

The Local Economy & Governance System Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What is the Local Economy & Governance System (LEGS)?

LEGS is a comprehensive framework for society that centres on the principles of People, Community, and The Environment. It seeks to replace hierarchical, profit-driven systems with local, transparent, and collectively responsible models for governance, economy, and daily life.

2. How does LEGS differ from traditional governance and economic systems?

LEGS rejects hierarchical structures, prioritises local decision-making, and treats money as a tool rather than a source of power. It ensures that essential needs—such as food, housing, healthcare, and education—are guaranteed for all, and that leadership is earned through service, not status.

3. What are the three core principles of LEGS?

- **People:** Dignity, sovereignty, and wellbeing of every individual.
- **Community:** Collective responsibility, local empowerment, and mutual support.
- **The Environment:** Stewardship of natural resources and sustainable living.

4. What is the Basic Living Standard?

The Basic Living Standard is a foundational guarantee that ensures every individual earning the lowest legal weekly wage can afford all essential costs of living—without falling into debt, relying on welfare, or turning to charity.

5. How are decisions made in LEGS?

Decisions are made locally, democratically, and transparently. The Circumpunct model is used for community decision-making, ensuring every voice is heard and all perspectives are considered. Leadership is rotated and accountable to the community.

6. What is a Universal Parish (Uniparish)?

A Universal Parish is the foundational local unit for society, business, and governance in LEGS. It is designed to be self-contained, meeting all essential needs locally, and is the central structure for community life.

7. How does LEGS address poverty and inequality?

LEGS ensures that every member of the community can live independently and self-sufficiently. It eliminates poverty by guaranteeing the Basic Living Standard and prioritizing the public good over private interests.

8. What is a Social Business?

A Social Business is a non-profit organization operated for the public good, especially where private businesses do not provide essential goods or services. Social Businesses are collectively owned, transparent, and accountable to the community.

9. How are essential goods and services provided?

Essential goods and services—such as food, housing, utilities, healthcare, and transport—are recognized as Public Goods and must be guaranteed for all. Their provision is managed locally and ethically, with community oversight.

10. How does LEGS regulate technology and AI?

AI and technology are strictly regulated to ensure they serve humanity and do not replace human agency. All essential services must have human-led, non-digital alternatives, and AI use is subject to ethical oversight.

11. What is the role of Community Contributions?

Every working member of the community contributes 10% of their working week to support local public services and charity provision. This replaces traditional public sector staffing with a community-led workforce.

12. Can individuals own multiple homes or accumulate wealth?

No person may own, let, or occupy more than one domestic dwelling. Wealth and property exist solely to support the basic and essential needs of individuals and the community, not as measures of status or power.

13. How is education structured in LEGS?

Education focuses on developing Key Skills for Life, self-awareness, and personal sovereignty. Academic, experiential, and social learning are balanced to support independence and ethical awareness.

14. How does LEGS ensure environmental sustainability?

Sustainable living is practiced by every member of the community and recognized as a Public Good. Local production, responsible resource use, and recycling are prioritised to protect the environment.

15. How can I get involved or implement LEGS principles in my community?

Start conversations, challenge old systems, and take practical steps in your own community. Engage in local decision-making, support social businesses, and contribute to community provision. The document encourages everyone to act for fairness, dignity, and resilience.

Further Information

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