



The everyday politics of sustainability transitions

Seminar Four in the ESRC Sustainability Transitions Seminar Series

<http://sustainabilitytransitions.info/>

on June 22nd 2012 (9.30am-5pm) at Nottingham Conference Centre

organised by Dr Amanda Smith, Nottingham Trent University

Aim – to explore the ways in which various forms of politics, power and resistance inspire, shape and constrain everyday sustainability transitions.

Overview- A well-established critique of transitions research, particular as developed in the Netherlands, is that it neglects the vital role of social actors and movements in making transitions happen and thus tends to downplay the role of social innovation in socio-technical transitions. Consequently, this workshop addresses the role and strategies of social movements, such as the Transition Towns network and Climate Camps in advocating changes in everyday life, as well as challenging the breaks imposed on these transitions by formal political processes. Speakers will have experience of not only researching in this area but also being actively involved in the social movements. The workshop poses questions about:

- the role of different political actors in creating new spaces for discourse on social change;
- the role of difference, diversity and social justice in transitions, and how this creates different contexts and possibilities for social change across different locations; and;
- the role of scale and the goal of localization in social movements and how this relates to the sustainability transitions framework

Preparation – *bring with you a photo of an object that represents the everyday politics of transition*

Format- to facilitate dialogue between all participants there will be a range of activities including speakers, a panel discussion and open space discussion.

Confirmed Speakers- Kerry Burton (Exeter University), Gerald Aitken (Durham University), John Barry (Queens Belfast), Peter North (University of Liverpool)

Confirmed Panelists- Alan Simpson (former MP), Kelvin Mason (Climate Camp)

To attend- if you are interested in attending please email : amanda.smith02@ntu.ac.uk to reserve a place, please note any dietary requirements.

Further Information:

Accommodation-

Those looking for accommodation might try these reasonably priced hotels that are near the venue:

Premier Inn- <http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/NOTMTI/nottingham-city-centre-goldsmith-street>

Travel Lodge- <http://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/290/Nottingham-Central-hotel>

Ramada Hotel- <http://www.ramadanottinghamcitycentre.co.uk/>

Holiday Inn Express-

http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/gb/en/nottingham/notmm/hoteldetail?destination=%2CUnited+Kingdom&cm_mmc=mdpr-_googlemapsUK-_ex-_notmm

Travel-

the venue can is very near the city centre and can easily be accessed from the train station by foot, bus or tram (closest tram stop is Royal Centre). The venue has no specific parking but you can use the council run secure car parks, costs and locations can be found on their web site (<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=4028#TrinitySquare>)

Bursaries-

We have a very limited number of travel/accommodation bursaries available for postgraduate / unwaged participants or people without access to funding for such activity. These will be decided according to your best fit with the purpose of the workshop/ seminar. To request a bursary please contact Jenny Pickerill (j.pickerill@le.ac.uk) specifying your status and (briefly) the reasons for your request. Decisions will be made after 28th May. So please ensure that your request arrives before that date. We will not be able to consider late applications.