



Author Information

SHAUN CHAMBERLIN



Shaun Chamberlin was born and grew up in Kingston upon Thames, and graduated in Philosophy from the University of York in 2001.

Following his studies he returned to Kingston and went to work at the Kaleidoscope project for marginalised groups. While working there, Shaun started training and working as a teacher, and by 2004 was managing the learning centre at the project. However, in his spare time he was learning ever more about the challenges of climate change and peak oil, and in 2005, Shaun left Kaleidoscope and decided to devote himself full-time to exploring the challenges facing our global community.

In 2006, Shaun attended the two week “Life After Oil” course at Schumacher College. On that course, he was taught by the likes of Stephan Harding, David Fleming, Richard Heinberg and Rob Hopkins, all of whom would play important roles in his future work. Out of the ideas on that course he became heavily involved with both David Fleming’s Tradable Energy Quotas (TEQs) scheme, and Rob Hopkins’ Transition Towns. In 2007 he was invited onto DEFRA’s Personal Carbon Allowances Advisory Group, and also started his own website, Darkoptimism.org

In November 2007, Shaun started work on the *Transition Timeline* project, which would eventually become his first book, and in 2008 was shortlisted for the Sheila McKechnie Foundation Environment award and nominated for the Kingston Green Champion award, as well as being invited to speak to a joint meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Groups on Climate Change and Peak Oil, on the subject of TEQs. This was also the year when the inaugural steering group of Transition Town Kingston was formed, which has been a growing success ever since.

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