

The Tipping Point Alliance

A Vision and Strategy
for a Meaningful Life in a Fracturing World

Core Ideas

Two guiding principles:

- 1) The climate change crisis needs more than a technical fix. It needs a radical re-thinking of the way we live, produce, consume, move, exchange and relate.
- 2) Nobody (no government, no corporation) will do it for us; as citizens, workers and consumers, we are the only possible actors.

We propose an Alliance between people and movements in order to multiply (as a gearbox) the effects of our respective actions. Diversity and unity are our true wealth; and they form two powerful tools to put pressure on governments to act and implement necessary institutional and structural changes.

Two main Human Values will guide our action:

- 1) care for one another, and
- 2) equity between people and species are all-important.

Seven Qualities to guide us on our path for survival:

- 1) respecting life; 2) searching for harmony; 3) rising to our responsibilities; 4) caring for relationships; 5) practising inclusiveness; 6) developing self-empowerment; 7) finding meaning.

Eight essential changes of mind or way of thinking are needed:

Concerning :1) cooperation, 2) adaptation to nature, 3) technology as a tool, 4) roles of citizens/governments/corporations, 5) citizen councils, 6) redefining use of money, 7) production for basic needs, 8) from consumer-spectator to responsible activist. And the main obstacle which is our addiction to the way of life we practise now.

In a nutshell and very practically: We need to recreate a local economy and community that can be sustainable, relatively self-sufficient and resilient, based on human values.

Strategy:

The proposed Strategy is based on a contract between all of us, the participants, consisting of diverse options that concern practical attitudes, actions and choices in daily life. Through this contract we commit to practise these options. Everybody is free to choose, adapt or design their own options.

As a starting point we propose the following options:

1. Laws of nature: integrating all our activities (resources, wastes, energy) with natural cycles,
2. Ecological footprint: minimising our own impact,
3. Simplicity: practising self-limitation that liberates us from the superfluous,
4. The Commons: contributing to the common wealth,
5. Technology and market: resisting their negative impact on our lives,
6. One choice is one vote: voting with our feet,
7. Minorities - Indigenous: standing in solidarity with them for their rights.
8. Finding ways of consensus: learning how to agree on essential options, beyond diversity,
9. Living in the truth: being free to be faithful to what matters most and accepting ensuing consequences,
10. Ideology: deciphering the false discourse and proposing new creative guidelines.

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