

Building a New Economy for Australia

Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd September, 2017

3 Day Conference and Grassroots economics fiesta - Southbank, Brisbane



Today's dominant economy is built on the foundations of a global industrial and financial system with immense productive capacity, but the extractive nature of which has created extreme income disparity and social injustice and wrought devastation on the natural world. All across Australia, people are working to create new systems, diverse economies and better ways for our society to live, work, play and care for the environment.

Building on the inaugural 2016 conference held in Sydney, the 2017 '**Building a New Economy for Australia**' gathering invites people to come together to share stories of success, address challenges and join the broader movement so we can continue working together to build a 'new' economic system. Please join us for three days of discussions, 'unconference' open working spaces, facilitated workshops, site-visits, clinics, training and learning opportunities – as well as academic presentations, debates, games and more!

The 2017 New Economy Conference will:

- Bring together hundreds of people and organisations interested in moving beyond the current unsustainable and unjust economic system that currently dominates Australian society
- Enable people to share, learn, listen, play, and work together to co-create a strong, vibrant economic system that's fair for all Australians and cares for our precious natural environment
- Launch a New Economy Network/Coalition for Australia
- Launch powerful new collective strategies for creating positive social and economic change, to achieve long term, liveable economies that fit within the productive capacity of a healthy environment

Please see our Call for Proposals (next page) for details about how to submit a proposal or how to create an open space discussion.

This conference is hosted by the New Economy Network Australia—a network supported by more than 100 Australian organisations - www.neweconomy.org.au

KEY DATES

- Call for Conference Proposals opens March 2017, closes on 12 June 2017
- Registration opens May 2017
- Conference is hosted Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd September 2017
- Evening events will be held on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd September 2017
- Side events will be held in and around Brisbane: on Thursday 31st August and from 2-4th September 2017

WEBSITE

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Call for Conference Proposals Proposals due by 12 June 2017

We invite all prospective participants to be creative with your proposals. The program will be an exciting mix of sessions, crafted to focus on the conference's guiding theme: **how do we inspire and build a new economy in Australian society?**

TOPICS FOR PROPOSALS - can include, but are not limited to:

- Indigenous economics - First Nations Peoples initiatives and projects
- Ecological economics - sustainability, degrowth, ecological limits and the steady state
- Ecologically focussed local economic initiatives including restoration, rehabilitation and eco-tourism
- Population issues in the New Economy
- Consumption, production, sharing, 'making', remaking and repairs
- Distributed manufacturing - re-localised production to support community economies
- Platform cooperatives, blockchain and community asset sharing
- Feminism and the new economy
- Food and food systems in the new economy
- Law in the new economy - regulation, governance, legal services for the New Economy
- Diverse forms of ownership - including the commons, cooperatives and community ownership
- The future of work - labour, unions, work-life balance
- Money, finance and alternative currencies
- Energy - community energy, renewable energy, distributed systems
- Post-extractivism - economics beyond large scale mining and resource extraction
- Communication about new economies
- Advocacy, organising and creating social change to build the new economy
- Subjective experience in the new economy
- Mapping tools for the new economy
- Research methods and projects that support the new economy
- International perspectives and initiatives

PARTICIPATION OPTIONS -

- Academic papers (PhD students and Early Career Researchers are encouraged) – 15 min presentations
- Practitioner papers - 15 minute presentations
- Panel discussions and facilitated workshops - 20 to 50 minutes
- Problem solving clinics, training, professional development - up to 50 minutes
- New Economy Lab - propose an experiment to conduct with willing participants (e.g. it could be about currencies / sharing systems, etc.), before, during, or after the conference, and use a 50 min conference session to review it or start it
- New Economy Change Projects - 50 minute sessions for those who want to propose specific social change projects and who intend to continue these projects after the conference (and stay connected to the New Economy Network)
- Discussion groups, arts projects, debates, working group meetings - 50 minutes
- Facilitated games - 30 to 50 minutes
- Short performances, creative interludes or interventions – 5 to 10 minutes
- Open space sessions - just come along on Friday 1st September and propose an open space session

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL FOR PARTICIPATION

Please visit our website, download the **Proposal Template** and email your 300 word proposal + 100 word biography by 12 June 2017. Emails to: neweconomy@earthlaws.org.au

Conference website: www.neweconomy.org.au