# PLAYGROUN FOR THE NEW ECONOMY

13-15 July

Selgars Mill, Uffculme, Devon EX15 3DA

Tickets at stirtoaction.com /festival

- **Main Stage**
- **Barn Stage**
- Interactive

# **TUESDAY**

Arrivals from 12pm

Lunch will be available on arrival.

**2pm Welcome** Stir to Action

The festival hosts welcome you to the New Economy Centre at Selgars Mill.

3pm Climate Common Sense: Community Ownership as a Just Transition Lucy Stone Explore what communities are already doing to collectively steward green economy resources, and what the future might look like.

3pm Session TBC

Interactive session.



4pm Kindred: Growing Liverpool's Social **Economy From the Ground Up** 

Danielle Cohen

The story of Kindred, an independent CIC owned and led by socially trading organisations in Liverpool City Region.



4pm From Cottagecore on Tik Tok to Housing Co-ops Simin Wadiwala

5pm Is it Time to Stop Using the Word 'Community'? Oliver Holtaway

Does the New Economy need a better definition of "community" - or should we just start saying what we really mean.

**Putting** the 'Community' in Community Wealth Building

Hillary Wainwright

Making connections between grassroots and the municipal socialism of the Preston model.



# FESTIVAL 8

# WEDNESDAY

9am Morning Magazine Review

Hazel Sheffield

Magazine review panel exploring current stories from alternative print periodicals.

**10am Can the New Economy be Populist?**Daniel Stanley

Is it possible to adopt populist tactics, without undermining principles we stand for? ▲

**10am Can Community Ownership Save the UK's Queer Venues?** *Friends of Joiners Arms* Fighting closure of LGBTQ+ spaces and campaigning to open UK's first community-run queer bar.

11am Not a New Economy: Not a New Economy: the Shoulders of Giants and Mice Solidarity Economy Association

Learnings from those who've gone before: Rojava Revolution and traditions of Black, Indigenous and Latin American organising.

**11am** A Black Housing Co-op: From the Margins to the Mainstream *Khalid Mair*Reflections on Imani Housing Coop: a Black-led fully mutual co-operative.

12pm An Introduction to Conscious Rap Teddy Reiss

Interactive rap lyric writing session and performance opportunities. No writing experience needed.

**12pm Funding the New Economy**Danielle Walker



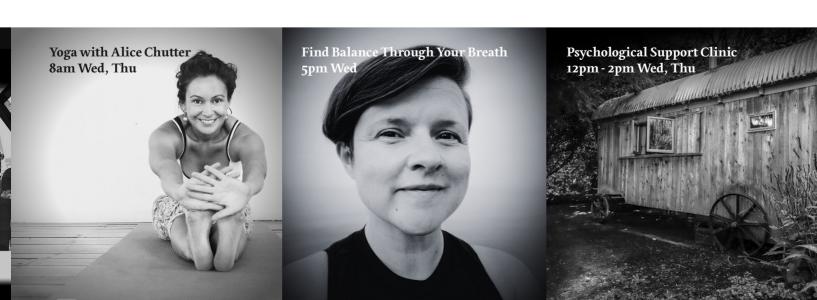
**12pm** Climate Justice is infinite things (and infinite things it's not)... Serayna Keya Solanki As we make sense and reorient ourselves for climate justice, let's understand how expansive it is as a talisman.

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Breakfast 8am - 10am

Lunch 1pm - 2pm

**Dinner** 6pm - 8pm



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2pm Technocratic to Democratic: Bringing Democratic Business Practice & Policy Together Jonny Gordon-Farleigh

Encouraging political leaders, policymakers, and researchers to work with, not for, democratic businesses.



**2pm Kitty's Launderette: The Story of a Community Business** *Grace Harrison*The story of how it started and how it's developing into a thriving socio-ecological business today.

**3pm** The Road to Municipalism: Beyond Technocratic Tinkering Matthew Thompson The Preston model promises democratic transformation of urban economic futures – but something's missing, right?

## 3pm Mutual Aid into Co-ops: A New Model for Community Organising

Shaunna Rushton

Cooperation Town's new network of community food co-ops and decentralised organising.

#### 4pm Levelling up Communities?

Amardeep Dhillon & others

Panel discussion on upcoming government initiative.

## **4pm** Paint Your Town Red: How Preston Took Back Control and Your Town Can Too Matthew Brown

Community Wealth-Building is a significant and growing movement around the world. What can we learn from the Preston Model?

## **5pm The New Commons: Taking Back Control** *Chris Blake*

Chris Blake explores the rise of the New Commons in Wales where local communities are regaining control of land assets.





Live Music: the Skalatans 7.30 - 9pm Wed



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#### 10am Relaunching the Young Co-operators Network Hannah Watson

A peer-to-peer network to support young cooperators through outreach, friendship, collaboration and knowledge sharing.

### 10am A Doughnut Taster: Tools for Your Community Rob Shorter

'Unroll the Doughnut' to open up a space for collectively imagining and framing the future we want.

## 11am Community shares: Sowing the Seeds for Democratic Finance in Enterprise

Lizzy Haughton with Simon Borkin
Showcasing community shares as an exciting and growing form of democratic finance in community and co-operative enterprise.

## 11am Co-option and the Co-operative Economy Amardeep Dhillon

What it means (and why it's important) to resist institutionalisation at a local level and in co-op circles more generally.

#### 12pm Another Internet is Possible

Kelly Bewers

If digital spaces are the new social infrastructure, how do we occupy these spaces and build consent-based technology?

**12pm** Slaying the Sacred Cows of Community Leadership *Practical Governance* A truly open and honest forum where nothing's off limits: whacky ideas to your darkest fears.

## 12pm With Land We Can: Community Land Banks *Tom Carman*

Explore how different communities have approached land banking for housing, farming and even entire cities!

### **2pm Building Community Power Through a Call to Action**

Transition Network and CTRLShift

A working session to crash test the Call to Action

- what resonates? What bombs?

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#### Breakfast

8am - 10am

#### Lunch

1pm - 2pm

#### Dinner

6pm - 8pm

What about Covid? We are fully compliant with government guidelines.

Visit stirtoaction.com/festival for full details.

Where is Selgars Mill? 2 miles from Tiverton Parkway station - free shuttle bus. Just off J25 of the M5. EX15 3DA. Nearby parking available for £10 a day. For accessible parking get in touch.

**What to bring?** Mask, tent, sleeping bag, towel, toiletries (organic), card/cash, waterproof, suncream, torch, cup and snacks.

**Facilities?** Accessible toilets, showers, phone-charging, wifi, drinking water, sinks, fire pits, covered dining, wood-fired sauna.

**Food?** Festival food is by Beerkat Kitchen: breakfast 8-10am, lunch 1-2pm, and dinner 6-8pm. Options are £5 - £10.

**Bar?** Open 5pm - 11pm. Local craft beer, homeinfused gin, local wines. Bring your own cup!