

## Events

Check online at [BelfastTransition.org](http://BelfastTransition.org) and [Facebook.com/belfasttransition](https://www.facebook.com/belfasttransition).

To receive **e-mail announcements** contact: [info@BelfastTransition.org](mailto:info@BelfastTransition.org)

## Books & DVDs for loan

**Transition Companion** and the **Transition Handbook**, both books by Rob Hopkins, founder of the Transition movement.

**Local Money**, by Peter North.

**Transition 1.0** and **2.0 - DVDs**

*Visit our free lending library.*



### Office and Resource Center

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## History of Belfast Transition

BT began in February, 2010, with a discussion group based on the *Transition Handbook*, by Rob Hopkins, hosted by the Belfast Free Library, Belfast Co-op, Unitarian-Universalist Church of Belfast, and the Green Store.

From this group, some of us continued to meet and develop a Transition Initiative (TI) in the Belfast Area. We live in Belfast and the surrounding towns and welcome other individuals and organizations who would like to contribute to the discussion and planning of our response to coming changes.

Several other TIs have formed in Maine communities, including Hancock County, the Oxford Hills area, Portland, Bath/Brunswick, and Skowhegan.



Since the Transition Movement began in Totnes, England in 2006, more and more groups are continuing to spring up around the world.

All groups are independently and locally operated. Successes and lessons learned are shared in various forums online and at regional gatherings.

# Belfast Transition

RELOCALIZE  
TO  
THRIVE

Neighbors learning and building together the best future we can for this area we love. Groups gather around topics such as **energy**, **healthy food**, **local economy**, **transportation**, **heart & soul**.



- Free and open to everyone

- Volunteer-run

- Independent

## How is a Transition Initiative different?

- A TI helps existing groups to network and so **acts as a catalyst** for communities to explore ways of working together.
- It is a **comprehensive approach** that equally involves the head (ideas), heart (emotions) and the hands (practical work).
- Members are driven by hope, optimism, and the rewards of constructive action, with an emphasis on **co-operation, partnership, and celebration.**
- TIs develop **tools for action** that support visioning, creativity, and conducting events that increase civic engagement and cooperation.



In 2011, BT produced a 12-page, full-size issue of the "**Belfast Area Transition Times**," dateline January 2021.

## How is BT structured?

Since Jan. 14, 2012, BT consists of a Coordinating Circle, several Working Groups and many interested individuals.

BT may choose to collaborate with community organizations on projects and co-sponsor events, but this does not imply endorsement of all activities of either party.

Externally, BT is a formal or informal member of several local and global networks that are in harmony with our objectives and values.

### A few past Projects & Events

Sponsored **movies** and **book discussions.**

Various **garden-building events.**

Annual MOFGA Common Ground Fair **booth and presentation.**

Help maintaining a **Native Plant Pollinator-food** garden.

Rented-bus **trip to the 100-year-old farmers' market in St. John, NB.**

Participated in the **2011-13 New England Climate Summer** programs, including a bike/carpool garden tour.

*Photo at right: "Peas Be Seeded" bench makers: Katia Ancona, Timothy Holland, and Karin Wittmann. This was BT's entry in the 2013 "Please, Be Seated!" contest, coordinated by Our Town Belfast.*

## Working Groups

*To contact a particular Working Group or propose a new project, e-mail:*

**info@BelfastTransition.org**

### **Food**

Concerned with all aspects of local food production. BT has conducted four "permablitzes" and is planning many more.

### **Local Economy**

Increasing local economic activity by building new exchange & investment networks. Time banking and sharing circles are planned.

### **Zero Waste Project**

Reducing Belfast's waste through improved recycling and composting systems, while encouraging the re-use and re-sale of materials.

### **Likely future projects or groups . . .**

Transportation      Tool share

Energy Descent Plan      Tiny houses

*Your ideas are welcome !*

