

A Conference on Growing Local Economy

How to make full use of local resources

Part 1: an Introduction open & free to all

At 7 pm on Tuesday, June 16th.

at St Mary-in-the-Castle, Pelham Place

At 5.30 the foyer café at St Mary-in-the-Castle will be open for drinks and snacks until 10 minutes before the talks start in the auditorium.

At 7.00 Introduced by Christine Goldschmidt, Director of Hastings Trust, **Owen Nankivell**, author of *A Hastings for the 21st. Century, a Strategic Plan*, will review the background and purpose of the conference.

Owen will be followed by **Steve Bendle**, founder and former Chief Executive of the South London Family Housing Association who will review productive relationships between town and countryside. Steve will discuss land and environmental issues with special reference to local food production and trading.

As seating will be at tables those wishing to leave after the talk may do so without embarrassment. After questions from the audience, those leading workshops the following morning at Hastings Trust will briefly describe their topics (see reverse).

At 8.30 formal proceedings will end, the Auditorium Bar will open until 9.15pm and the audience will be free to meet the speakers and the next morning's workshop leaders.

Orders may be taken or posted to Hastings Trust for **Conference Proceedings**

Part 2: Workshops for a limited number

At 9.15 on Wednesday, June 17th.

at Hastings Trust, 35 Robertson Street

Led by those listed on the reverse, 4 Workshop groups, limited to a maximum of 12 members each, will discuss ways and means of promoting the local economy. Respectively, they will focus on productive land in town and country, creating new work and skills, generating local investment funds & micro-credit and on accessing & networking knowledge. Owen Nankivell will be an observer and facilitator for the workshops.

At 9.00 am the Trust will open for Registration; tea & coffee will be available.

At 9.30: Introduction to the Workshops

From 10.00 - 12 midday workshops convene: participants can help themselves to tea & coffee during the workshops.

From 12.00 - 1.00 pm a wind-up plenary session of workshop participants at which Owen Nankivell will lead a discussion of conclusions and proposals for further action.

Speakers, Workshop Leaders & their topics

Owen Nankivell, M.A, (Econ.), J.P., Chairman.

After a long career as a senior economist in government and subsequently as Chief Economist for a UK multinational, Owen now has his own economic consultancy; he is also Executive Director of the Hinksey Network concerned with values issues in economics, including concern for local economic regeneration.

In his introduction to the conference Owen will summarise conclusions from his report in the light of changes during the past two years.

Steve Bendle, Speaker & Workshop A leader.

Steve was Chief Executive of the South London Family Housing Association for 14 years; for the past 4 years he has been involved in developing initiatives to promote social investment.

Steve, who lives in Bath where a local produce market flourishes, has a special interest in food production. His talk and workshop will be of special interest to those interested in farmers' markets as well as the broader social, economic and environmental issues.

Pat Conaty, workshop B leader.

Pat is the Development Manager of the Aston Reinvestment Trust; he is also Development Manager of Birmingham Settlement and a founder of Rebuilding Society Network, a national association for community reinvestment funds.

Pat Conaty is well known for his experience and knowledge of 'local money' and has a special interest in micro-credit systems. Pat spoke here recently to a group interested in credit unions and reinvestment trusts for Hastings.

Mike Franks, Workshop C leader.

Mike is Chairman of the Regeneration Trust, Clerkenwell. He is founder of the Regeneration Group of Companies and pioneer of managed workspace. He is now working on economic, social and environmental management projects in neighbourhoods of the 'City Fringe'.

Mike was the first to alert us in Hastings to the 'managed workspace' potential of the abandoned Observer Building on Cambridge Road. He set up Clerkenwell Workshops in the 1970s and has been involved in 40 similar schemes (with over 1 million square feet) since.

John Turner, Workshop D leader

John has worked in local development in South America and in the USA where he was an international consultant while teaching at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; on his return to the UK he set up housing and development courses at the Architectural Association Graduate School and at the Development Planning Unit, U.C. London.

John has been a Hastings Trust board member for the past 5 years and is currently working on the Trust's Tools for Community Regeneration Project. John and his team are keen to demonstrate the database and discuss its usefulness for local initiatives.