



**Building Community
Centred Economies:**
Dialogue for Action

IACD / CD Qld International Conference
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Brisbane, Australia
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At a time when there is so much bad news about the global economy, here is a good news opportunity!

A think, talk and do conference focused on how we can build strong, creative and sustainable local economies into the future.

The global financial crisis, coupled with climate change has left many of us in the community, government and corporate sectors asking ourselves what can we do to address the impacts and make a real difference? Answering this question lies at the heart of this conference.

Global changes are certainly important, but at the same time, inspiring, thought-provoking and practical answers are also being developed in local communities around the world and are supported by people of good will across all sectors.

Local food systems, community and social enterprises, social investment, strong and ethical local businesses, local energy production and planning, fair trade opportunities, community gardens, corporate-community engagements, micro-finance institutions, local currencies and exchange systems, community banks and local credit unions, federations and consortia of non-profit organisations to leverage common good – these are just a few examples.

Initiatives like these are part of a growing movement towards the creation of community centred economies, improving the lives of many and ensuring the future of local environments around the world. This movement is full of unlikely alliances, courageous conversations within and between sectors and explorations of how to work in the spaces between traditional disciplines and sectors.

We invite you to come, share and explore, be inspired, and be part of a dialogue for action as we create and grow these and other possibilities for **Building Community Centred Economies.**

With over 100 paper presentations, roundtables, workshops, panel discussions, films and performances, presenters from the around the world and from across the sectors, this is an opportunity not to be missed!



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Conference Highlights:

- Over 100 paper presentations, workshops, roundtable discussions, panels and an integrated film festival celebrating community centred economies!
- An amazing array of keynote speakers and invited speakers and workshop facilitators from around the world

Keynote Speakers:

- **Ela Bhatt**, Founder of the Self Employed Women's Association in India and member of the Elders will give the Les Halliwell Memorial Address (www.theelders.org/elders/)
- **Michael Shuman**, author of Going Local: Creating Self-Reliant Communities in a Global Age and co-founder of the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies

Invited Speakers and Workshop Facilitators include:

Catherine Gibson (Australia)	Peter Kenyon (Australia)
Alex Ruhunda (Uganda)	Alan Twelvetrees (UK)
Wayne Coolwell (Australia)	Mary Graham (Australia)
David Beurle (Australia & US)	

And many more speakers from around Australia and the world!

- Pre-Conference Tours – Visit social enterprises around Brisbane!
- Participate in pre-conference dialogues and discussions via the International Association for Community Development website blogs (www.iacdglobal.org) and / or the conference Face Book site, "Building Community Centred Economies".
- The conference will develop a "Community Centred Economies Declaration of Principles" – discussion about this declaration will begin in the lead up to the conference and be woven through the conference and linked to the launch of the Learning Fund.
- The conference will launch a 'Building Community Centred Economies Learning Fund' – a revolving loan fund to seed fund innovative initiatives inspired by the principles outlined in the Declaration.
- Film Festival and Arts program
- Workshops / Roundtables / Presentations / Panel Discussions: Great opportunities for Professional Development and Networking.
- Conference Dinner with special guest speakers and entertainment.

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