

**The Better World We Know  
in Our Hearts is Possible**

**A Just and Sustainable  
Abundance**

## The Better World?

“No point in thinking about it! It is not going to happen.” “Community engagement, direct democracy” “Guaranteed dividend income” “No Justice, No Peace, justice is the key to the better world” “Community building, intentional communities, eco villages, multi-stakeholder cooperatives.”

# **Freedom; Justice; and Community.**

The emphasis is different for each person, but it becomes obvious that in the better world the individual is free, society is just and the people cooperate to provide everything they need.

To be at liberty, “free”, you must have an unearned income. We all know what justice is, so we all need to participate in creating a just society. We all have interests, skills and talents and we can cooperate to provide everything we all need or want.

# Freedom

I know who I am, I know what my life's purpose is and I have access to the resources and education I need to accomplish it. I am free to do it my way!

# Justice

My righteous anger at injustice gives me a good sense for what is just. Justice is the governing principle for a community or society. “No Justice, No Peace”. If we were all equal before the law then our sense of justice would give each of us a dividend income and the capital our capacities warrant so that we would be at Liberty to Pursue Happiness.

# Community

Transforming nature into useful goods and services is based on people working together to accomplish an aim. Free individuals want to voluntarily place their capacities in the service of their community and provide for everyone, especially if they feel the social circumstances are just and the environmental conditions are sustainable.

# Manifesting

*“You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.”*

*Buckminster Fuller*

*“You can’t solve a problem with the same kind of thinking that created it!”*

*Albert Einstein*

*“The Means Determine the End”*

*John G Root Jr*

# Governing

If we are to create a just and sustainable abundance for everyone we will obviously need to dethrone the sociopathic Corporations and the too big to fail or jail Banks and find a new way to govern ourselves. Our Republic - the Constitution - with its separation of powers, and winner take all elections has failed us. We need a governing system based on the ongoing active consent of everyone. We need to implement the Jeffersonian Ward Republic governed Sociocratically by we, the people. We need to create a government of the people, by the people, for the people. For which we will need a new way of thinking; and a new confidence in our ability to use means that assure we will create the just and sustainable abundance we want for everyone.



# Funding

Whoever is issuing the currency is creating the conditions in which the people live by how and what the currency is issued for. If we want to continue to be debt and wage slaves, we will continue to allow the banks to issue all our money as interest bearing debt to themselves. If we, the people, are to become the sovereign we will have to learn to issue money to fund all the things we agree would be good. Fortunately for us, money is not valuable in itself, it is an agreement to use something to measure the value of the goods and services that are valuable and make the exchange of valuables easy and transparent. We can agree to use the dollar to measure value, but use something else as the means of exchange, something that we issue to fund all the things that we agree would be good.

# Community Meeting



A community meeting called by a City Councillor to give the people in her Ward the opportunity to work on three questions.

What makes your neighbourhood great?

What would make it better?

How can we work together to make it happen?

# The Ward Republic

The Ward Republic is the idea that all governmental authority should proceed from the people who know and associate with one another in the wards. The ward is a neighborhood of at most 400 people, but usually 100 people, who can meet together on a regular basis to decide what would be good and just. The Ward Assembly is responsible for all aspects of governing, including the Judicial functions, the Legislative functions and the Executive functions and each Ward would select someone to represent it in the Town Circle. Each Town Circle would select someone to represent them at the County Level and so forth to the State, Regional and National level, All laws or projects at whatever level they arise would need to be approved by either a super majority or a simple majority of all the affected wards depending on their significance. The Ward Republic, governed sociocratically and using community-created credit, would give us a government of, by and for the people.

# Sociocracy

The Ward Republic was proposed by Thomas Jefferson in numerous letters after his presidency. He is clear that if the people are to govern then it must be the people in a ward who know each other and can meet together face to face. Sociocracy is a system of governance in which the people who know and associate with each other form circles with a specific aim and develop proposals together to implement their aim. The aim of each Ward Assembly, and the assemblies of wards, is to establish circles to take care of Legislative issues, Executive Issues and Judicial issues. Each circle develops proposals that they can all consent to because they are the result of hearing from each person and incorporating any objections into the proposal to make it better. Every proposal has a time frame after which it is evaluated to make sure there are no unintended consequences. Each circle is convened by a leader and represented by a delegate so you get a double link between the circles and the Wards which allows leadership to be recognized. Everything is carried out by selecting the best person for the job, with a time frame after which their performance is evaluated.

# Community-Created Credit

The Ward Republic can be implemented with sociocracy as the governance technology and community-created credit as the funding technology. Community-Created Credit uses the dollar to measure value, but instead of using the dollar to effect exchanges the Ward uses credit it creates by agreement. If each member transfers dollars from their bank account into the Ward's bank account the Ward can issue the same amount of ward credit into each members Ward account to spend at all the businesses that participate, thus preserving the dollars in the Ward's bank account. The Ward Assembly can then allocate the dollars in the Ward bank account and can issue Ward Credit directly to fund the things circles agree would be good. With sufficient participation in using Ward Credit, the circles can go about deciding what would be good, what would create a just and sustainable abundance, knowing they can fund it with community-created credit (Ward Credit). Issuing money to fund the projects we agree are good is how we create a society to benefit everyone!

# Sociocracy For All

In my experience of studying Sociocracy there is one organization that offers a comprehensive training and community of practice. It is called Sociocracy for All dot Org. There is an introductory video here:

<http://www.sociocracyforall.org/sociocracy/#4minvideo>

# Common Good Payment System

There are many complementary currency systems but the only one that uses a democratic process to make decisions about what to issue money for and how to regulate the money supply is at [www.CommonGood.earth](http://www.CommonGood.earth). Check it out.

**The Ward Republic, governed  
Sociocratically and using the  
Common Good Payment System  
will give us a Just and  
Sustainable Abundance.**



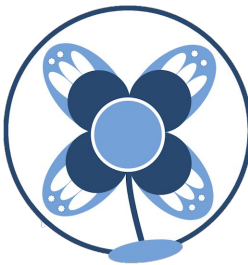
# Learn More

The Better World We Know in Our Hearts is Possible aims to inspire you to take the initiative to create the Better World in your town or neighborhood, your ward. The organizations that can be of the most help to you and your group are:

Mutual Credit and Sociocracy give us a  
**Just  
Abundance**  
*The Means Assures the End*



**Common Good  
Payment System**



**Sociocracy For All**

Just Abundance is the organization that made this presentation and is promoting the Better World idea. Common Good Payment System aims to be the new monetary system that makes each community to use it a sovereign community. Sociocracy for All offers the training and community of practice we need in order to succeed in governing ourselves and implementing the Common Good

# Background Resources

Banking: [Money as Debt 2, Promises Unleashed](#) A video by Paul Grignon

Benjamin Franklin: [Colonial Scrip](#)

Ward Republic: [Thomas Jefferson](#) & [Adrian Kuzminski](#)

Sociocracy: [Many Voices One Song](#)

Common Good: [CommonGood.earth](#)

Monetary Reform: [Ellen Brown](#) and [Stephen Zarlenga](#)