



Thinking outside of the casket...

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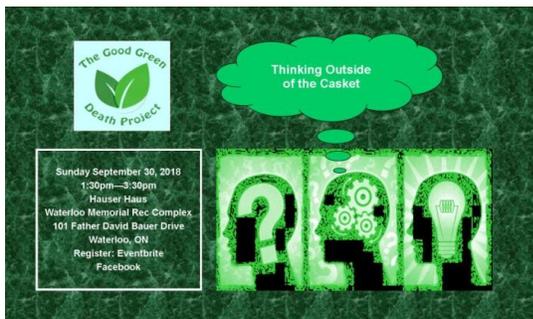
Good Green Death Project at Waterloo Public Library



On Wednesday October 24, 2018 Ellen and I were happy to share the Good Green Death Project vision with a very receptive audience at the Waterloo Public Library. Our presentation and discussion was the first of an End of Life Series co-sponsored by the [Waterloo Global Science Initiative](#) and the inimitable Kate Pearce!

Eco Market KW's Fall Showcase

On Friday of the same week, the GGDP was one in a hand-picked group of exhibitors at [Eco Market](#) KW's Fall Showcase. The event had excellent speakers sharing their wisdom on everything from how to work towards zero waste in your own life to organizing it and finding the best destination for items you no longer need. Before the event, Ellen and Susan were delighted to be interviewed by Eco Market's founder, Jen Novakovich, for her newly-launched podcast. You can hear us [here](#).



Brainstorming Session Highlights

In late September we held a brainstorming session with GGDP members and interested people to discuss the best ways to move the GGDP forward. Again, we are deeply grateful to City of Waterloo Councillor Mark Whaley for providing the space and refreshments. Under Kate Pearce's excellent facilitation, we arrived at a number of potential avenues to follow that should take priority.

The highlights distilled from the discussion include:

Fit Recomposition into existing infrastructure

Create a pilot project

Decide on business model to determine potential funding and community partners

Funding possibilities based on business model:

- KW Awesome for \$1,000 to pay for registration as non-profit
- Social Impact Investing MARS
- KW Community Foundation Barnraising

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Define GGDP vision with three key pieces for “now, next, later” i.e. 1, 5 and 10 years

Potential partnerships and champions

- Third Age Learning Cambridge through Idea Exchange
- rare Charitable Research Reserve
- Greenhouse at St Paul’s U of Waterloo
- Cambridge Councillor – Jan Liggett
- Kitchener & Waterloo – look at who’s invested in idea
- MPP Catherine Fife, Laura Mae Lindo (NDP)
- MPP Mike Schreiner (Guelph Green) - Can MPP staff access info re legalities, parameters, what are possibilities for change?

Legal advice to look at process and US patent-pending for Recompose

In the News – Susan is now writing a bi-weekly column in [The Record](#) and wrote this [piece](#) on the need for more eco-friendly options, published November 1, 2018.

Update from Recompose in Seattle

The progress of the GGDP to bring composting or Recomposition to Ontario is contingent on the work that Katrina Spade and [Recompose](#) are doing in Seattle, Washington. Although the composting process has long been used for dead livestock, transferring that method of disposition for human use involves different government ministries that are there to protect consumers’ interests. Good news is that Recompose has prepared a bill for the January 2019 sitting of the Washington State Legislature to allow Recomposition as a legal method. We’re closely following their work.

Funding and Membership

The Good Green Death Project is entirely volunteer-run and unfunded, driven by passion and personal interest. Our current expenses include website hosting and domain name fees, building a resource base for future events, and incorporation costs.

Donations are gratefully received to help us cover these expenses, and deposited into a dedicated account at a local credit union. Email money transfers are preferred using info@goodgreendeadproject.ca

Volunteer Opportunities

If you’re handy with a cell phone camera and would be willing to take photos at our events (because we often forget to do this!!) please contact us at info@goodgreendeadproject.ca

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