

Films of Vision and Hope

Community, Connection and Sustainability

Concerned about the environment and climate change?

Looking for ways to make a positive, sustainable change for people and the planet?

Join us for a series of films that focus on hopeful and positive solutions to problems affecting our world.

Dates: Feb 19–March 19
Five Fridays

Time: 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Place: Acterra
3921 East Bayshore Rd.,
Palo Alto

No charge for the events. Please RSVP at www.transitionpaloalto.org/friday-night-movies.

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Feature Films



Feb 19: The Power of Community

Cuba, an isolated island nation, rebuilt its quality of life following the collapse of cheap oil, supplied by the former Soviet Union. This fascinating and empowering film shows how communities pulled together, created solutions, and ultimately thrived in spite of their decreased dependence on imported energy.

Feb 26: The Yes Men

The Yes Men follows a couple of anti-corporate activist-pranksters as they impersonate World Trade Organization spokesmen on TV and at business conferences around the world. The story follows Andy and Mike from their beginnings with GWBush.com, and on to their tasteless parody of the WTO's website. Mike and Andy soon find themselves attending important functions as WTO representatives. Delighted to speak for the organization they oppose, Andy and Mike don thrift-store suits and set out to shock their unwitting audiences with darkly comic satires on global free trade. Weirdly, the experts don't notice the joke and seem to agree with every terrible idea the two can come up with.



March 5: What's the Economy for, Anyway?



Ecological economist Dave Batker gives us a humorous, edgy, factual, timely and highly-visual monologue about the American economy today, challenging the ways we measure economic success – especially the Gross Domestic Product – and offering an answer to the question: What's the Economy for, Anyway? Using Gifford Pinchot's idea that the economy's purpose is "the greatest good for the greatest number over the longest run," Batker compares the

performance of the U.S. economy with that of other industrial countries in terms of providing a high quality of life, fairness and ecological sustainability, concluding that when you do the numbers, we come out near the bottom in nearly every category. Batker shines a humorous light on such economic buzzwords as "productivity," and "consumer sovereignty," while offering ideas for "capitalism with a human face," a new economic paradigm that meets the real needs of people and the planet.

March 12: In Transition

'In Transition' is the first detailed film about the Transition movement filmed by those that know it best, those who are making it happen on the ground. The Transition movement is about communities around the world responding to peak oil and climate change with creativity, imagination and humor, and setting about rebuilding their local economies and communities. It is positive, solutions focused, viral and fun.



March 19: Follow-up

World Cafe discussion of themes from the movies, particularly around ideas of "community".