

# Cuppa 1 of 2021, fri 22 Jan. 21

Here's our event on DEAL today: <https://doughnuteconomics.org/events/52>

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## \*\*\* Projects / groups referenced

- Transition Kerry

A local, national & international initiative. We are working together to get our local communities to think about making themselves more resilient, in response to three major things that are happening in our world.

<http://www.transitionkerry.org/>

- Ireland Together

Ireland Together - @Ire\_Together Non-profit #business #community #network of Irish #SME businesses supporting each other through shared knowledge, resources, expertise and collective thinking - [https://twitter.com/Ire\\_Together](https://twitter.com/Ire_Together)

- Jeff Caselden - American immigrant in Dublin / former AMZN / doing my own thing at @CaseldenConsult - <https://twitter.com/jeffc5000> + <https://twitter.com/CaseldenConsult>

- circular economics

this webinar series on circular economics started this week, you can still sign up for the 3 upcoming ones. Organised by a group in Dublin <https://upthink.works/pathways-to-the-circular-economy/>

- Municipalities in Transition (MiT)

Exploring how municipalities & citizens can work better together.

<https://municipalitiesintransition.org/> Perhaps a tool for IDEN people to help implement change: a clear framework for how Transition groups and municipalities can create sustainable change together.

- Event: [Raising Energy Awareness to Reduce Carbon in Ireland](#)  
(Private event by [Jerry Sweeney](#))

The purpose of this meeting is to gather interested parties who wish to get involved in Raising Energy Awareness in Ireland in order to reduce our Carbon. Like every country in the world, Ireland needs to reduce its CO2 emissions. We are doing this by adding renewable energy to the electric grid. The vast bulk of this renewable energy comes from wind.

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6756910809097539584/>

- Communities for Future (CfF)

Join the next #CommunitiesForFuture Session on Wed 27th Jan 5-7 CET to learn how to contribute to & make good use of the Communities for Future knowledge commons! It features everything we know about community-led action on climate change & sustainability.

<https://communitiesforfuture.org/event/building-our-knowledge-commons-working-together-to-create-a-shared-resource/> - Tweet -  
[https://twitter.com/CfF\\_Communities/status/1351163628595113986](https://twitter.com/CfF_Communities/status/1351163628595113986)

- Covenant of mayors

<https://www.covenantofmayors.eu/support/funding.html> fund these initiatives on a municipal level and swap "twin" councils doing great work including people

- Slí Eile – CETA webinar

That CETA chat last night, organised by SLÍ EILE (other way)

[https://twitter.com/sli\\_eile\\_/status/1351967729545318401](https://twitter.com/sli_eile_/status/1351967729545318401) Action for a Planet Beyond Capitalism-an anti-authoritarian climate action group building an anti-capitalist climate movement on the island of Ireland. Vid:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bqDS4rURNVE&feature=youtu.be>

- ShamrockSpring

Dealing with wool and local business

<https://twitter.com/ShamrockSpring>

<https://www.facebook.com/shamrockspring/> Please like this Facebook page

<https://uk.linkedin.com/pub/deirdre-lane/1/469/155>

- CO2 emissions on the weather

Celine asked met eireann to do it.. we could do it? Maybe the Carlow weatherman would be up for it? <https://twitter.com/CarlowWeather>

Deirdre: Celine those 2 points the weather report updating people and the "flatten the curve " and education on the carbon concentration in the Energy used in light of the Amber alerts we had this month were discussed . So needed + I Know the head of Met Eireanne and his wife is an ecologist they supported Kildare awareness for young people which can be rolled out elsewhere too.

- People's Transition Report

how to bring about community action through local development even when public consensus cannot be achieved <https://www.tasc.ie/publications/the-peoples-transition-community-led-development-fo/>

- Basic Income Ireland

Basic Income Ireland is the Irish affiliate of BIEN. We envisage an Ireland where everyone has an unconditional guaranteed basic income. <https://twitter.com/BasicIncomeIRL>

- ECOLISE (European Network for Community-Led Initiatives on Climate Change and Sustainability)

It was created to bridge the movements, if you wish to join, just get your group to apply, if you agree with the post-growth regenerative shared vision. Some articles about CFF / ECOLISE action:

ECOLISE brings voice of community-led climate action to COP25

<https://www.ecolise.eu/ecolise-brings-voice-of-community-led-climate-action-to-cop25/>

Communities of Practice, leveraging impact by learning together

<https://medium.com/communities-for-future/communities-of-practice-leveraging-impact-by-learning-together-621a27410ca5>

“Communities for Future” launches in Brussels. Portugal asks Europe to go from sustainability to regeneration.

<https://medium.com/@fuspey/communities-for-future-launches-in-brussels-da51e8913f69>

From #FridaysForFuture to #CommunitiesForFuture

<https://medium.com/@fuspey/from-fridaysforfuture-to-communitiesforfuture-dbcd0d65ede5>

- Regenerative change makers

<https://www.makeapositiveimpact.co/> Regenerative change makers who are open to collaborations

### \*\*\* Questions / Comments / Discussion

- Political action:

J: I can't help feeling there's not only a need for grassroots efforts in our communities, educating and enlightening others, but also creating some sort of political action too.

D: Agreed. how ? With ECOLISE and Communities for Future (CFF), were enabling policy side.. but with school kids and climate action groups, were already there. 2019 was a game changer...

J: Obviously this has to somehow touch on the financial aspects given that's primarily how we make decisions. It feels to me like we have to get people thinking more systemically, as all we do now is address symptoms versus the root of our problems.

- Climate Breakdown!!!

Celine made point for real change needed now, depth of crisis, from scientific point of view, 20 year degradation:

Above report was released in October and totally confirms your points Celine re pandemics and our ecological impact..IPBES Mary: <https://ipbes.net/pandemics>

- County development plans

Brad: Developing Wicklow county development plan?

Deirdre: Brad if you write up the ask am happy to put it in the Kildare CDP and the LEN Local Enn Networks would welcome the wording thanks

Lauren: I aware of a group in Cork who has close connections with Cork city council and Cork co. seems very interested and opened to the idea

Brad:Through Wicklow Greens I'm getting some exposure to the CDP process so hopefully that will be useful too.

Deirdre: <https://twitter.com/donaldaly> Is building an energy app awareness for communities he would be a great one to work with

- Getting business involved

Jeff: hoping to create a channel within the Ireland Together community to help inspire small biz owners to think differently. Our company is also planning a series of panel discussions

for the year and I'd like to do one on rethinking economics which would feature folks from this group...and maybe even see if we can get Kate to join :)

Mary: <https://www.irishbusinessfocus.ie/environment/minister-ryan-announces-significant-increase-in-funding-for-environmental-ngos/>

Jeff: I also love this notion of helping to influence companies and entrepreneurs (who are often the darlings of attracting venture capital) to think about their biz models differently and begin to demonstrate the viability of financial success as a model for others to replicate

Clare: there is a hot discussion in the Open Source community right now about how VC investment can work against Open Source principles - and how to change that system.

B: Wool's been languishing for 20, 30 years - unjustly - I remember the wool stockpiles in Fremantle from the 80s.

B: Funding OS development has been a sticky problem for a long time. Contributors have tended in the past to skew towards white men lucky enough to have employers willing to allow them work on "side projects". Only really started to improve recently, but slowly.

Celine: Im thinking about the connections Deirdre mentioned between investors and useful things to invest. I was struck by the point in one of the chapters about different outcomes from investment not just financial

- IDEN – future

Roisin: Structure, Values, Possible Saturday event to dive deeper.

L: i like the bi-monthly idea with invite once a month, sounds good!

C: Tue evenings good for getting other speakers in too

j: Great idea to get a high level overview of all we're considering, doing, and how that all connects together

D: DISCORD also working great.. like slack, with vids too <https://discord.com/> + <https://slack.com/intl/en-pt/>

J: Also heard decent things about Discord, even Signal with different chat rooms could suffice <https://signal.org/en/>

B: Discord if self-hosted could be a goer, otherwise it's tying in to one firm's IP. I'm biased towards open standards like XMPP or IRC myself.

J: I want to trial Jitsi for video chat - that sits on top of/beside XMPP - if anyone wants to help try it out :-)

<https://jitsi.org/>  
Dunc: do you Hamish Campbell, part of old indymedia network, he's pushing #4opens.. heres infos <http://hamishcampbell.com/index.php/projects/4opens/> + vid "Indymedia Reboot" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txCLtKpDwNE> hes at <https://twitter.com/hamishcampbell>

R: Saturday 14th Feb? – possible IDEN big event, 3 hours??

Donna: Yes, sounds good, we don't get enough time in an hour on a Friday, and will allow more people to access on a non-work day.

Duncan: A longer moment, to go deeper.. yes needed.. Give it more time to organise it, so we can invite others. give time to organise it, bring in people working v deep on this..

Clare: Delighted to meet and love the plan about mapping system. Weekends not great for me - but could try to make 13th. I'd love to learn more from everyone here. And love the idea of focusing on action/impact.

Jeff: Loving the idea of a larger mapping exercise, a deeper session, perhaps that could even be a bit open conference style with a few breakout areas. 13th could work for me. Sadly have to drop off but great to see you all!

Irene : Great to see the breadth and depth of different experiences in this meeting. I'm really excited for change in Ireland, and would be keen to join the meeting on Saturday the 13th of Feb.

Brad: Saturday 13th would suit me. I'm not wedded to a particular social networking tool, although I'm strongly allergic to Teams and Facebook. Happy to help on the techie nerd side for the mapping exercise too.

Aisling: Sat 13th sounds good. Like the idea of working at where our leverage points targets should be - can we find a way to work internationally, nationally and locally?

Mary: What is really interesting to me is the diversity here in the group...and that we all need to keep seeking to open up all our groups/ forums so that we do not exist in bubbles and create polarization...love the cross pollination possible..it is ambitious.

D: sounds great.. lets go "to the (virtual) IDEN pub"

### \*\*\* Events

- Urban Events / conferences

Shared these events in book club on Wednesday, perhaps you would like to connect in, create local event, be part of global community for change. Some very interesting conferences / urban festivals happening this year.

- The Nature of Cities Festival, Feb 22-26 - <https://tnoc-festival.com/wp/>
- UrbanA Arena 3: Governance arrangements for sustainable and just cities. (march 18+19, application deadline, Jan 24) <https://urban-arena.eu/berlin-arena/>
- Fearless Cities, May 28-30 (No concrete page yet, but our wiki: [https://wiki.urban-arena.eu/index.php?title=Fearless\\_Cities](https://wiki.urban-arena.eu/index.php?title=Fearless_Cities))
- Urban Futures, Rotterdam, June 14-16 - <https://www.urban-future.org/>
- Degrowth Conference, The Hague, August 24-28 - <https://www.degrowth.nl/>
- Ecocity Builders, October (Nothing yet, here is their our wiki: <http://wiki.ecolise.eu/index.php?title=Ecocities>)

- European Day of Sustainable Communities

Deirdre, u mentioned earth day, as global local event. we've loads more. Iva Pocock, (ECOLISE + cloughjordan resident) set up European Day of Sustainable Communities - its going 5 years now, 1 day, or a week around of events..

<https://communitiesforfuture.org/edsc/>

iva on tw [https://twitter.com/iva\\_pocock](https://twitter.com/iva_pocock) + ecolise <https://twitter.com/Ecolise>

- Earth hour

Switch off your lights for an hour on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 8:30 pm your local time. <https://www.earthhour.org/take-part> Caroline at <https://www.feasta.org/>

### \*\*\* Resources

- Cloughjordan / Cultivate Video

[https://youtu.be/TnQaq\\_E3xaA?t=3](https://youtu.be/TnQaq_E3xaA?t=3) good podcast coming from Cloughjordan, talking about DE