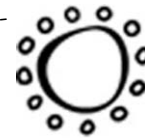


# GROUPS —To Move Us from the Extraction



Post Carbon Institute (PCI) is a think, action and education tank offering research, project tools, education and information to implement proactive strategies to adapt to an energy constrained world. It hosts The Relocalization Network at [www.relocalize.net](http://www.relocalize.net),

which supports localization groups as they work to develop and implement the strategy of relocalization in their communities. PCI supports the Network by providing on-line communication tools, developing valuable resources, facilitating meaningful and useful connections between local groups and cultivating a sense of working together globally on local projects.



Redefining Progress is dedicated to smart economics that ensure a sustainable and equitable world for future generations. It links to an Ecological Footprint indicator that will tell you how many planets it would take if all of the world's population lived like you do. They also created the Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI) as an alternative to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as an indicator of true economic health. Although like the GDP, the GPI starts with personal consumption, it also factors in household and volunteer work, income distribution, and subtracts out the costs of crime, pollution and resource depletion as well as other odious factors of life in the extraction economy. They also publish *The Community Indicators Handbook*, which guides communities in developing their own indicators for local sustainability or restorability.



The Center for Popular Economics (CPE) promotes programs and publications that simplify the economy and put useful economic tools in the hands of people fighting for social and economic justice. CPE was a major

force behind establishing the Solidarity Economy track at the US Social Forum. They offer workshops and a Summer Institute on topics such as the living wage, anti-war economics and the US and International Economy.



Grassroots Economic Organizing is dedicated to building a national and world-

wide movement for a cooperative social economy based on democratic and responsible production, conscientious consumption, and use of capital to further social and economic justice. They produce the Newsletter for Democratic Workplaces and Globalization from Below at [www.geo.coop](http://www.geo.coop).



The Business Alliance for Local Living Economies catalyzes, strengthens, and connects local business networks dedicated to building strong Local Living Economies. At [www.livingeconomies.org](http://www.livingeconomies.org), BALLE serves as a network of regional economies, which ensure that economic power resides locally, sustaining healthy community life and natural life as well as long-term economic viability. Their annual conference brings together their networks

and a broad spectrum of the people involved in the growing movement for economic localization.

The Institute for Local Self Reliance provides the conceptual framework, strategies and information to aid the creation of ecologically sound and economically equitable communities. ILSR works with citizens, activists, policy makers and entrepreneurs to design systems, policies and enterprises that meet local or regional needs; to maximize human, material, natural and financial resources; and to ensure that benefits accrue to all local citizens. Their activities include the New Rules Project promoting new rules for energy production and consumption and protecting locally-owned businesses



The E. F. Schumacher Society links people, land and communities by building local economies. Robert Swann, the founder, was an early pioneer in creating community land trusts where land is taken out of the speculative market and used for affordable housing or community good. It has also been an early advocate of local currencies, gives seminars on building sustainable local economies and has an extensive library in Western Massachusetts.