## Devon New Economy Gathering Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>

Exeter Community Centre 10 – 5 pm

What kind of economy will promote well-being, for all, in a fair and sustainable way? The way our economy is organized affects everyday life; food, debt, taxes, energy prices, banks, public services – choices about these involve values, and shouldn't be left to 'experts'. But how can we speak in a simple and relevant way about these? And get involved locally in building better systems?

This day is to share visions about alternatives and hear about what's going on in Devon; to link organisers, practitioners, campaigners and people who would like to know more, to learn from each other, collaborate where possible and strengthen initiatives that reduce inequality, create good livelihoods and well being in a way that will last.

Keynote speaker: Stewart Wallis, New Economics Foundation 'A Just and Sustainable Economy: Routes to Change'.

Local contributors: building a better economy in Devon

## **Small group topics**

## Information and national campaigns:

If not austerity what? What to do about the national debt.

What needs to grow and what doesn't? Well being & better indicators.

Tax justice; banking reform; democratically controlled money; Green New Deal

Social enterprises – what are they and why are they different?

Engines of inequality and how to interrupt them

## **Practical and local**

How to start a social enterprise and where to get help.

Relocalizing money and finance (local currencies; local finance institutions; Devon Community Bank/Credit Union)

Investing in local green energy: Co-operation in Devon

Fossil Free Devon - Disinvestment from fossil fuels

Food – affordable and locally grown? Or must we choose?

**Open Space** for discussion and working groups.

Rapper George Hardwick

Friends from other counties are also welcome!
Register interest to receive joining details at

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