

## NEW COMMEET / SCHUMACHER INSTITUTE COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION TOOLKIT!

***Our new Community Climate Action Toolkit, the result of a joint venture of The Schumacher Institute in Bristol (UK) and the COMMEET Fellowship (the Netherlands) is available!***

Dear RCE member,

A joint effort of the COMMEET Fellowship and the Schumacher Institute, the brand-new Community Climate Action Toolkit has now been published. We are delighted and proud that Schumacher Fellows Katie Dick and Richard Erskine, supported by a dedicated team of COMMEET and Schumacher contributors (see p. 2), have composed a Toolkit to inspire and assist you in taking local / regional action, to mitigate and adapt to climate change. The Toolkit is entirely free: as a member of one of the world's leading sustainability networks, you can use it wherever, in whatever way and whenever you wish.

This brand-new Toolkit enables people to take up the challenges related to climate change on a community level, making improvements to their everyday lives and helping the world to tackle global warming in the process.

The Toolkit is comprehensive and beautifully designed. Please note that

- When using the propositions made in this Toolkit you will gain quite some experience, but you are also likely to have questions. To help you, we will organize online meetings, where you can exchange ideas and queries with other users. The dates for these meetings will soon be announced.
- When you start up local or regional climate initiatives, you are likely to need financing. We cannot provide you with this, but undoubtedly some RCEs will find ways to raise funds for their own projects.
- We would welcome hearing stories of how you have used the toolkit or specific tools from it. We will publicise examples to help inspire other RCEs.
- We will offer encouragement and aim to support the uptake of the toolkit by regional RCEs

Please find the link to the new Community Climate Action Toolkit here:

<https://schumacherinstitute.org.uk/community-climate-action-toolkit/>

We trust many of you will use this new Toolkit in your own home region.

Yours sincerely,

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