

Prince Edward Island Social Forum Schedule

The Institute for Bioregional Studies Ltd. (IBS), invites you to join their Social Forums. Each event begins at 7:00 p.m. with a potluck dinner, presentation and informal discussion. The intent is to share ideas and inform each other about social issues affecting our future.

Each forum is held at 114 Upper Prince Street, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. For more information call 902-367-0390, email ibs_pei@yahoo.com, or visit www.ibspei.ca.

Community Renewal, February 10 (Tuesday)

The bioregional approach to community enhancement places very high value on activities that unite individuals to create a sense of place that is safe, healthy, and productive while also retaining continuity of the region's natural and cultural history.

The community becomes, an extension of one's very selfhood. It implies a sensitivity and respect to the uniqueness of our neighbourhood and how it can be expressed in the infrastructure, symbols, images, art, rituals and other cultural expressions of the community.

Tonight, the neighbours of Upper Prince Street will present an oral history of our community. We will then open discussion to uncover strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats impacting our municipality and actions we can implement to enhance our neighbourhood.

Can We Save the Planet and Rescue the Economy at the Same Time?, February 17 (Tuesday)

Shake off your complacency, throw aside old habits, and rise, clear-eyed and alert, to the necessity of big changes. Tonight we will discuss the community economic development actions, impacts and necessary steps to create a social economy that promotes peace, environmental sustainability and social justice. From 'Shock Doctrine' to 'The 11th Hour,'

We will develop a picture of the causes and potential green solutions for restoring prosperity.

Community Enterprise, March 12 (Thursday)

Bioregionalism attempts to promote environmentally sound business development that has community-wide benefits. Tonight we will examine several project management methodologies that stimulate and sustain business development.

We will then discuss how to advance from ideas to implementation of new and/or expanded businesses.

Econundrums, Earth Day - Sunday April 22

While world leaders debate how best to respond to climate change, loss of biodiversity, population explosions, impending epidemics, etc., the rest of us wrestle with our own environmental quandaries. Is it better to use paper or plastic? Is a full dishwasher really more efficient than washing dishes in the sink? If we must travel, is it better to drive or fly? Tonight we'll take the Mother Jones EcoQuiz and discuss what personal actions are best for the planet.

Some of the findings might surprise you.

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