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Living Streets Aotearoa

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Presentation topic	Learning from research and education experience				
Presentation title	Could sustainability get us onto our feet?				
Presentation Style	Presentation 🛛 Workshop	Other			
Estimated Time Required	0-10 mins	10-20 mins		20-30 mins	\boxtimes

Abstract Remit

A study of community education approaches to sustainable living here and overseas is identifying barriers to quitting the car-use habit and an emerging interest in doing so among certain parts of the population. Work at the convergence of health education, education for sustainability and social marketing may help prepare New Zealand cope with the effects of global Peak Oil Production. As bus and rail services become temporarily overwhelmed at peak times, will more walk and cycle, or simply become car sharers? This presentation will look at who already wants to go on-foot and why, what helps or hinders them, and what is needed to more than double the number. The research has been funded by FRST (the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology) and is part of a wider long-term programme of capacity building for sustainable development.

Organisers please note that I'd need to be scheduled for Tues 5th August as I may have a clash of appointments in Christchurch on Monday morning 4th Aug

Author Profile

Rhys Taylor is a contract researcher on sustainability with Landcare Research and also national coordinator of the local government community education partnership called Sustainable Living (www.sustainableliving.org.nz). He teaches some evening class series each year 'to keep his hand in' and has several UK postgraduate qualifications: in community education, management, and local policy plus a Lincoln MSc in resource management. Rhys is a gardener, cyclist, walker and Christchurch member of Living Streets Aotearoa.