

# What Next?

In March 2021 Transition Bounce Forward, CTRLShift and Losing Control held the **What Next? Summit** to explore how we can build community power to bounce forward from COVID19 towards a more sustainable, equal and democratic future.

Over 3 weeks, 2,000 people attended 50 workshops. Inspiring speakers, movements and community organisers came together and asked **What Is? What If? What Next?**

We listened carefully during the summit - teasing out common themes, insights, perspectives and feedback. We've used these to generate this call to action, 5 provocations from the summit to help guide collective practice moving forwards.

## Prioritise Social Justice

We need to relocate environmentalism within social justice, recognising the two as interlinked rather than separate struggles. This means embedding an analysis of power and privilege into our practice; making space for a multiplicity of voices, communities and stories; working across difference; listening to those who have been most marginalised by the current system and responding to their needs; acting as allies and continuously questioning, growing and diversifying what we mean by our 'we'.

## Build a Solidarity Economy

The inability for people to meet their basic needs is a key barrier to creating the world we want to see. We need to actively support and build economic and financial structures that reduce precarity and create meaning, purpose and livelihoods within environmental limits. Mutual aid networks, community businesses, co-operatives, Universal Basic Income and more have an important part to play.

## Build Community Power and Resilience

Organised people and organised resources = power. We need to recognise our interconnectedness and work together to create change. This means building and deepening relationships and partnerships at local & regional levels; using organising and convening techniques to build power and capacity in our local communities; and creating a sense of rootedness and belonging in our communities, one that is spacious enough for diversity and difference, local yet connected to the global.

## Collaborate, Connect & Cross Pollinate

Time together is time well spent. A distributed movement of movements needs online and physical spaces to connect. Within and between networks we need to prioritise creating well facilitated spaces for peer support; building relationships of trust and friendship; strategising; mapping; sharing best practice, pooling resources and building solidarity.

## Create spaces to ask What If?

To create change, we need to be able to imagine that things can be different, that the way things are is not set in stone. As individuals, communities and societies we need well facilitated time and space to ask What if? To challenge the status quo and playfully reimagine, embody and feel that a different future is possible.

# CALL TO ACTION

