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Shock Capitalism

or Common Wealth?

Free, Equal, Earthcaring and Mutual :

Rebalancing Society

Tuesday 10 October, 12:15 - 1:00pm

**St Andrew's on The Terrace
Wellington, New Zealand**

Martin Large



Precis: There is no wealth but life,” said John Ruskin, offering hope. However, shock capitalism and shock politics are attacking our planet, businesses, government, schools, health and human security. Shocks like Trump or Brexit are opportunities for the corporatocracy to profit from global warming, insecurity, deregulation, taking away human rights, tax cuts and wealth transfer from poor to rich, public to private.

Society is out of balance.

Martin Large will argue that saying ‘No’ is not enough, though it's a vital first step. In fact, the social future is breaking out everywhere in social business, communities and government, but it's not evenly distributed. A ‘common wealth’ society is emerging. Pushing back the toxic mix of shock capitalism and politics means rebalancing society as a three legged stool, of public (state), private (business) and plural (civil society, community, culture) with each sector contributing its strengths.

Solutions? Cultural renewal enables every human to develop and maintain their potential in freedom-and contribute.

- How can the common wealth of land, capital and natural resources be captured for the community and protected from the market through trusteeship?
- What does it mean to be a citizen?
- How do innovations like community supported agriculture help develop a circular, mutual, regenerative economy that respects the earth?

Bio: Martin Large is on a learning and lecture tour inquiring

into 'common wealth' community initiatives, civic projects and social businesses.

Father of four children, Quaker, student of Rudolf Steiner's education and social thinking, former academic, publisher with Hawthorn Press, he is a director of Stroud (UK) Common Wealth Ltd which enables co-op, cultural and social businesses e.g. community land trusts. Author of Social Ecology (1981); Set Free Childhood (2002); Futures that Work (2003), Common Wealth (2010)

'What society do we want and how do we get there?' are burning questions we all face, if we are to leave a more equal, free, prosperous and earthcaring world for our grandchildren. Its up to all of us, as there is no wealth but life. I look forward to sharing burning questions, people's 'leadings' from the social future they see emerging. ' ML

Link to a review of Martin's recent book Common Wealth: Free, Equal, Mutual and Sustainable Society (2010)
(<http://www.biodynamics.com/2016-biodynamic-conference/presenter/martin-large>)

More can be read on his blog
(<http://buildingcommonweal.wordpress.com/>)

Nov Spring Seminar: The Courage to Act

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Elizabeth Connor, Dr Rosalind McIntosh, Guy
Ryan &
Scott Reeve**

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