

# Public lecture - Building Community Resilience in the Sharing Economy

Brisbane, Monday 24 February: 6pm - 7.30pm,  
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Community-supported enterprise + cooperatives + local investing + social enterprise + local currencies + micro-enterprise + sharing ... these all add up to local, resilient economies. But it can be difficult to picture how we'll get there. The more our economies falter, the more we feel stuck—stuck in jobs we don't like, stuck buying cheap unsustainable products, stuck patronizing the same old huge corporations, stuck in traffic ... How do we get from stuck economies to resilient sharing economies? With the help of lively cartoon images, attorney and Executive Director of the Sustainable Economies Law Center, Janelle Orsi, will help us visualise some of the next critical steps and how a sharing economy can actually work.

Janelle Orsi is the Executive Director of the Sustainable Economies Law Center in California, which facilitates the growth of more sustainable and localized economies through education, research, and advocacy to support practices such as barter, sharing, cooperatives, urban agriculture, shared housing, local currencies, community-supported enterprises, and local investing. Janelle is also a “sharing economy lawyer” in private practice, specializing in helping communities share housing and cars, form cooperatives, launch urban farming initiatives, and form social enterprises. Janelle is the co-author of *The Sharing Solution: How to Save Money, Simplify Your Life & Build Community* (Nolo Press 2009), and author of *Practicing Law in the Sharing Economy: Helping People Build Cooperatives, Social Enterprise, and Local Sustainable Economies* (ABA Books 2012). In 2010, Janelle was profiled by the American Bar Association as a Legal Rebel, an attorney who is “remaking the legal profession through the power of innovation.” In 2012, Janelle was one of 100 people listed on The (En)Rich List, which names individuals “whose contributions enrich paths to sustainable futures.”



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