



# Mark Your Calendars!

## The GREAT UNLEASHING

is Coming, April 10 and 11!



### What is it?

The Great Unleashing will be a two-day celebration and extravaganza to excite, educate and engage our community in coming together to envision a vibrant, resilient, and more energy-independent Whatcom County, and will unleash our collective genius as we start working towards a tangible and compelling plan to get us there.

### Day 1 will include:

- Exhibits and demonstrations of and about energy, gardening, transportation and more—including bicycle-powered musical performances!
- Facts about peak oil and current climate change issues.
- Exhibits and information about organizations currently involved in sustainability efforts.
- 21 breakout sessions on topics from strengthening our local economy to building a chicken coop.
- Vision Central: a place for everyone to participate in envisioning our resilient and less-energy-dependent future, and a place to sign up for one of the Project Groups that convenes on Sunday.
- We Got It All Right Here! Local musicians, storytellers, art and theater.
- Local food, and the chance to blend your own smoothie with pedal-power.
- A Community Greeting to Whatcom County from **Rob Hopkins**, co-founder of the global Transition movement.
- Keynote talk by Transition U.S. board member, Transition Whidbey Board Member, and noted author, **Vicki Robin**.
- From San Francisco, **Trathen Heckman**, sustainability activist, author, poet and executive director of the organization Daily Acts.
- A guest appearance and talk by **Francis Moore Lappe**, author of a number of books including the groundbreaking classic, "Diet for a Small Planet" that forever changed our thinking about food and the environment.

**Day 2:** Participants will envision our community as it could be in 2020-2030, recognizing that we will need, and want, to use less fossil fuel energy and rely more on local resources and talents. Based on our vision and expanding on positive actions already happening, we'll form project groups to look at how we can build resiliency and reduce vulnerability in regards to our basic needs. These groups will be the catalyst for creating a long-term Energy Descent Action Pathway, our roadmap to a future of greater freedom from oil-dependency and a more satisfying and connected personal and community life.

### When and Where?

Saturday, April 10, 9am-5pm

Sunday, April 11, 1pm-6pm

Bellingham High School



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