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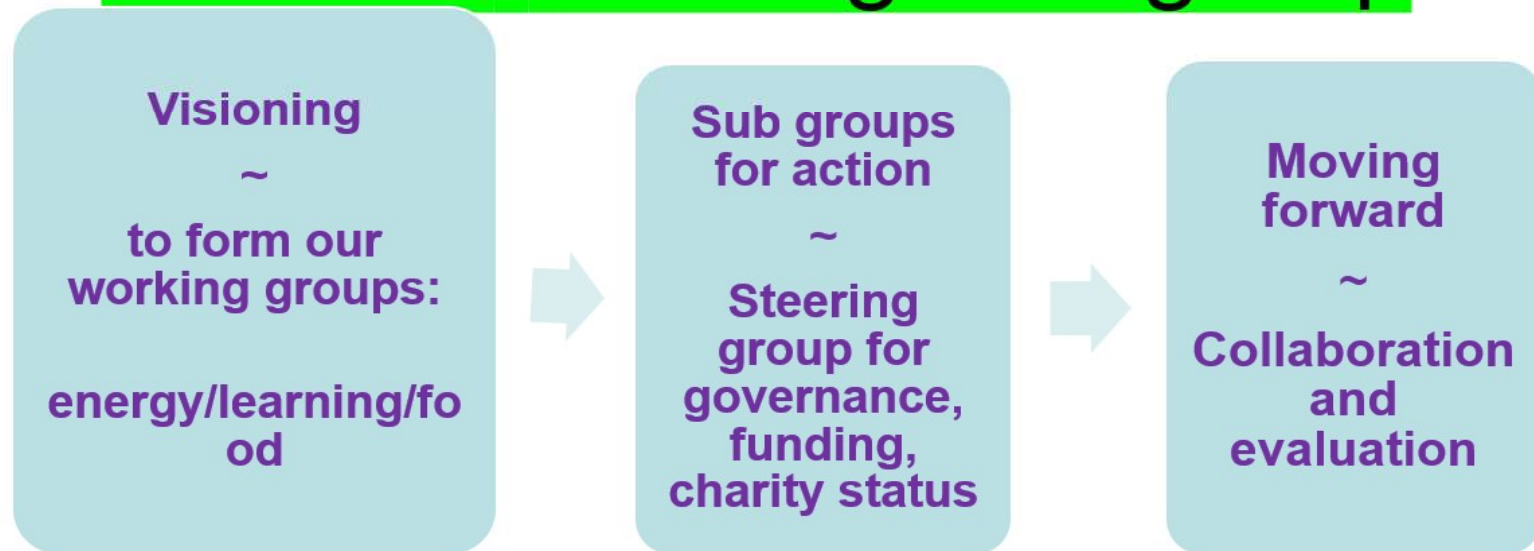


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Weymouth and
Portland Transition
Towns



Transition Towns Weymouth & Portland- starting our group





Transition Towns Weymouth & Portland - clear aims

Started on 3rd July 2008

Aims include:

- **Reduce Carbon emissions** – supporting local people and communities in reducing our climate impacts.
- Encourage local people to be **practical and positive** in mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change and other challenges.
- Develop **strong resilient communities** and **sub-groups** - able to take positive action toward more sustainable local communities.
- **Initiate, facilitate and encourage** community-led projects and actions.
- Engage with **everyone and share our learning!**



Transition Towns Weymouth & Portland – ahead of the SDG

- Man made climate change and taking us dangerously close to exceeding the planet's tipping points with over 1.5 C of warming. We are already in the throes of the 6th great mass extinction. It is an ecological emergency.
- The wicked issues of climate change, fuel and food poverty, health inequality, ecological devastation and our wasteful lifestyles are coming together in a 'perfect storm' - the Transition movement has always believed that together we can change ourselves and our communities for the better. It's practical action – at the grass roots level that we aim to support.
- At a global level the SDGs address the salient problems of our time-seeking joined up solutions.



Transition Towns Weymouth & Portland- our methods ?

As a charity, Transition Towns is outward facing. We help projects apply for funding and we support their governance, without using any of their project funding ourselves.

Projects and sub-groups include:

- Westfield Technology College – growing project.
- Tumbledown Farm – food growing and a recent permaculture project.
- Portland Permaculture project and the Incline

Other long lasting sub-groups have included: cycling, learning and youth, energy and Heart and Soul Groups. Events ranging through seasonal fairs, youth events, film shows, fashion shows and support for cycle tracks.



Transition Towns Weymouth & Portland- which voice?

We aim to give a voice to people outside of politics hosting hustings, debates, vision exercise and talks.

Current and recent practice includes:

- Building learning communities of practice which can develop new skills and local knowledge - Permaculture Groups, the Portland Incline and Tumbledown Farm
- Learning through encounter and reflection – such as supported by the Heart and Soul Group
- Learning through engagement with other people's ideas and experiences - collaboration, hustings, debates, film shows....



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Marnhull Repair Cafe



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SUBU Community
Warden Scheme



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Nature Watch Group



Charitable Objects:

To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in the parish of Queen Thorne in particular, but not exclusively, by undertaking research into the environment and its' biodiversity, and disseminating the results for the benefit of the public.

www.qtnaturewatch.co.uk



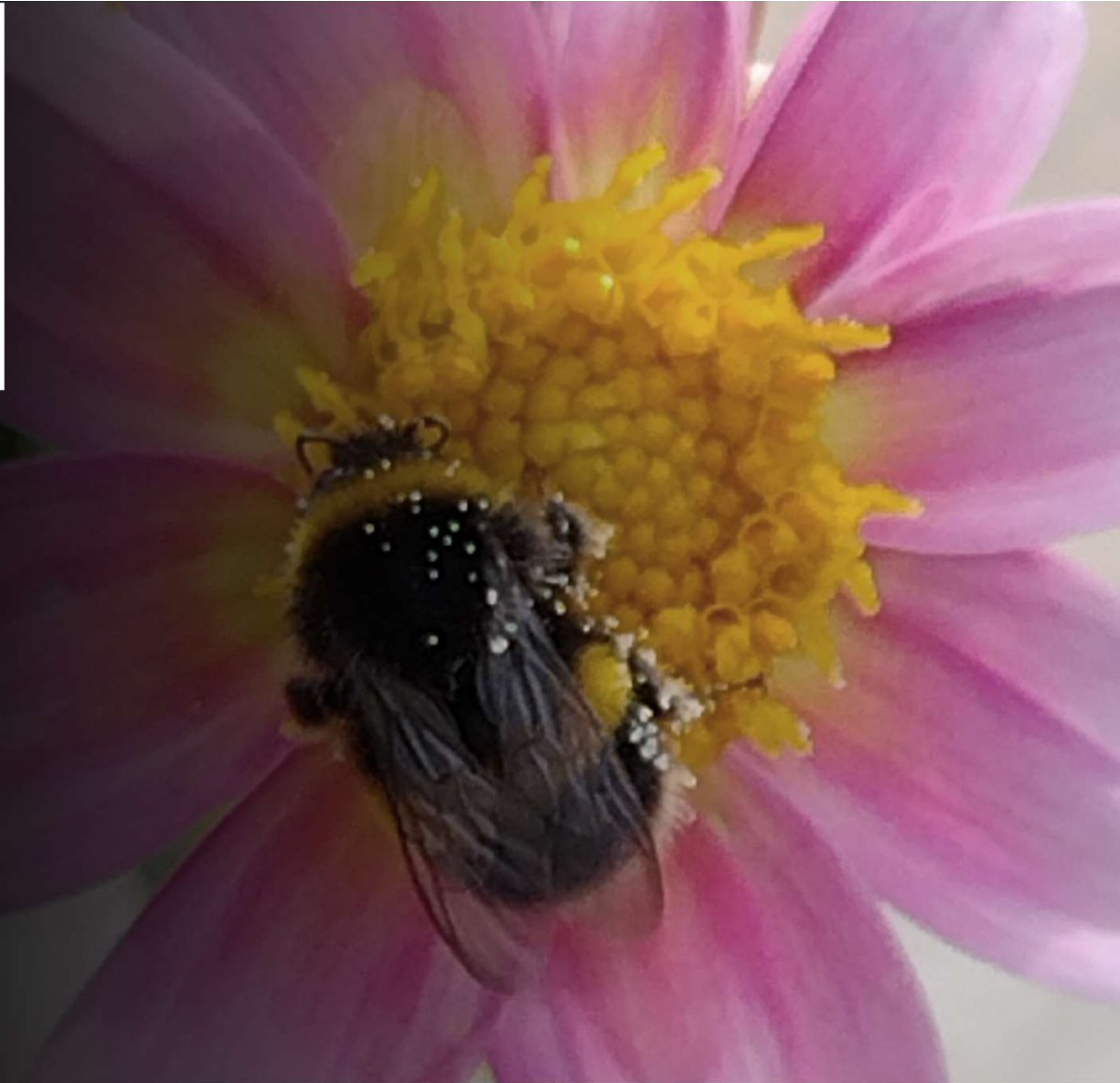
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Wilding Wimborne



Objective 1 Awareness

Objective 2 No human impact

Objective 3 homes

Objective 4 Food

Objective 5 Trees

Objective 6 People & Nature

Objective 7 Rivers



Open Mic. Session 2

Planet Wimborne



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Bringing together local environmental initiatives



Welcome to Planet Wimborne



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Community groups

Search [Apply](#)

Wimborne War on Waste



Wimborne War on Waste

WWoW is a focussed and dynamic grassroots community group that seeks to raise awareness about the environmental impact of single use plastic through events, talks, displays and workshops.

[Read more](#)

Wilding Wimborne



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Green Living Project



The Dorset Green Living Project

A SUSTAINABLE DORSET INITIATIVE





A project made possible through



- A central hub of all sustainable and resilient activity
- Raises awareness to increase interest and involvement in sustainability
- Connects people and communities
- Supports individual well-being, community enterprises and businesses in order to nurture resilience

The Origins.....



Transition network: “It is about communities coming together to address the challenges we face by starting local. To nurture a caring culture where one is connected to self, others and nature. Where communities can reclaim economies, spark entrepreneurship, reimagine work, reskill people and weave webs of connection and support”.



What is it?

A guide for **greener** living to

Help you **reduce** your carbon footprint

Help you **save** money



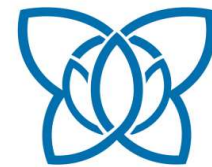
WHY
reduce
your
carbon
footprint?



Climate change



To reduce our
reliance on fossil
fuels and build
self-sufficient
communities ...



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NETWORK



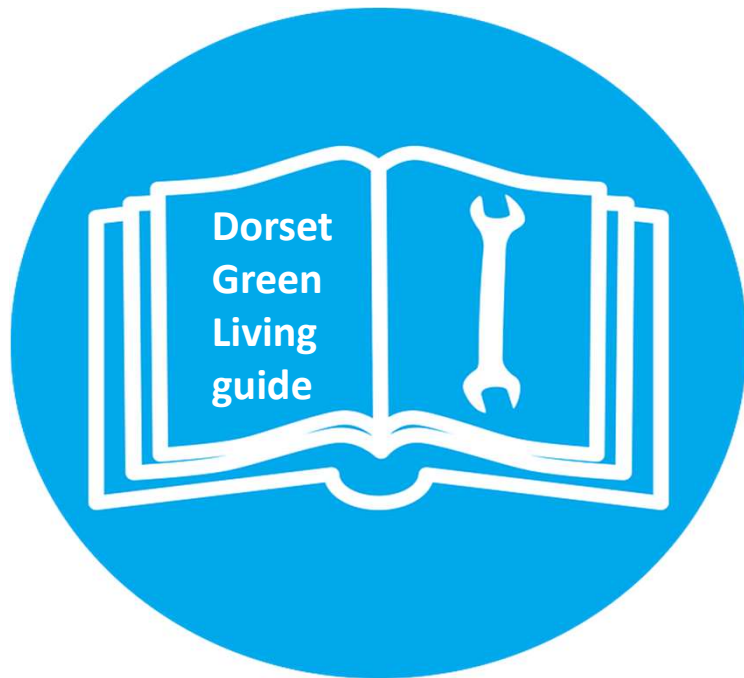
~~FOSSIL
FUELS?~~



A realistic illustration of the Earth, showing the Americas, Europe, and Africa. The text is overlaid on the image.

Climate change feels
overwhelming...but
you can make a
difference

What's involved?



Discussing the guide with your group



Getting to know your neighbours and building a resilient community

Shy?

Ask us for help!

Confident?



Forming a group.....

- Other like minded people in the community
- Invite people over for a tea/cake morning
- Talk to the local church
- Any local interest groups
- Don't take it all on yourself- once you have others they can connect too
- Posters/leaflets up in local café/shop
- Creating challenges as part of the project to keep people's interest



Once you have a group of approx. 5-8 households...

- **Set a date for your first meeting.**
- **Organise who will host which chapter at their house**
- **Organise who will lead on each chapter**
- **Establish some ground rules**
- **Set dates for your meetings**
- **Be motivated and committed**

We will come to
your first and last
meeting

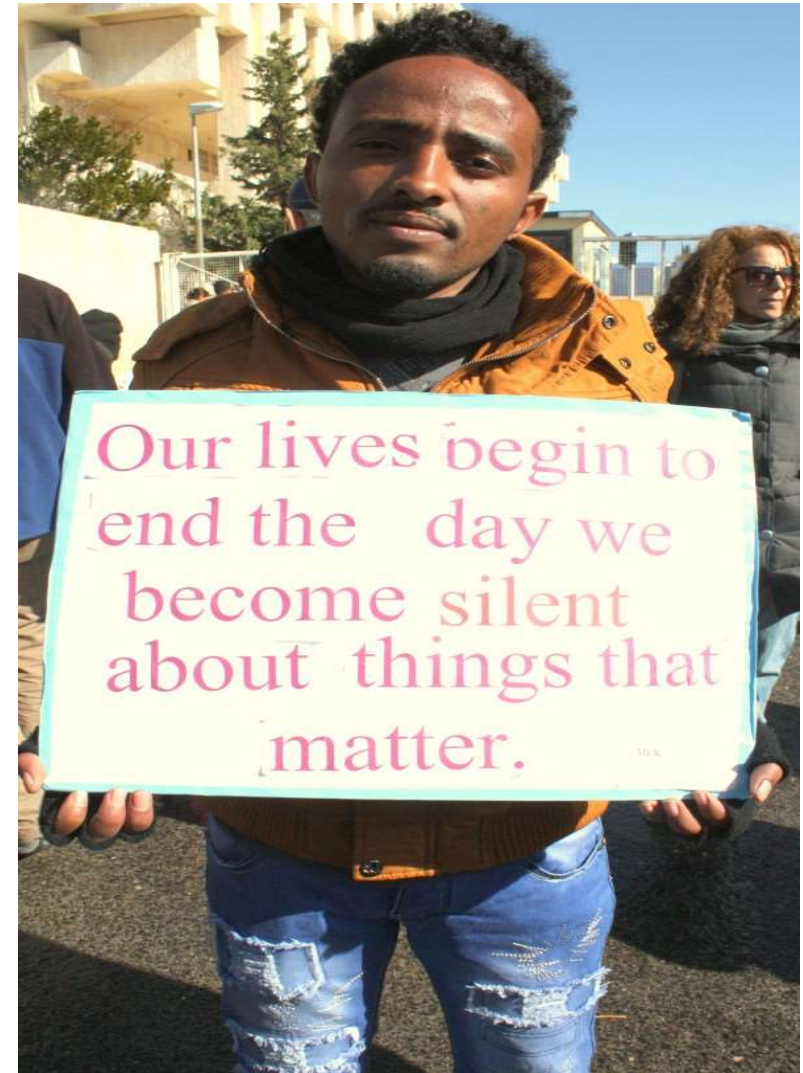
We will
support you



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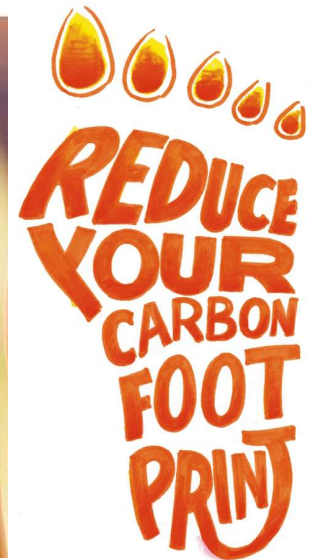
Plenty of links and
helpful local information
within
the guide

We are at the end
of a phone or
email



The basics

- Meet every 3-4 weeks (or more if you fancy a social)
- Work through a chapter at each meeting
- Help and support one another
- No judgements
- Ask for help
- Set goals
- Make it a competition within the group
to up the challenge
- Have fun





Energy



Water



Transport



Waste

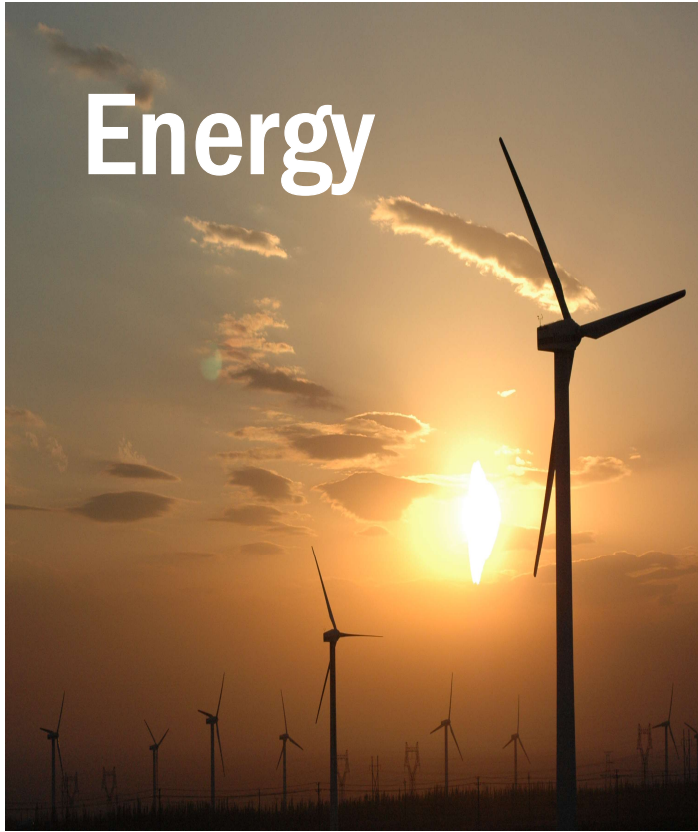


Community



Food

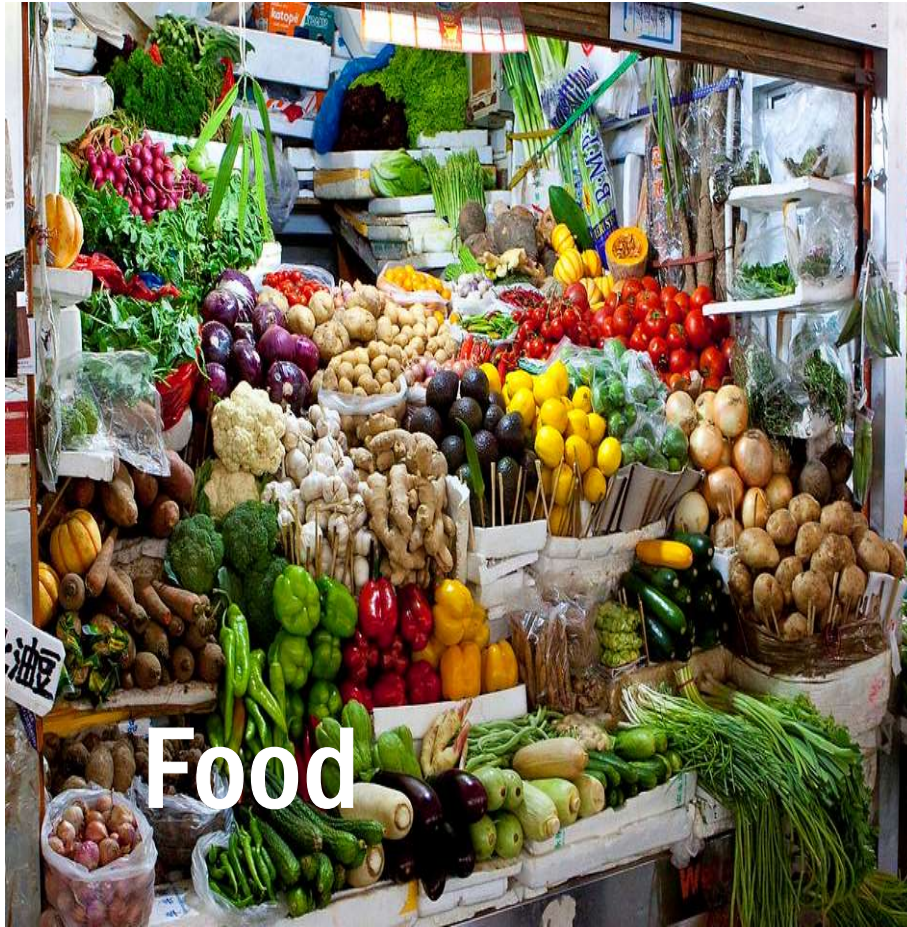
Energy



Know how much you are using
Be a real turn off
See the light
Control your heat
Lagging
Draught proofing
Loft insulation
Cavity wall insulation



- Know how much you are using
- Feeling flushed
- Taps, drips and leaks
- Showers and baths
- Washing clothes
- The kitchen sink
- Outdoors



- Spend less, eat well
- Buy local
- Reduce food packaging
- Minimise food waste
- Why try organic
- Grow your own
- Caring carnivores



- The story of stuff
- Reduce & reuse
- Recycling
- Make your own compost

Transport



- Fuel efficient driving
- On yer bike
- Walk this way
- Take buses and trains
- To fly or not to fly
- Car clubs
- Lift sharing
- UK holidays

Community



- Why community matters
- Getting started
- Ice breakers
- Big lunch
- Sharing
- Feed your community
- Green your community
- Community talent
- Resilience and Localisation
- Local economies
- Community energy
- Caring community

By the end you will have.....





Other similar projects have.....

- On average saved £570 per household
- On average reduced 1.2 tonnes of carbon per household
- Left people feeling empowered to continue to connect with their communities carrying on with exciting initiatives from community gardens to car and tool sharing
- Meant that for some people it was the first time they really felt part of a community
- https://youtu.be/r1y_6MT_M0c


What people have said.....

- *“It was number one about getting to know people around me better, with all the benefits I think that has - the feeling of belonging, more part of where you are, share things, borrow and lend.”*
- *“We have now set up a little group who are trying to organise a community orchard. That is a direct outcome of people getting to know each other better and thinking this is quite good doing community-based things together, let’s do something else.”*
- *“Before I felt a certain powerlessness – the Chinese power stations, the environment in general - but having done this I begin to feel empowered and think well I’ve done this and if more people did this we could really turn this around from a crisis to an opportunity.”*
- *“The other thing I liked about doing this terrace was that we are all in housing that has been built at the same time and is very similar... it meant that we were all on a level as far as what sort of house we were talking about. So implicitly there was a reasonably similar set of circumstances of wealth too.”*
- *“At the end of a day of running around after 4 children you think ‘am I really going out?’ but I’d come back re-energised about what we had talked about and from having socialised at that level.”*

Be empowered to carry on

Don't be afraid of
CHANGE
because it's leading you
to a new beginning.

- Joyce Meyer -

 Symphony of Love
Photo by Chris Hamish



