

A film by Helena Norberg-Hodge, Steven Gorelick & John Page



# the Economics of Happiness

Voices from Six continents, including:

Bill McKibben, Vandana Shiva, David Korten and Michael Shuman



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[theeconomicsofhappiness.org](http://theeconomicsofhappiness.org)



- 1) Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30pm at Church of the Crossroads
  - 2) Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 10-12am at UH Art Auditorium,
- then—

an insightful presentation by Helena Norberg-Hodge  
at Church of the Crossroads from 1-3pm  
followed by a panel discussion.



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## the Economics of Happiness —shifting from global to local

presentation and film showings

**When:** Saturday afternoon, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

**Where:** Church of the Crossroads

**What:** A rare appearance, Helena Norberg-Hodge, author and filmmaker a pioneer of the 'new economy' movement, will be presenting at Church of the Crossroads. There are two showtimes for the film.

**The Talk:** Helena's talk is titled "The Economics of Happiness- shifting from global to local." She argues that today's global economic system is fundamentally unstable and incapable of meeting the needs of people and the planet. Her presentation will highlight the inspiring psychological, social, and ecological benefits of economic localization, and steps at the community, national, and international levels that can bring us there. "Worldwide and nationally governments are ratcheting down both social and environmental protection measures. However, on the other hand, at the grassroots, there are many micro-initiatives that demonstrate the multiple benefits of going local," she says. "Sustainability pioneer, William McDonough has said, 'all sustainability will be local,'" commented Rob Kinslow, executive coordinator of Hawaii Interfaith Power & Light. "Helena will help us understand the steps we must take to make this transition."

**The Film:** *The Economics of Happiness* features acclaimed economists, environmentalists and scholars including Vandana Shiva, Zac Goldsmith, Bill McKibben, David Korten, Juliet Schor, Richard Heinberg, Bhutanese film director Khyentse Norbu, and the first Prime Minister of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile, Samdhong Rinpoche.

Show times: The film will be shown at two times:

- Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p at Crossroads,
- Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at UH campus Art Auditorium.

Author Joanna Macy writes: "It is good news indeed to find so persuasive an explanation of our ailing world as *The Economics of Happiness*. This film connects the dots between climate chaos, economic meltdown, and our own personal suffering—stress, loneliness, and depression." "A powerful film that cuts deeply to the heart of the global crisis. Magnificent!" says David Suzuki, television presenter and environmentalist.

**About Helena:** Helena Norberg-Hodge, Alternative Nobel Prize winner and pioneer of the worldwide localization movement, through writing and public lectures on three continents, has been promoting an economics of personal, social and ecological well being for more than thirty years. Helena Norberg-Hodge is a widely respected analyst of the impact of the global economy on communities, local economies, and personal identity, and is a leading proponent of 'localization', or decentralization, as a means of countering those impacts.

Her visit coincides with an International Women's Day commemoration and the 12th annual Women's Rights Human Rights conference, starting on 7 March and concluding with Nordberg-Hodge's presentation. The theme of the 12th annual conference is "Women's Rights around the World: Gender Justice in the Quest for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights."

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