

Invitation: All details and ON-LINE RSVP at www.kaitiakitanga.net/hunterlovins

Growing a Well Future for all our Grandchildrens – Hunter Lovins Visit

World-renowned sustainability expert, Hunter Lovins, reminds us that a world facing climate change, deteriorating eco-systems and peak oil is a challenging place to do business or to make a life in. She insists that solutions to these problems do exist and can be implemented in ways that create greater prosperity, improve local and national security and present opportunities for each of us to find greater meaning in our lives. The US non-profit organisation she heads, Natural Capitalism Solutions Inc, helps communities, companies and countries to gain competitive advantage, both now and far into the future. She likes to help everyone see how they can make a positive difference. For information including video, see <http://www.natcapsolutions.org/media.htm> Read the book she co-authored “Natural Capitalism”; free download at <http://www.naturalcapitalism.info>

A network of people and organisations around the country committed to sustainable development are working together as a living system to help arrange a visit by Hunter Lovins in July 2006.

This programme is subject to some ongoing minor variations:

2 Sun	Dunedin	7-9+	Free Public Forum	SMART SCIENCE - Premiering at the International Festival of Science in Dunedin
3 Mon	Christchurch	4-6 7-9+	Free Public Forum Free Public Forum	SMART BUSINESS - Innovation for a sustainable future focus (note time change) SMART REGIONS - Sustainable Environment / Resources / Tourism / Restoration
5 Wed	Auckland	9-11+ 2-4+ 7-9+	Free Public Forum Free Public Forum Free Public Forum	SMART BUSINESS - Innovation for a sustainable future focus SMART CITY - Sustainable, dynamic and prosperous city focus SMART ENVIRONMENT - Sustainable Local Environment / Wellbeing / Restoration
6 Thurs	Hamilton	1:15-3:15 7-9+	Free Public Forum Free Public Forum	SMART AGRICULTURE - Sustainable Agriculture and related Industries focus SMART COMMUNITIES - Sustainable Community/Wellness/Restoration/Enterprise
7-9 Fri-Su	Te Whaiti	Weekend	Marae retreat	KAITIAKITANGA - Maori concepts of sustainability - sharing with invited guests
10 Mon	Hawkes Bay	7-9+	Public Meeting	SMART LOCAL ACTION - Reflecting on projects, achievements and visions
12 Wed	Wellington	9-11+ 2-4+ 7-9 +	Free Public Forum Free Public Forum Free Public Forum	SMART BUSINESS - Innovation for a sustainable future focus SMART ECONOMY - Realising our Natural Capital – Aotearoa as a role model SMART LEARNING - Reflecting on sessions, collaborating to achieve our aspirations

Notes:

Each seminar will have a specific theme appropriate to the region. Many youth and teachers will attend. Hunter will challenge the wide range of participants we expect, then a panel of young people and other local people appropriate to the theme will help us reflect with the audience on what this means for us, our businesses, our communities and our country.

The whole program will focus on long term outcomes for future generations and the many pathways that could lead to this.

- Growing our youth and giving them space to influence the future - eg Enviroschools / Enterprise programs
- Better use of our world's resources - to eliminate waste at source. – eg Zero Waste Initiative
- Living within the limits of our earth's natural cycles and its ability to sustain us – eg Climate Change, TNS
- Being smarter, Biomimicry – learning from nature - eg Innovation, science, engineering, technology careers
- Reconnecting with our own indigenuity, our interdependence with the earth and responsibilities - eg Kaitiakitanga
- Growing the courage to take individual and local paths towards a well future as responsible global citizens
- Growing a country that integrates enterprise, the environment, society and culture – eg Quad bottom line
- Connecting at a local action level to share learning internationally - eg Connecting Communities initiative

This program is being organised by a network of volunteers with a focused group in each location to handle local sessions and arrangements. Individuals and organisations dedicated to the future are invited to contribute any knowledge, time, energy, resources dollars and venues that they have to help make this happen. We need funds to get Hunter Lovins and her administrator here, so need contributors please (see website for details) The brand for this program is “New Zealand”.

We expect to use technology (e.g. DVD, the web) to generate resources that will allow people anywhere, particularly our youth and schools, to view specific sessions of interest outside their region or at a later time.

National Program - Hunter Lovins' trip July 06. v8 15/6/06 see www.kaitiakitanga.net/hunterlovins for full up to date details