

Using the law to create sustainable communities - experiences from the USA and Queensland

**Workshop - Brisbane, Tuesday 25 February: 2.30 to 4.30pm,
Griffith University Southbank Graduate Centre, Room S07_1.23**

This informal workshop offers the opportunity to find out about innovative developments in the legal profession in the USA and to discuss the role of the legal profession in supporting community based organisations in Queensland. A presentation by our guest speaker, Janelle Orsi, will be followed by responses from two local speakers: Amelia Salmon from the Spiral Community Hub and Meghan Halverston from the newly formed Koala Coalition. Amelia and Meghan will give a brief overview of the legal challenges experienced by Queensland's environmental and social NGOs, and the opportunities that exist for the legal profession to assist. Time will be allocated for open space discussions.

GUEST SPEAKER - JANELLE ORSI, SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIES LAW CENTER

Janelle Orsi is an Attorney and 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 author of *Practicing Law in the Sharing Economy: Helping People Build Cooperatives, Social Enterprise, and Local Sustainable Economies* (ABA Books 2012); she is co-author of *The Sharing Solution: How to Save Money, Simplify Your Life & Build Community* (Nolo Press 2009). In 2010 Janelle was profiled by the American Bar Association as "Legal Rebel", an attorney who is "remaking the legal profession through the power of innovation".



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HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

This workshop is free, but places are limited, so bookings are essential. Please email your RSVP to Michelle Maloney, convenor@earthlaws.org.au

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