

**Call to (Local) Action:  
Declare Vancouver Island a GE-Free Zone**

Let's make some noise in support of GE Watch Comox Valley's campaign to keep local food "good, clean and fair" (in the words of Slow Food International) by banning the import, export and growing of plants and seeds containing genetically engineered DNA on Vancouver Island.

The time to turn up the heat locally on this issue is now, especially with the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities holding its AGM at the Prestige Hotel on the weekend of April 13.

We're urging Transition Sooke members to step up in one or more of three ways:

1. Sign the GE-Free petition online at <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/648/428/554/declare-vancouver-island-a-ge-free-zone>. This petition will be formally presented at the conference in Sooke.
2. Turn out and support Awareness Film Night's Jo Phillips at the next District of Sooke council meeting (7 p.m. next Monday, April 8). She'll be outlining the issue and then asking elected officials to formally support the GE Watch Comox Valley resolution. (Jo is scheduled to speak for five minutes early on and we'd love to fill the chamber with folks like you who care).
3. Join Jo and local campaigners Lee Hindrichs (Transition Sooke core team member), Jill Winstanley (Bella Terra Farm) and Christa Rossner at a GE Watch Comox Valley rally they're helping organize during the April 13 weekend at the Prestige. Please watch your email inbox for further details about the day and hour.

regards,

Sooke Transition Town Society Core Team

Michael, Margaret, Andrew, Jeff, Yvonne, Erik, Stephen, Lee and Sofie.

Further research:

GE Free Comox Valley Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/GE-Watch-Comox-Valley/252908071394905>

Vandana Shiva's support for the campaign, filmed last week during her appearance at the University of Victoria:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cS21FIY-whc&feature=youtu.be>

Short & balanced film on "Genetic Modification of Foods" -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kE2OFmrJRI>

Full-length documentary, "The World According to Monsanto" -

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6\\_DbVdVo-k](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6_DbVdVo-k)