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# Embedding Holistic Economics: For a global community

Problems with the global economy are presented in the mainstream media as those that can be managed within existing systems. There is a need for a transformation of economics if human society is to survive and prosper. The current economic crises presents a real opportunity to achieve this.

Course teachers will outline the nature of the changes that are required both in conventional economic theory and the resulting economic structures. Participants will look at how the language and assumptions of economics have shaped the modern world and what new concepts and activities could be introduced to create a body of knowledge that promotes sustainability and equity.

Participants will look at our existing money system and discuss alternatives which can facilitate a major shift of resources towards a low-carbon economy. They will look at the political, technological and cultural challenges of moving globally towards a resource-light economy. How much can be achieved by technical means? What role is there for cultural change? How can this be made to happen?

This course is intended for: anyone interested in and/or working on cultural and economic change including economists, financial advisors, researchers, journalists and cultural analysts.

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David Boyle is an associate of the new economics foundation, founder of the London Time Bank network and co-founder of Time Banks UK. His most recent publication is *The Little Money Book* (Alastair Sawday, 2003).

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Ralf Becker is coordinator of the Regional Currency Association advisory board and an advisor to a number of regional currency initiatives.

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