

# An Overview of A People First Society

This is a simple guide to the philosophy behind  
The Local Economy & Governance System (LEGS)  
The Basic Living Standard & The Revaluation

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## AN OVERVIEW OF A PEOPLE FIRST SOCIETY



### What is a People First Society?

A People First Society is one where **people, community, and the environment come before money and profit.**

It's about making sure everyone has what they need to live well — and that everyone can contribute to the wellbeing of the whole.

## Why does this matter?

Because too many people today are:

- struggling to afford the basics
- stressed, insecure, or isolated
- working hard but still falling behind
- disconnected from their community
- living in systems that don't put them first

A People First Society changes that.

## What does this philosophy believe about people?

It starts with a simple truth:

**People do best when they feel secure, trusted, and valued.**

Most people want to:

- help
- contribute
- belong
- make a difference

When life isn't a constant struggle, people naturally step up.

## What is the Basic Living Standard?

It's a guarantee that **everyone can afford the essentials of life** — food, housing, transport, clothing, communication, and social participation — from a normal week's work.

No debt.

No welfare dependency.

No fear of falling through the cracks.

Just a fair foundation for everyone.

## What is LEGS?

LEGS stands for the **Local Economy & Governance System**.

It's a practical way of running communities so that decisions are made locally, transparently, and with everyone involved.

LEGS focuses on:

- local food
- local services
- local decision-making
- local businesses that serve the community
- local resilience and sustainability

It's about bringing life back to the local level.

### What is The Revaluation?

The Revaluation is the shift from seeing life through the lens of money to seeing it through the lens of people.

It's a change in mindset:

- from scarcity to security
- from competition to contribution
- from hierarchy to participation
- from profit to wellbeing

It's the moment we realise life can be organised differently - and better.

### Is this anti-business?

No.

It supports businesses that:

- meet real needs
- treat people fairly
- protect the environment
- strengthen the community

It only challenges businesses that exploit people or extract wealth without giving anything back.

### Why is local decision-making so important?

Because people understand their own community better than distant institutions do.

Local decision-making means:

- more accountability

- more transparency
- quicker solutions
- stronger communities
- decisions that actually make sense

It brings power back to the people it affects.

### What does this philosophy say about the environment?

The environment isn't a resource to use up - it's the foundation of life.

A People First Society protects and regenerates the land, water, and ecosystems we depend on.

Healthy communities need a healthy environment.

### What does "freedom" mean in a People First Society?

Freedom means being able to live without fear, contribute without pressure, and participate without barriers.

Real freedom requires:

- security
- dignity
- opportunity
- community
- a healthy environment

Freedom is something we build together.

### What's the goal of all this?

To create a society where:

- everyone has what they need
- no one is left behind
- communities are strong and resilient
- people can contribute meaningfully
- the environment is protected
- life feels fair, connected, and human again

A People First Society is simply a society that works - for everyone.

## Want to learn more?

This leaflet is a short introduction.

If you'd like a deeper explanation, more materials, or help sharing this philosophy in your community, just ask.

## Further Reading:

1. **The Local Economy & Governance System (LEGS) – Online Text**  
<https://adamtugwell.blog/2025/11/21/the-local-economy-governance-system-online-text/>
2. **The Basic Living Standard Explained**  
<https://adamtugwell.blog/2025/10/24/the-basic-living-standard-explained/>
3. **The Basic Living Standard: Freedom to Think, Freedom to Do, Freedom to Be – With Personal Sovereignty That Brings Peace to All**  
<https://adamtugwell.blog/2025/12/15/the-basic-living-standard-freedom-to-think-freedom-to-do-freedom-to-be-with-personal-sovereignty-that-brings-peace-to-all/>
4. **From Principle to Practice: Bringing the Local Economy & Governance System to Life (Full Text)**  
<https://adamtugwell.blog/2025/12/27/from-principle-to-practice-bringing-the-local-economy-governance-system-to-life-full-text/>
5. **Visit the LEGS Ecosystem**  
<https://adamtugwell.blog/2025/12/31/visit-the-legs-ecosystem/>

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