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- **Voices of Transition**

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- **Abstract:**

- Climate change is a sad fact. Peak oil is another. Add economic instability to the picture and we are faced with food insecurity, probably the single most important threat to our civilization. “Voices of the Transition” is a film about how to take on these challenges... positively! The issue is not only mere survival, but rather the possibility of thriving and improving our quality of life! These “Voices of the Transition” tell us of a future society where our deserts will once again be living soil, where fields will be introduced into our cities, and where independence from oil will help us to live a richer, more fulfilling life. Synopsis Part I - France is at the forefront of research in agro-forestry: Agronomists and peasants tell us of the return of the trees into our lifeless monoculture deserts, and about the immense advantages of a diverse farming system. Part II - The English "Transition Town Initiatives" represent a whole new way of generating new visions of a more liveable future and of acquiring the collective means to make them become reality at a community level. Part III – In Cuba in the 1990's an entire nation suffered from the bitter consequences of an early "Peak Oil". Thanks to their inventiveness and political openness to non-capitalist solutions, Cuba has now become the precursor in agro-ecology and urban agriculture. “Voices of the Transition” is an entirely self-produced, politically independent, non-commercial film. Using this film as an impulse we like to initiate a lively discussion about the questions • What need is in Transition Movement for Science Shops? • What contribution to Transition Town movement Science Shops can provide? • Can we establish co-operation right on the 5th Living Knowledge conference? The results will be traced back to the Living Knowledge network to facilitate a broader activity in the identified directions including funding perspectives.