

Cards for Humanity

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“Cards for Humanity” is a fun tongue in cheek, facilitated card game that demonstrates how effective ‘exchange’ can be for facilitating the use of under utilised resources, building community connections and reducing the strain on our natural world.

In a fast and furious 40 minute workshop session sharing economy explorer Claire Marshall, will take the participants through ways they can identify their under-utilised skills and assets, how they can facilitate the exchange of those assets, and what social, psychological and community benefits these exchanges can bring.

In the first part of the game the participants will be asked to form ‘family groups’ or 2 to 5 players. They will then fill in a specially designed quiz to identify all of their under-utilised assets and undiscovered skills. With these identified they set about creating their ‘goods to exchange’ giving each a dollar value and karma score.

In the second part of the game the participants get given a set of ‘challenge cards’. These are mostly normal everyday challenges (but some may be a little fanciful) that families face. To complete each challenge the ‘family’ group must ‘exchange’ with another family their own resources for what they need to complete their challenge. The ‘exchange’ must be equal based on dollar or karma score or families can add special tokens to even up the amount.

There is no one winner to this game, but rather each ‘family’ will win by overcoming their ‘challenges’. At the end of the ‘challenge’ section each family will count up the karma and dollar value of their exchanges and the groups will discuss what this means and how the exchanges have benefitted – the participants, the community and the natural world.

Conference Themes addressed by this Proposal: exchange, care, our relationship with the natural world.

Bio:

After falling in love with the sharing economy by sharing her car with her neighbours, Claire embarked on an ambitious experiment in London - could she survive for one month solely on what she could make and earn in the

sharing economy? Writing about her experience for media outlets such as the Huffington Post and Shareable, Claire has become a vocal advocate for the sharing economy. Her latest experiment sees whether she can use the sharing economy to 'earn a living". Her website can be found at sharestories.net