



**“PermTrans” - It’s Time to Merge the Transition and Permaculture movements. Agenda +PDF
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“There is a massive opportunity to meld the design science of permaculture, the community-based change of Transition Towns and the activism and governance possibilities of Occupy.”

-- from: *[“PermOccupy - A Pathway to a Sustainable Future,”](#)* by Killian O'Brien. *Interview on PermOccupy with Killian by Willi Paul. (2001)*

Please see: [4] Selected Abbreviated Mission Statements - Permaculture, Sustainability and Transition Organizations - at the end of this piece.

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[1] Introduction Questions

Are you running from or embracing a spiritual message?

Are you willing to give up your ego and/or profit to save the planet?

Can you envision a better life post-Capitalism?

Who is in charge of resilience in our community?

Who is making a profit in Permaculture? Are you?

[2] What are a few Ethics and Principles of PermTrans?

+ Care for the community and sharing your surplus

+ Localization

+ Sharing

+ Resilience

[3] What does the Transition + Permaculture = PermTrans vision look like?

+ Not a profit taking endeavor

+ Sharing or convergence model

+ Create and integrate both city and rural hubs

+ Use the existing school facilities, teachers and funding

+ Increase political power as a super group - Win seats to councils and teach the wider community

+ Visioning as dominate community process for ideas and implementation

+ Grassroots – bottom up first

+ Efficiency in time and energy is increased

+ Transform passive competition between groups (money, people power, facilities, land, sponsors, etc.)

+ Training worldwide

+ Skill-building at the individual level

+ Build local resilience and connections close to home

- + Strive to live for the land—not just with it or from it
- + Engage people to strengthening their communities
- + Align with the wider global sustainability movement
- + Diversify a sharing, local economy
- + Combine journeys and story elements from both movements for new myths

[4] Selected Logos and Abbreviated Mission Statements Permaculture, Sustainability and Transition Organizations

[Transition Albany](#)

Transition Albany is an expression of a worldwide grassroots movement to engage regular citizens in the visioning and creating of a positive future beyond fossil fuel dependency.

[Bioneers](#)

Bioneers is a fertile hub of social and scientific innovators with practical and visionary solutions for the world's most pressing environmental and social challenges

[Transition Los Angeles City Hub](#)

Transition Los Angeles is a network of local grassroots groups that are growing local resilience, our ability to flex and adapt to change. Specifically, we are working on proactive solutions to the combined challenge of peak oil, climate change, and economic contraction. We are part of the international Transition Movement.

[Permaculture Research Institute](#)

The Permaculture Research Institute (PRI) is located on a Permaculture demonstration site in The Channon NSW, and is headed by Geoff & Nadia Lawton. We specialize in education & training worldwide. We also provide daily Permaculture news and information via permaculturenews.org. The Permaculture Research Institute is a not-for-profit organisation, limited by guarantee.

[Daily Acts](#)

We provide citizens and organizations the knowledge and tools to transform lawns into food forests, install greywater systems, create habitat, keep bees, rear local chickens, and tend to personal and financial ecology. Our education programs promote skill-building at the individual level, while catalyzing green policy and widespread change throughout our communities.

[Transition Palo Alto](#)

We're part of a world-wide grassroots movement to build local resilience and connections close to home. Since 2010, we've been mounting creative and thoughtful responses to the challenges of resource depletion, climate change, and economic instability. Help us unleash the power and creative genius of people and communities to create a vibrant future for generations to come.

[Quail Springs Permaculture](#)

Quail Springs Permaculture is a gathering of passionate stewards who have dedicated their work to the multi-generational learning journey of seeding and tending the land and the culture. We strive to live for the land—not just with it or from it. We are guided and nurtured by our Board of Directors, Stewardship Council, staff, donors, volunteers, interns, apprentices, course participants, and partner organizations which together provide a strong circle of support.

[Sustainable Fairfax](#)

Sustainable Fairfax is a nonprofit organization focused on education, outreach, and activism on issues of sustainability. We are a hard-working group of volunteers committed to the philosophy that we must attend to the needs of the

present without sacrificing the ability of future generations and the natural world to provide for their own needs. Our vision is to provide events that support the local economy, teach sustainable environmental practices, and build community. We strive to inspire citizens to take action on issues such as Climate Change, Toxins, Zero Waste, Food, Water, and other sustainability topics. We also work actively with our town and county governments, businesses, other non-profits, and community groups to create a connected community, strengthen our local economy, and support diverse ecology.

[Transition Silicon Valley](#)

Transition Silicon Valley is envisioned to be an incubator/umbrella organization for Transition groups within Silicon Valley. Silicon Valley is too large to be effectively organized by one Transition group. Hence it's likely there will be several Transition Initiatives in the area. It is likely that a regional Transition group will be of assistance to those local groups. At the moment this was written the state of Transition Initiatives in Silicon Valley is at their earliest stage. Silicon Valley has many existing groups who have purposes similar to Transition. We want to utilize previously done research, and work with existing groups that are already implementing pieces of the Transition model. We want to create a map of Silicon Valley resources useful for Transition so that they are available to everyone.

[Transition Unite States](#)

Transition US is a nonprofit organization that provides inspiration, encouragement, support, networking, and training for Transition Initiatives across the United States. We are working in close partnership with the Transition Network, a UK based organization that supports the international Transition Movement as a whole. The Transition Movement is a vibrant, grassroots movement that seeks to build community resilience in the face of such challenges as peak oil, climate change and the economic crisis. It represents one of the most promising ways of engaging people in strengthening their communities against the effects of these challenges, resulting in a life that is more abundant, fulfilling, equitable and socially connected.

[Transition California](#)

Welcome to the transition California network! A strategic grassroots and continually evolving movement dedicated to:

- + Facilitating connection between Transition Town efforts throughout California and beyond so that individual and collective efforts are aligned with the wider global sustainability movement.
- + Connecting and collaborating with local and global initiatives that encourage sustainable community development, zero waste, community based economies, local food production, sustainable business practices, and efforts that lend towards the transition to a sustainable world.

[Transition Cotati](#)

Transition Cotati brings neighbors together to build a more self-reliant and resilient future for Cotati. We envision a vibrant and diverse local economy, a dramatically reduced reliance on fossil fuels, and a rich community life.