

What comes next?

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The hardest thing for any of us to get our heads around, as we look at the problems we face, is that the solutions are not going to come from the people or the places we expect.

The problems the UK faces today are all connected. Government, politics, the public sector, money, the cost of living, not having enough, not having work, not feeling valued - it doesn't matter which part you look at. Everything circles back to the same root cause. And that means the way forward has to be something genuinely different.

Something that leaves all of that behind.

It's not easy to imagine a new way of living and interacting with the world outside ourselves. But once we begin to remember who we really are - and what actually matters - it becomes much clearer.

What comes next isn't about abandoning technology or pretending we can go back to some nostalgic version of the past. It's about putting people, community, and the environment we live in first, instead of money or whatever we can access on a screen.

Some people will automatically assume this means rejecting modern life or living in some kind of bubble. It doesn't. What comes next is about creating a level playing field where everyone has access to the basic essentials they need for life - without anyone else controlling them.

When people have enough, they are free to think, to breathe, to find peace, and to live the best life they can, without the actions or behaviours of others holding them back.

This isn't utopian. It isn't socialist. It isn't communist. And it isn't capitalist either.

All of those systems - just like commercialisation - rely on centralisation and hierarchy. They all depend on power being held at the top. The alternative doesn't hide processes or motives because it can't. It turns everything on its head and makes what is local - your community, your environment, your relationships - the most important part of life. And it puts you, and the people you care about, right at the centre.

There's a lot to think about, and I'm not going to try to explain the whole **Local Economy and Governance System (LEGS)** here. What I will say is that it all begins with a benchmark for life called **the Basic Living Standard**. This means everyone has enough of what they actually need. And through a **Contribution Culture**, everyone brings value to life by contributing in the ways that work best for them - without taking more than they need from other people, the community, or the environment.

We approach life as a partnership. We take out, but we also put back. We respect the cycles of life for what they are and what they do.

One of the greatest benefits of embracing what comes next is realising how much of our lives today rely on value and reference points outside of ourselves. That's why so many of us feel powerless, unheard, and unable to control what we can do - or even what we can think or say.

LEGS - and the system for life and governance it describes - works on a very different principle: **each of us should be able, and actively encouraged, to rely on our own thinking, our own consideration, and our own agency before we engage with anything else.**

It may sound counterintuitive, but when we can think independently, rely on ourselves, and act with confidence, we have a much healthier and more respectful relationship

with the world outside us too. And that leads to a kind of happiness that nobody else can control.

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