

**Workshop 4A Lyttelton in the Midst of Chaos – the Role of Time banking in Nurturing and Rebuilding: A Model for Communities Around New Zealand by Julie Lee and Margaret Jefferies.**

- “You have what you need if you use what you have” within a community.
- Important to have a paid coordinator, especially at the start, to keep it going and support people with software and help people discover what skills they can offer (sometimes people don’t realize they have skills).
- Lots of parties and social gatherings to demonstrate what time banking is and to get to know one another. Potluck dinners, skill sharing and trading parties also other ways.
- Focus on what’s working and feeling positive and go from there.
- Is a system for giving, makes it easier to care for one another and also puts everyone on level playing field, all part of the community (elderly, disabled, youth) can all participate fully.
- Is about creating sustainable vibrant, connected communities who are giving and loving and where everyone has value.

**Actions and next steps:**

- Good book to read “No More Throw Away People”.
- Make sure that you keep track of numbers: members, hours traded, etc to demonstrate to the community and benefits to Council, funders and etc.
- How can community gardens, food banks, time banks work together? We are starting to look at this?
- Setting up a national time bank network using open source software so all are connected.