Everywhere eco-systems are being damaged by extractive industries, toxic waste dumping, inappropriate building work and careless manufacturing.

Thoughtful communities are taking action and stepping forward to be stewards of their eco-systems. How could they be more effective at communicating? What tools are at their disposal to strengthen their voice and their case? What might they learn from each other?

Growing out of the movement for an international law of Ecocide initiated by Polly Higgins, the Voices for the Earth workshop is a new offering designed to help local communities take effective and skillful action.

We show how a local community can frame its own narrative for self-empowerment through asset mapping, Environmental Impact reporting and the Community Bills of Rights gaining ground in the U.S. Role-play and effective listening and communicating processes will be used, to examine an issue from different perspectives and work towards shared values.

Voices for the Earth follows on from the two day Evolving Earth Law workshop, which is taking place in Findhorn on 24th and 25th May. Although both workshops can be attended as stand-alone events, participants will gain maximum benefit by attending all three days.

**Workshop facilitators:**

**Isabel Carlisle** is a community activist and group facilitator. She works in the core team of Transition Network as education coordinator and is a Trustee of Transition Town Totnes. She designed and, together with Polly Higgins and Carlos Glover, co-led the recent short course at Schumacher College, “Ecocide and the Emergence of a Peoples’ Process”.

**Mothiur Rahman** is an ex-planning and environmental lawyer who, as a result of his involvement with the Occupy movement, became inspired by the power of community to open new spaces for dialogue and action. He is active in social change circles and is part of the “Voices for the Earth” team helping develop the Peoples’ Process handbook.

**Call for Live Issues**

We invite communities to bring live issues to the day. We may for instance focus on ongoing efforts of local villagers and conservation groups to prevent the building of up to 1,500 new homes near Aviemore in the Cairngorms National Park.

**Workshop Price:** No fixed fee. Please pay what you feel is appropriate.

**To reserve a place contact:**
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