## Can the transition to a sustainable future be locally-led?

Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation High School Yards, Edinburgh EH1 1LZ

27th May 2015, 9.30am-5.30pm

Tess-transition.eu/conference

This event is for scholars, practitioners, and policy-makers from across Europe to share research and experiences on the role of community-based initiatives in transitions towards sustainability.

## **BIG QUESTIONS**

- What does sustainability look like, and how might transitions to a more sustainable society be achieved?
- What is the potential of community-based initiatives to contribute to the transition to a low-carbon society?
- What is the TESS project? How could it contribute to thinking and policy-making on transition?

SPEAKERS: Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer, Co-chair of Working Group III of the IPCC, Pam Warhurst (CBE), founder of Incredible Edible, Dr Peter North, University of Liverpool, and Niki Frantzeskaki, Dutch Research Institute For Transitions.

## **UNCONFERENCE FORMAT**

- Lightning talks from our speakers and TESS project members pitching different perspectives on sustainability transitions.
- In-depth presentations from panel speakers.
- > Small-group discussions to identify key themes for the afternoon panel debate.
- Creatively facilitated debate aimed at opening space for dialogue across scales and expertises.
- Poster sessions on examples of communitybased initiatives participating in TESS.
- Closing commentary on the day's discussions from a UK-based poet.

**GUESTS:** Dr Kersty Hobson, University of Oxford, will chair the debate, **Emily Hinshelwood**, Poet, will be our keynote listener.



**Attendance is free**, but places are limited, so please book in advance at <a href="http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tess-mid-term-conference-tickets-15480877722">http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tess-mid-term-conference-tickets-15480877722</a>.

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