



FADA: An Introduction

Our Name

FADA: Fuinneamh An Dúchais Againn

(the Vigour of what's Native is Ours), implying confidence in the strength of what is local (to one's place) and innate (to our human nature).



A short introduction

FADA is a new network set up by volunteers, mostly from Co Kildare, preparing communities for Peak Oil by focusing on the localisation of the economy. It was formed after the Energy Forum, an event discussing peak oil organised in April 2006 by the Newbridge Integral Philosophy Group.

FADA's objective is to help create and maintain a vibrant, diverse, secure and sustainable community by fostering ingenuity through local projects and positive action.

As a start, FADA Newbridge has been set up as a pilot branch in Newbridge to work towards the group's objectives in the local area. It is envisaged that similar groups will be set up in other parts of Co Kildare and will be able to utilise the experience gained from FADA Newbridge.

What we do

We are dedicated in improving the local skills base by providing a number of public meetings and by arranging educational courses on subjects as diverse as composting and waste management, preservation of seasonal foods and local economics. In addition there are several sub-groups within FADA that carry out projects within the community like community gardens, strengthening farmers markets and local food audits. FADA also creates links between existing community groups in the locality. FADA has and continues to lobby local politicians on issues relating to sustainable living and on matters concerning the local community, such as the development of local amenities.

Some examples of previous and ongoing projects are the following:

We organised a public Energy Fair, a Climate Change Lenten Campaign and a talk on recycling and composting. We also organised an organic gardening course and rented an allotment in order for our members to educate themselves on gardening. We are involved in efforts to re-introduce a farmers' market in George Street in Newbridge and liaise with KELT in the production of a local food guide for county Kildare.

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Meetings:

We meet every 2nd and 4th Monday at 8:00 at the Newbridge Parish Centre or Charlotte House. The two buildings are right next to each other on Station Street, Newbridge and there will be a sign at the door of Charlotte House advising the venue for the night.

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If you would like us to keep you on our mailing list, please fill in as much of this as you like:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Landline: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

If you would like to become a member of FADA Newbridge please tick the box

Where did you hear about today's event? (e.g. newspaper article, radio advertisement)

Any comments you would like to make:

Peak Oil- Sources of Information

Books

"The Long Emergency" by James Howard Kunstler

"The Party's Over," by Richard Heinberg

"The End of Cheap Oil" by Colin Campbell

Websites

Peak Oil

Peak Oil Healthcare Network: www.peakoilhealthnet.com

Life After the Oil Crash: www.lifeaftertheoilcrash.net

Energy Bulletin: www.energybulletin.net

Post Carbon Institute: www.postcarbon.org

Power Switch: www.powerswitch.org.uk

Future Shock- End of the Oil Age: An excellent documentary by RTÉ's Chief Economic Correspondent, George Lee, exploring the implications of peak oil for Ireland. You can view the documentary at http://www.rte.ie/tv/futureshock/av_20070618.html .

Graham Strouts: Graham was the main speaker at the Newbridge Energy Forum. He is the coordinator of the Practical Sustainability course at Kinsale Further Education College. Interesting articles on Peak Oil and Permaculture. www.zone5.org

Rob Hopkins: Rob was Graham Strout's predecessor at Kinsale. He is now doing a PhD in Energy Descent in England. His site is highly informative and accessible on all issues pertaining to Peak Oil and localisation. www.transitionculture.org

Localisation

Willits Economic Localisation Project: Willits has been the inspiration for localisation groups in Ireland in general and FADA in particular. This site is well worth a visit to see a successful project and its methods. www.willitseconomiclocalization.org

The Relocalisation Network: This site illustrates the phenomenal swell of localisation initiatives operating all over the globe. www.relocalize.net

The Powerdown Community Project: This is a part of the sustainable.ie website that has news from powerdown communities around Ireland. www.sustainable.ie/powerdown

Transition Culture: an evolving exploration into the head, heart and minds of energy descent. <http://transitionculture.org>