



“The old world is dying and a new world is struggling to be born”
– Antonio Gramsci

Facing ever harsher extreme weather events, wild fires, floods, degrading rivers, rocketing costs of living and mounting inequality, we often ask: Why? How? What are the alternatives? Is economic growth the problem or the solution? What is Degrowth?

We invite you to join us in a two-day wānanga at our regional hub for the national Beyond Growth conference organised by Degrowth Aotearoa New Zealand (DANZ). The conference will take place at Victoria University of Wellington and will be livestreamed over the weekend.

At Te Whare Hononga, we will gather to hear speakers from the conference, reflect and discuss what this means for Taranaki and ourselves. Collectively we will explore, learn and plan better ways forward. This is also a good chance to meet some of the people already doing amazing things here, see how we can support or collaborate, and share ideas for new initiatives.

This is a free event. Hot drinks and some food will be provided. Bring some kai to share or a packed lunch if you like, also your drink bottle, reusable cup and an open mind. Volunteers and koha are welcome. Let us know if you're coming or if you have any questions or suggestions: climatejusticetaranaki@riseup.net

More information at: www.climatejusticetaranaki.info & www.degrowth.nz

SAT	ENABLING THE DEGROWTH TRANSITION THROUGH SYSTEMS CHANGE
9:30	Welcome, whanaungatanga and introduction
10:15	Beyond growth: what can we learn from the international movement? Keynote presentation by Timothée Parrique, followed by discussion panel with Dr Mike Joy, Dr Jack Santa Barbara and Dr Marta Conde.
11:15	What can the degrowth movement in Aotearoa learn from and offer te ao Māori? An interactive discussion led by Dr Mawera Karetai.
12:15	Lunch
13:15	Enabling the degrowth transition: governing for the future and sufficiency as cross-cutting policy goals. Interactive panel with Dr Catherine Knight, Professor Jonathan Boston and Gareth Hughes. Chaired by Sahra Kress.
14:30	Afternoon tea and networking
15:00	How do we mainstream degrowth in Aotearoa? Panel with Alec Tang, Michael Worth, Bill Murphy and Marc Daalder. Chaired by Dr Piers Locke.
16:15	Degrowth: where does it currently exist and how can we make it happen? Presentation by Erin Remblance.
16:45	Debrief and wrap up
SUN	CREATING MORE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES FOR A RESOURCE-CONSTRAINED FUTURE
9:30	Welcome and reflections on Saturday
9:40	How do we strengthen communities from the ground up? Keynote by Nate Hagens.
10:00	A degrowth approach to resilient communities. An interactive panel with Emma Horgan, Harley Dibble, Piers Locke, and Helen Beattie. Chaired by Dr Jack Santa Barbara.
11:15	Break
11:30	How to build an economy for collective wellbeing: exploring Universal Basic Services, Tradeable Energy Quotas, accessible public transport and other initiatives. A panel with [REDACTED], Bridget Doran, Angela Clifford and Deirdre Kent. Chaired by Helen Beattie.
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Reducing 'throughput' in action: exploring circular economies. A panel with Hannah Blumhard, Geraldine Tew and Brigitte Sistig. Chaired by Peri Zee.
14:30	Connection: relationship with the living world, ourselves, and each other. Manu Caddie, Rick Williment and Sahra Kress.
15:15	Afternoon tea
15:30	Taranaki projects, discussions and planning
16:45	Debrief and wrap up

Principles of Degrowth

1

Sustainability

Never deteriorate supporting ecosystems.

2

Circularity

The flow of materials within the economy should be circular, minimising extraction of virgin resources.

3

Cooperatives

All businesses should be centred around the pursuit of a social benefit.

5

Sharing

Sufficiency for all, excess for none.

7

Work-Life Balance

Work less, play more.

9

Joie De Vivre

If I can't dance, I don't want to be part of your economy.

4

Useful Production

What is not needed should not be made.

6

Local Production

Produce local, consume local.

8

Relational Goods

Less stuff, more relationships.

Degrowth Policies

1

Reduce Unnecessary Production

Scaled down sectors of the economy that cannot be made sustainable or mainly serve elite consumption, such as fossil fuels, fast fashion, advertising and aviation.

2

Universal Public Services

Government provided universal public services such as high-quality health care, education, housing, transportation, Internet, renewable energy and nutritious food.

3

Healthy Jobs Guarantee

Mobilise labour for the ecological transition and improving social care.

4

Reduce Working Time

Lower carbon emissions from production, and stabilise employment. Also free people to engage with life more widely.

5

Solidarity Economy

Support for new commons, new collectives, new cooperatives. Change the tax system.