the world are re-building their local food capabilities.

Many of us have relied on the local supermarket and have not learned the skills that our grandparents possessed to “grow your own”. So we are planning some workshops to start from the basics, taught by some of the skilled people in our community.

We intend to put our lessons to practice in a community garden that will grow food for the local food bank.

The workshops will start indoors while the ground is still frozen, so we are ready to break ground as soon as possible. We are developing the topics in January, and if you would like to participate in this stage, or **sign up for the workshops**, please contact Jim Sweetman jsweetmand2@cogeco.ca or Dave Carson davidcarson.dundas@gmail.com

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR CALENDER

Make a note in your calendar for our monthly meetings – Fridays at 7.30 - subjects to be announced

Friday February 19th 2010

Friday March 26th 2010

Friday April 23rd 2010

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[NEWS OF PAST EVENTS](#)

October 23rd and October 24th – 350.org Day



On October 23rd a speakers panel made us think some more on the future, in readiness for 350.org day. The topic was “Can free markets mitigate climate change” and we heard from speakers Mike Nickerson (author of *Life, Money and Illusion*), Don Maclean (Environment Hamilton) and Ashsih Pujari – McMaster University.

The next day we walked to the Hamilton Federal Building in support of 350.org and their message to the attendees at Copenhagen Climate Change Conference.

It was cold and windy, but nevertheless we marched, along with thousands of others around the world, to ask our governments to take more action on climate change.

October 31st – Another Canning workshop – Tomatoes this time!

As part of our Food Interest Group, Jim and Janie organized a canning workshop where we learned how to preserve some different tomato based recipes. Attendees can now enjoy some soup, sauces and salsa having peeled and cut vast quantities of tomatoes, onions and peppers. Many thanks to St. James Church for the use of their kitchen

November 1st – Steering Committee Planning workshop

On November 1st the Steering Committee convened with a small group of other interested transitioners to review progress and plan for the future. We spent a day reviewing progress to date, identifying gaps and making some plans for the immediate future.

Some outcomes from the Workshop (picture on right has attendees stretching for and seeking inspiration!) and subsequent Steering Committee meetings were

- Revised membership of the Steering Committee with specified terms of reference and roles
- A Dundas in Transition Charter, with goals and guidelines
- Immediate priorities were identified
 - Creating and growing our membership
 - Increasing publicity through contact and presentations to other Dundas organizations, more advertising of general meetings, newspaper articles and newsletters.
 - Attracting leadership to establish other Interest Groups

A full report of will be published shortly on our web site.



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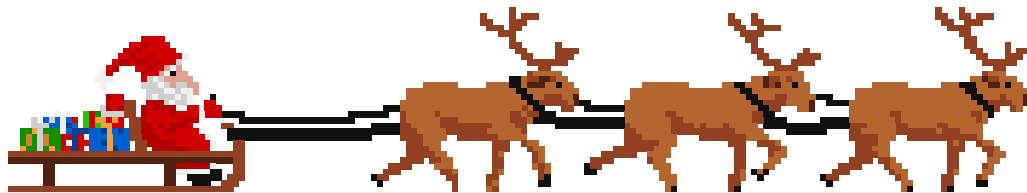
November 27th – Public meeting - A Simpler Holiday Season

Westfield Heritage Village came to Dundas Town Hall to show and tell what Christmas was like 150 years ago.

We were entertained by Rob Weninger and his beautifully attired supporting cast. We heard of the food that was prepared in those days, and how story telling, music and games formed the main entertainment.

And then some ideas were discussed on how we could spend a "low consumption Christmas".

A Happy Christmas to all our readers!



[Cheerful disclaimer from the Transition Town Wiki](#)

Just in case you were under the impression that Transition is a process defined by people who have all the answers, you need to be aware of a key fact.

We truly don't know if this will work. Transition is a social experiment on a massive scale. What we are convinced of is this:

**If we wait for the governments, it'll be too little, too late
If we act as individuals, it'll be too little
But if we act as communities, it might just be enough, just in time.**

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