

Sarnia Justice Film Festival – Remaining 2011-2012 Season:

FILM HOPES TO FOSTER CHANGE IN LOCAL ECONOMIC THINKING

Why is ‘going local’ so important? Find out during the Sarnia Justice Film Festival’s third free screening in its 2011–2012 season: *The Economics of Happiness*, a documentary about the worldwide movement for localization, to be held at the Sarnia Library Theatre at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 18.

Individuals and organizations that have an interest in addressing and learning more about Sarnia-Lambton’s role in ‘going local’ are particularly invited to attend.

Both hard hitting and inspiring, *The Economics of Happiness* demonstrates that millions of people across the world are already engaged in building a better world – that small-scale initiatives are happening on a large scale. The film shows that countless initiatives are united around a common cause: rebuilding more democratic, human scale, ecological and local economies – the foundation of an ‘economics of happiness’.

Economic globalization has led to a massive expansion in the scale and power of big business and banking. It has also worsened nearly every problem we face: fundamentalism and ethnic conflict; climate chaos and species extinction; financial instability and unemployment. There are personal costs too. For the majority of people on the planet life is becoming increasingly stressful. We have less time for friends and family and we face mounting pressures at work.

The *Economics of Happiness* describes a world moving simultaneously in two opposing directions. On the one hand, government and big business continue to promote globalization and the consolidation of corporate power. At the same time, all around the world people are resisting those policies, demanding a re-regulation of trade and finance—and, far from the old institutions of power, they’re starting to forge a very different future. Communities are coming together to rebuild more human scale, ecological economies based on a new paradigm – an economics of localization.

We hear from a chorus of voices from six continents who tell us that climate change and peak oil give us little choice: we need to localize, to bring the economy home. The good news is that as we move in this direction we will begin not only to heal the earth but also to restore our own sense of well-being.

The *Economics of Happiness* restores our faith in humanity and challenges us to believe that it is possible to build a better world.

A panel discussion will immediately follow the film, including conversation leaders from local organizations that are playing important roles in this topic locally.

This is the third film in the Sarnia Justice Film Festival’s 2011-2012 season, a series of engaging documentaries shown freely to the Sarnia-Lambton community in order to

foster awareness and understanding of people around the world who suffer injustice and indignities, including those close to home, here in Sarnia-Lambton. In doing so, the Festival hopes to create positive change to the world.

Admission is free, but donations and sponsorships are welcomed. Contact: justicefilm@sympatico.ca for more information.

Visit the Sarnia Justice Film Festival online at www.Facebook.com/SarniaJusticeFilmFestival

Sarnia Justice Film Festival's 2011-2012 Upcoming Films

The remaining films of the 2011–2012 season are being screened at the Sarnia Library Theatre on Saturday evenings at 7 p.m.:

February 18 – Economics of Happiness – Going local!

March 17 – The Market – Overseas organ transplants.

April 21 – Queen of the Sun – What are the bees telling us?