

Basic Income and Climate Change

With Mitchell Beer, Dr. Jim Mulvale, Janet Patterfung,
and Scott Santens

A Vibrant Communities Webinar

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are meeting today on Indigenous land. As settlers, we recognize the contributions and historic importance of Indigenous peoples and affirm our collective commitment to make the promise and challenge of Truth and Reconciliation real in our communities.

Today's Speakers



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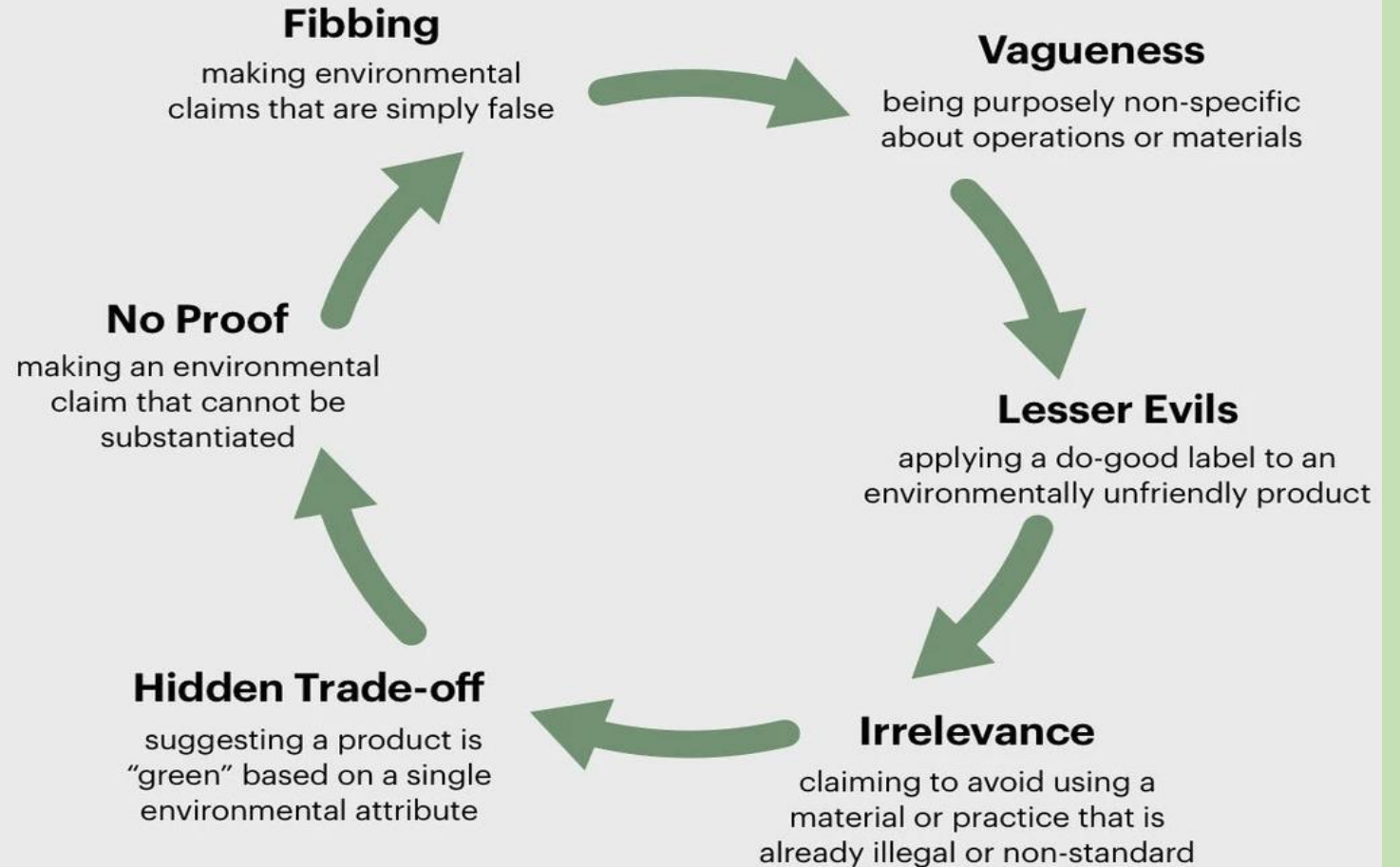
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The challenges we face

1. The economic and social injustices of neo-liberal global capitalism
2. The environmental emergency of the Anthropocene

The immediate
problem of
“greenwashing”
(applies to the
making of products
AND policy

The Six Sins of Greenwashing



THE NECESSARY RESPONSE

A **radically new economic paradigm** to address the environmental emergency *and* the economic and social injustices

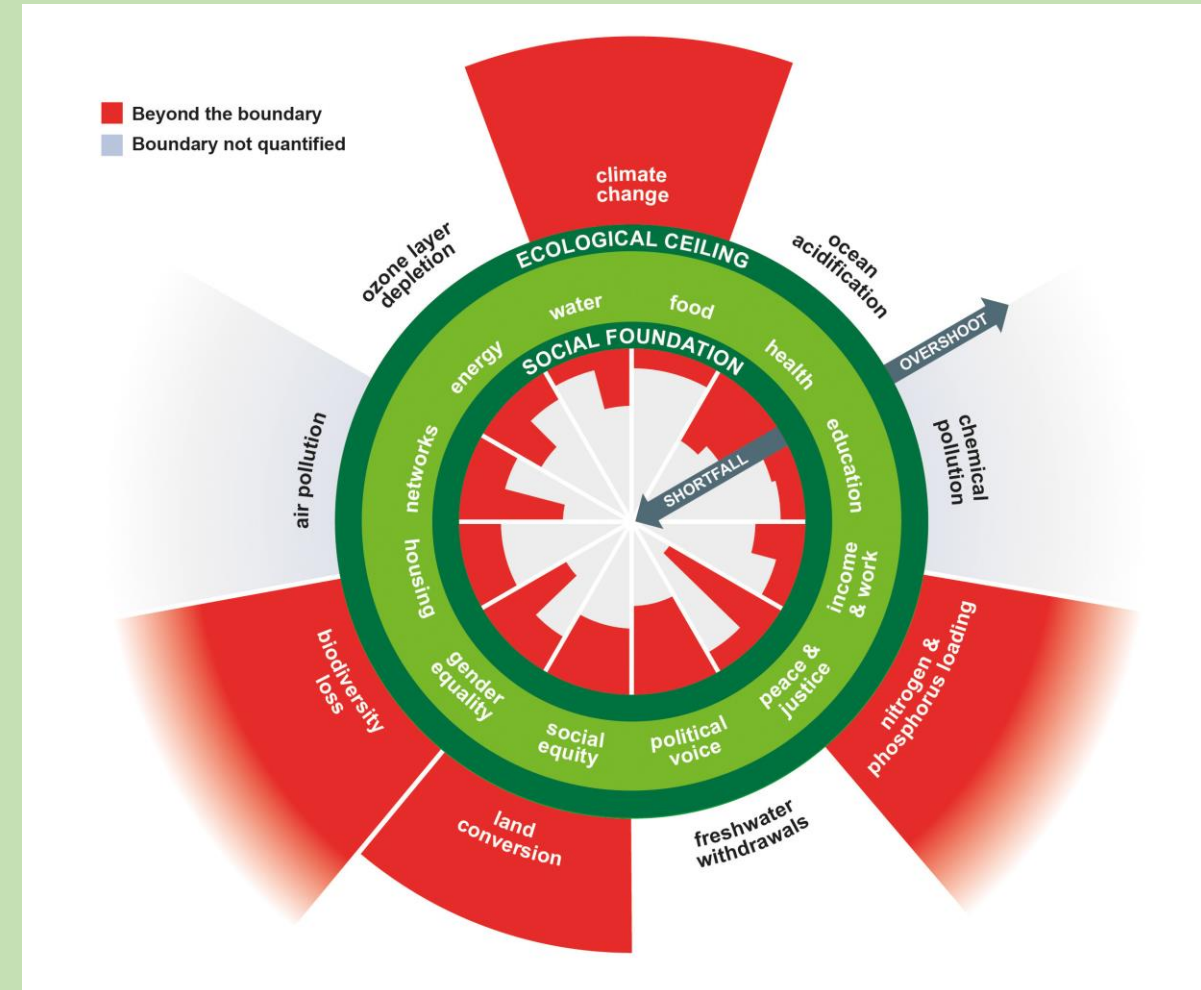
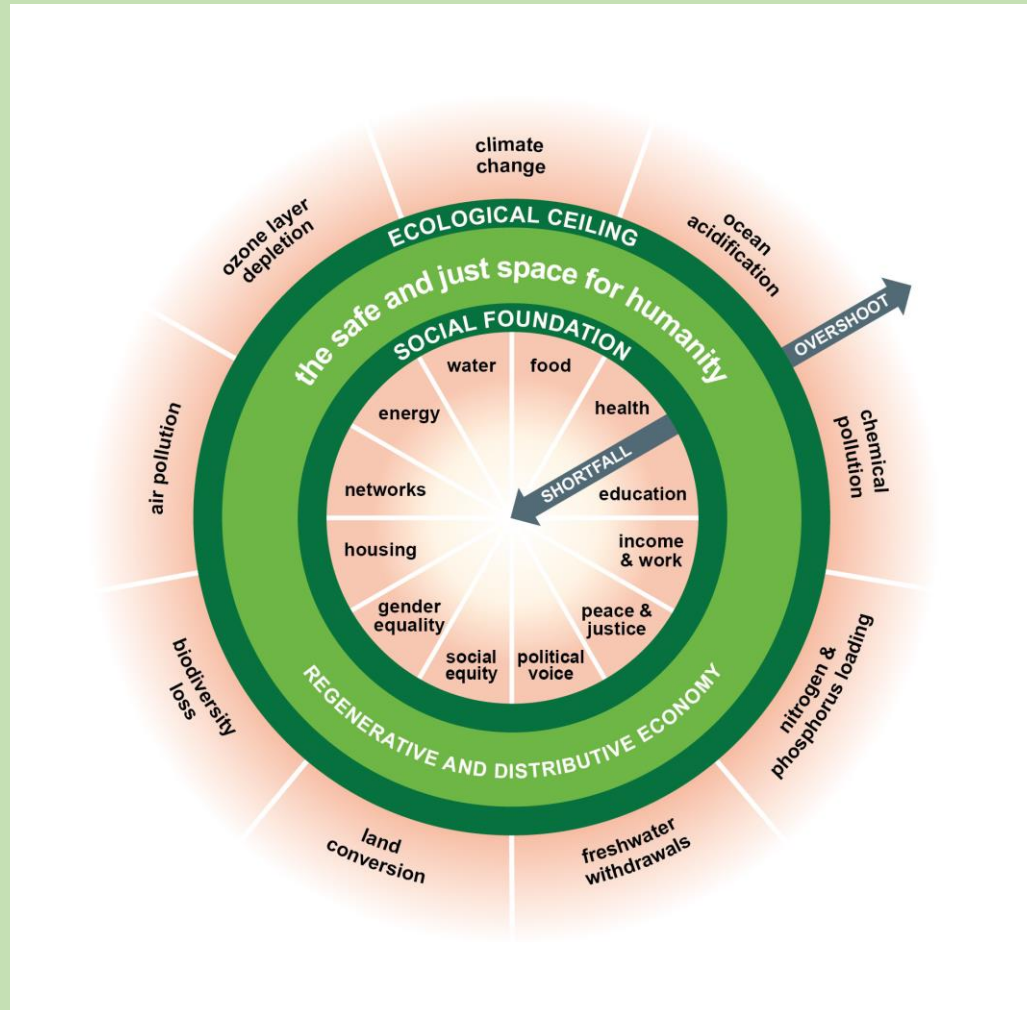
This new economic paradigm must

- end exploitation
- redistribute wealth and reallocate economic room-to-grow *from* overdeveloped and overconsuming nations *to* poorer and developing economies
- reorient our understandings of Mother Earth based on Indigenous values and teachings and on radical political ecology

Alternative conceptions of the political economy

- markets as ***embedded*** in societies
- the ***social economy*** as an alternative to the globalised capitalist market
- Establishing an overall ***steady-state economy*** and planned ***degrowth*** at the national and international levels

Doughnut Economics (Kate Raworth, 2012)



PRACTICAL STEPS FORWARD

SOCIAL POLICY

- **universal basic income**
- Adequate, affordable, and green **housing**
- **food security**
- **health care**
- ecologically-focused **education**

PRACTICAL STEPS FORWARD *(continued)*

BROADER PUBLIC POLICY

- transition to ***green energy*** sources and ***net-zero emissions***
- ***low- or no-carbon transportation options***
- ***green jobs***
- ***labour market restructuring*** (underpinned by UBI)
- ***zero (overall) population growth***
- ***habitat protection***
- ***local planning and zoning***

My essential point:



Basic Income is a necessary – *but not sufficient* – component in a social-ecological transition to a economically just society and an ecologically sustainable economy.

Questions?

How Collective Impact can support climate transitions in communities: Lessons from Communities Ending Poverty

Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 12:00 – 1:00 pm ET

This webinar explores the value-add of a collective impact approach for the climate change movement, with lessons and experiences shared by the Communities Ending Poverty movement.



The Basic Income Canada Youth Network &
the Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction present:

#BasicIncomeBoughtMe Bash

ft. the Canadian premiere
of "A Human Picture"

Join this free celebration on November
17th for guest speakers, prizes, and more!



Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction

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Wednesday, November 17th at 7:00 pm ET

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A close-up photograph of several green leaves, likely from a plant, covered in numerous small, clear water droplets. The leaves are vibrant green and the droplets are in sharp focus, creating a textured, glistening effect. The background is softly blurred, showing more green foliage.

Thank you!

Please send your questions, comments and feedback
to Natasha@tamarackcommunity.ca