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Radical Communications Technology

1 About me:

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In 1976 OU Technology Faculty with Godfrey, Dave Elliott, Derek, Tam and...

2 Radical Tech 1.0 Comms chapter

- starts with "They tell us we are in the middle of the transition from a money economy to an information economy"
- Far-sighted for 1976! What information needed?
- A transition from an economy driven by money to one driven by the information about the wellbeing of people and planet.

3 Comms now the key technology

Catalyse the change to society driven by wellbeing of people & planet

A KILLER APP (or ecosystem of such apps...)

One global partnership

local but linked globally

4 A Trading/exchange/favours system

for people, businesses, organisations that share the values

includes strong gift economy part, no money but still records

5 Practical & attractive

benefits those that use it, not just altruism for community

satisfy needs

earn money

reduce need for money

Self-funding through transaction & membership fees

6 (Partial) Beginnings popping up all over

Enspiral - New Zealand, various trading and organisational tools

Fair Coop - Catalunya, Fair Coin: a block chain based currency

Mutual Aid networks - started in US, use Time Banks

various LETS and other exchanges

Transition Network local currencies

7 Key features needed for stability/self-correction (my view)

Profiles: include info on people and planet policies

Fair Trade, working conditions, range of salaries, financial transparency

Reputation - as eBay, a series of feedbacks on transactions, even for favours (gift economy)

Shows connection - friends and friends of friends (maintain trust)

Conflict/dispute handling mechanism crucial (like eBay)

8 Conclusions

This brings the right issues into the public arena, the right driving force for the economy, unlike reforming banks and money system which are superficial

Will attract many people and businesses, and later governments, esp. local

Leading to an economy that really works, for people and planet, a no-brainer