

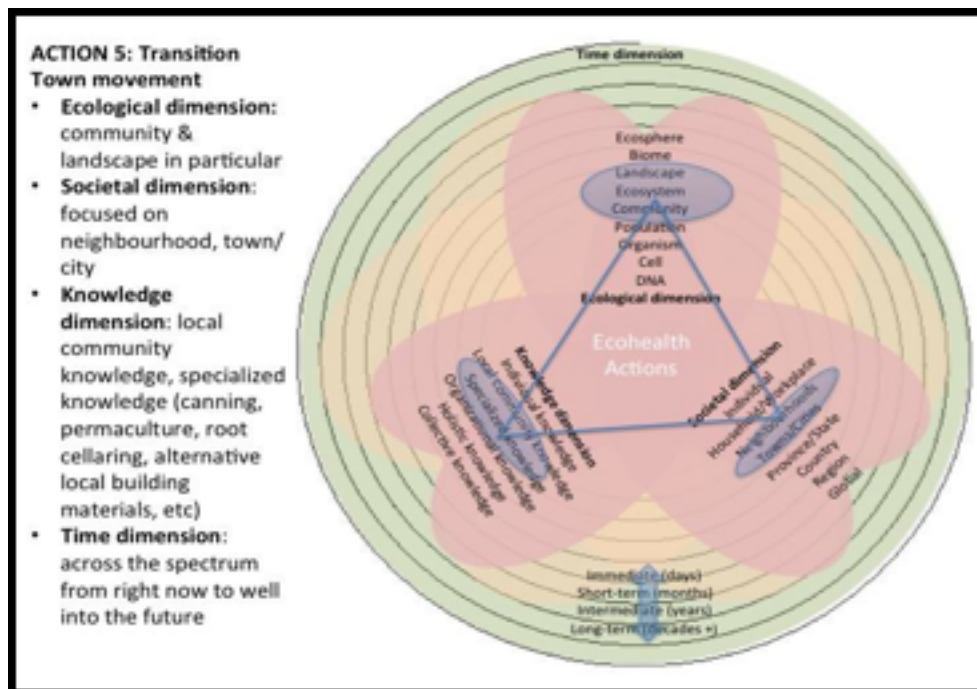
## Gallery of Actions - Example 5:

**Title/Name:** Transition Town movement ([www.TransitionNetwork.org](http://www.TransitionNetwork.org))

### **Description/objectives :**

A global social movement dedicated to building community resilience in the face of climate change, peak oil, resource depletion, rising social inequalities, and economic instability. The emphasis is, in particular, on transitioning away from dependence on fossil fuels, while maintaining a commitment to social equity, relocalisation, building community, and working together for a better future. It shares affinities with the degrowth movement, local food movement, energy conservation, active transportation, sharing economy, homesteading & urban agriculture movements, to name just a few. The transition town has many resonances with ecohealth approaches, including explicit engagement with:

- *transdisciplinary approaches* –linked to a tapestry of movements for local food, sustainability, green energy, active transportation, community renewal, urban agriculture, permaculture, disaster preparedness, DIY, relocalization, urban homesteading, sharing;
- *participation*: this is a grassroots, citizen-led social movement;
- *sustainability* –focuses on re-imagining a post-carbon future ‘beyond’ sustainability
- *equity diversity*, social inclusion –harnessing diversity is a cornerstone of resilience practice
- *knowledge to action* – emphasis on visible, local, practical manifestations of what is possible



**Where does your action take place?** Local level. There are 88+ Transition initiatives in Canada, and over a thousand around the world.

**Who is/should be engaged?** The movement is primarily citizen-led, but bridges to local government, private sector, NGO community

***What are the opportunities for collaboration/coalition/scaling up of the activity?***

Collaboration is already characteristic of the Transition movement - locally, amongst like-minded groups, but also across Transition initiatives (frequently organized into regional, national, and international hubs)

***Contacts/resources for further information and follow up.***

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transition overview and Primer (50pgs):<br/><a href="http://www.transitionnetwork.org/resources/transition-primer">http://www.transitionnetwork.org/resources/transition-primer</a></li><li>• <a href="http://communityrenewal.ca/about-transition-movement">http://communityrenewal.ca/about-transition-movement</a></li><li>• “Why transition” video (US):<br/><a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDdv_z_DgMg&amp;feature=player_embedded">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDdv_z_DgMg&amp;feature=player_embedded</a></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Training for Transition excerpt (Minneapolis)<br/><a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uld9-LYRgqY">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uld9-LYRgqY</a></li><li>• Transition Towns: an interview with Rob Hopkins (52min)<br/><a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQF09NG00V8">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQF09NG00V8</a></li><li>• SSHRC-funded Study of the emergence of the movement in Canada<br/><a href="http://www.TransitionEmergingStudy.ca">www.TransitionEmergingStudy.ca</a></li></ul> |
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