

Building Alternative Livelihoods in times of ecological and political crisis

7TH INTERNATIONAL DEGROWTH / 16TH ISEE INTERNATIONAL JOINT CONFERENCE

Manchester, September 1st to 5th 2020

First call to activists and campaigners

Come to Manchester in September 2020 to meet with other activists, artists and scholars to explore how alternative livelihoods can respond to the worsening ecological and climate crisis.

We face a worsening ecological and climate crisis and that requires an urgent transformation of the the ways we organise, produce and consume. Alternative livelihoods could be the key to this in a democratic society that has gone beyond economic growth.

How can we ensure both social justice and ecological justice for the peoples of the Global South and North? How can we mobilise political support for the necessary transformations? How can we make the transition environmentally and socially sustainable, politically viable and democratically legitimate?

This conference will bring together academics, policy-makers, artists and activists in order to discuss these many challenges. There will be workshops, debates and discussions, artistic performances, walking tours and installations on the themes of the conference. It will also seek to contribute to local activist initiatives. It will strive not only to demonstrate and explore cutting-edge thinking on alternative sustainable livelihoods but also encourage political mobilisation amongst academics, activists, artists and policy practitioners.

The conference will include events and discussions on these kinds of issues:

- The future of states and markets,
- The future of employment and work,
- Cutting carbon emissions: degrowth versus green growth,
- The production and conservation of energy
- Non-capitalist modes of resource allocation
- Democratising the economy and alternative forms of business ownership
- Re-commoning and de-commodifying resources,
- Non-monetary measures of prosperity,
- Welfare arrangements such as basic income or jobs guarantee
- Decentralising power,
- Measurements of prosperity and well-being,
- How to respond to the threat of racist, nationalist populism,
- The politics of transitions to sustainability
- The lessons to be learned from past socio-economic and cultural conflicts.

To register your interest, go to <https://tinyurl.com/degrowth2020>

If you've ideas or offers about activities by and for activists and campaigners, contact markburton@phonecoop.coop