# PLAYGROUND 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 As Cottagecore TikTok makes a resurgence over the pandemic, how do we engage young people in setting up housing co-ops?

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.

5pm Putting the 'Community' in Community Wealth Building

Hillary Wainwright

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



# FESTIVAL

# **WEDNESDAY**

9am Morning Magazine Review

Hazel Sheffield

Magazine review panel exploring cur

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**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



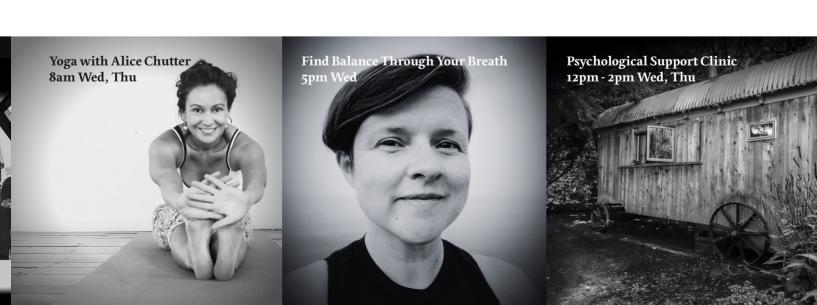
**12pm** Climate Justice is infinite things (and infinite things it's not)... Serayna Keya Solanki As we make sense and reorient ourselves for climate justice, let's understand how expansive it is as a talisman.

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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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# **THURSDAY**

#### 9am Morning Magazine Review

Hazel Sheffield

Magazine review panel exploring current stories from alternative print periodicals.

#### 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!