

2009 CompaSS Convention:

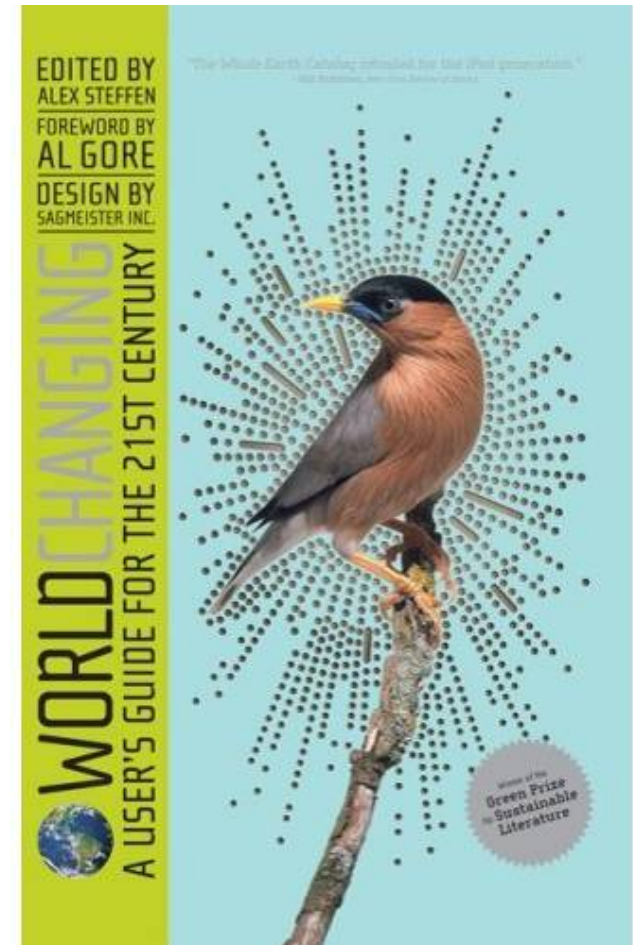
Dec. 4-6

Theme: “LIVING GREEN, LIVING WHOLE”

**Examples of Green
Projects/Programs**

What do-able projects/programs can be set up at your local community to promote **holistic awareness & green living**?

- The book: “**World Changing: User’s Guide for the 21st Century**” is a book that offers ideas about how to change the world.
- These ideas invite changes in our daily lives and encourage planetary thinking in order to save the world in which we all live.
- PLEASE read this book. It offers so many viable solutions for us.
- WE (CompaSS) want to get onto this **green revolution**, that is why the theme for our very first Convention is “**Green Living, Living Whole**”



Project Proposals

- Please propose a green project (**by June 1st**) in which your local ITC/CompaSS community can all participate in for a 3-month period.
- During this 3-month period, the project leader team will collect data and information on it's progress.
- At the convention in December, your local area will give a presentation about your project (guidelines were provided in a previous introductory message).
- In the next few slides, we provide you some examples of green projects to **help get you started** (however, *read the book to get all the detailed info*).

Green projects

- So far, San Jose group has proposed their project:
 - “Save the EARTH. Compass promotes the use of : Friendly Environmental Dinnerware set”
 - How will they get their community involved? How do their community feel about using environment-friendly dinnerware? ...etc...Create your own questions in order to design your presentation.



Green project ideas

- **STUFF:**

- Consuming responsibly
 - Buy organic clothes and products
- Creating healthy homes
 - Buy non-toxic products
 - Purchase energy efficient refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, etc.
- Buy better food
 - Buy local, buy direct, buy fair,...



Green project ideas

- **STUFF:**

- Eating better:

- Become vegetarian

- Car and fuel:

- Conserve fuel (avoid idling, drive slower, use cruise control when possible, use overdrive, etc.)
- Drive a Hybrid car

- DIY Culture (Do-It-Yourself):

- Make your own things from cast-off objects



Green project ideas



- **STUFF:**
 - Art/Technology:
 - Designs inspired by nature (engineers, architects, designers,...)
 - Biomimicry, green nanotechnology, green computers, etc.

Green project ideas

- SHELTER:

- Green remodeling: flooring (reclaimed wood, bamboo, recycled carpets, recycled tiles)
- Building a Green Home: a zero-energy home, proper insulation, good circulation, etc.)
- Furniture and Home décor: (recycled furniture, renewable woods, non-volatile paints)
- Lighting: fluorescent bulbs, LEDs,



Green project ideas



- SHELTER:

- Energy: conserve energy (get a home-energy audit, use dimmers or motion-detection sensors, lower air-conditioning costs, install proper insulation, modernize your windows)
- Water: conserve water (use less water, take short showers, etc.)
- Landscaping: plant shade trees, plant self-sufficient, climate appropriate plants, biodiverse your backyard)

Green project ideas



- CITIES:
 - Get your local group involved with your neighborhood or city's green projects (e.g., Trees for a Green LA)
 - Urban Transportation (carpool, take mass transit, ride a bike to work, etc.)

Green project ideas

- **COMMUNITY:**

- Education and Literacy: internet bookmobile, one laptop per child in schools, open-source textbooks, online education (Moodle), etc.
- Public Health: stop pandemics (early detection and early response), vaccinations, etc.
- Giving Well: the book gives great ideas for effective philanthropy
- Travel and Tourism: flying conscientiously, learning journeys, ecotourism, sustainable tourism, voluntourism

Green project ideas

- **BUSINESS:**

- What can you do in your company?

- Obey the law,
- Understand how your business affects the environment
- Measure and track your waste
- Draft an environmental-vision statement
- Rally the team of employees to promote sustainability in the workplace

- **POLITICS:**

- Nonviolent Revolution



Green project ideas

- PLANET:

- Citizen Science (gardening, stargazing, surfing the net, bird watchers, etc)—collect observational data that help scientists.
- Make a personal action plan: Make smart choices
 - What kinds of stuff do you buy?
 - What do you do for a living?
 - Where do you live?
 - Check your carbon footprint (SafeClimate.net has a carbon-footprint calculator)



Project Proposals (due June 1st):



- Name of project leader
- Names of project members
- Name of project
- Scope of project
- Benefits
- Resources
- Timeline
- Critical success factor

- Please send your group's proposal to Thay and the **Convention team** at compass-paei@yahoogleroups.com