



TRANSITION KINGSTON

CREATING LOCAL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES



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Who are Transition Kingston?

Transition Kingston is part of a local grassroots movement originating in the UK in response to the challenge of climate change and resource depletion. It's a worldwide web of local community-based efforts to reduce fossil fuel reliance and relocalise economies. A core tenet of the Transition Movement is that people would be happier with more community and less cheap energy (and the culture of stuff that it fuels).

Instead of focusing on what we don't want, the Transition approach is creating positive visions and projects for a sustainable and resilient society. It's going to take a major shift of both systems and minds to get there. Transition Kingston strive to bring these activities to your doorstep. Helping even a novice environmentally-conscious community member to take the first step towards a more sustainable future.

Our objectives are to support to each other, build a local community of people who share our aims, connect and collaborate with like minded groups and develop local projects which respond to the challenges of the climate crisis.

In our quarterly newsletters we'll keep you informed and connected with upcoming events and recommendations you can bring into your own life and home. Thank you for subscribing to our newsletter, sharing amongst your community and joining our upcoming events.

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Council Declares Climate and Ecological Emergency

"We are the custodians of this planet and it's our role to make the planet a better place to live for those who come after us"
-Cr Oxley

On 29th January 2020 councillors approved the motion put by Cr Rosemary West to declare a Climate and Ecological Emergency. Members of the public gallery broke into applause after the vote was passed. As part of its commitment to action Kingston Council will develop a climate emergency response plan in the 2020-2021 budget cycle focusing on policy and actions to mitigate against accelerating global warming. Read the full details of the declaration [here](#).

Transition Kingston responded to City of Kingston Draft Integrated Transport Strategy by providing a detailed report. We supported most of the approaches proposed but we were critical of the lack of defined targets or firm actions. We encourage Council to specify and accelerate the range of actions.

Our feedback recommends that Council show leadership in reducing transport emissions to act on the Climate Crisis by replacing all of the ICE (internal combustion engine) vehicles that it uses in its activities. Council should initiate a project changing its use of all vehicles whether council owned or leased from ICE to EV (electric vehicles) by 2025. Charging stations could be put in place to support both the needs of Council and the broader driving community. It must be worked into the budget and contracts as a matter of urgency. This would be a significant step in providing an integrated, safer, healthier and more efficient transport system in Kingston.

The consultation is now closed but you can have your say on future plans to act on the climate crisis by registering at [Your Kingston Your Say](#).



Council Elections October 2020

What future will you choose for yourself, your children and grandchildren when you vote in the Kingston Council elections this October?

Previously Kingston has been split into three wards with three councillors elected to represent each ward. At this election, Kingston has been split into 11 wards creating an even greater, localised focus for each councillor.

Consider voting for candidates who will show leadership transitioning the community towards a clean, renewable energy future.

We applaud the declaration of a Climate and Ecological Emergency made by current councillors but now it is time for action. Environment Victoria South Eastern Volunteers put questions to all of the candidates on their views of the role Councils can play in mitigating climate change.

Your Ward Candidate's Climate Change Survey answers can be found [here](#)

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Upcoming Events

Spring Seed and Seedling Swap

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST
10.30 - 11.00 AND 11.15 - 11.45

It's on again!

Co-Hosted by Transition Kingston and Bayside Food Swap and Share, the autumn seed and seedling swap was a passionate and engaged gathering.

At the November Spring swap we will have 60 "pot luck" tomato seedlings to give away plus an abundance of seeds, seedlings, potted herbs, worm castings, and sourdough starter amongst other goodies to share.

Come along even if you have nothing to share as this is a get together for our local community of food growers to meet each other and find out more about food swaps. This event will be held in a private garden in near Mentone Train Station.

Register [here](#) and we will email you the address and COVID Safe Plan closer to the date once details of state government restrictions are available. Numbers will be limited to 10 for each session. If you can't make it register your interest to receive our newsletter and be kept informed of future events.



Growing an organic garden isn't as intimidating as most people think. Join an event and roll up your sleeves!

Backyard Sharing Program

Picture this: You're in an apartment with enough room to grow some window-sill herbs, but you'd love the opportunity to get out and grow your own veggies. Just next door is a lovely neighbour who has land to spare, and no time to garden.

The Backyard Sharing program matches local landowners with spare land and gardeners with no land to meet up and share space and produce. Landowners can 'buddy' with a gardener and work in the garden together.

Image left: Apartment dweller, Kelly, harvesting from her "backyard". Kelly and a friend worked together in the garden space made available by a generous garden owner.

If you have spare green space, or you're looking to start your own veggie patch contact the Community Gardens team [here](#) for more information.



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Getting involved in Transition Kingston

Transition Kingston started as a group of like-minded local Kingston residents sharing their desire to reduce their own carbon footprints and encourage the broader community to do the same. They collaborate on projects focusing on renewable energy and transport, reducing our waste and consumption, food security by growing more food locally and a program called Transition Streets to help you and your neighbours get together and make a difference. We'd love to hear from you with your ideas of how we can support each other to transition to a low carbon future.

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Pam's Veggie Patch

Five tips to make the most of your patch in the next three months

- 1: Reuse your egg shells and coffee grounds as a natural pest deterrent in your veggie patch.
- 2: Try your hand at growing from seed- it is so rewarding!
- 3: Make use of those beautiful worm castings (more commonly known as worm poo) from your worm farm.
- 4: Mulch, mulch, mulch
- 5: Water deeply and less often

Partner Highlight: Zero Kingston 2030

Zero Kingston 2030 was formed through an alliance between members of Bayside Climate Crisis Action Group, Transition Kingston and Isaacs Climate Action Network to support Kingston Council in declaring a Climate Emergency. The main aim of Zero Kingston 2030 is to lead the Kingston community to zero emissions by 2030.

You can find out more about Zero Kingston 2030 by following them on [Facebook](#)



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