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It's an exciting time to be alive. The effects of generations of "me, me, me" are paving the way for a paradigm shift to "we, we, we". There is a blossoming of new ways of being and doing, which recognise our inherent connectedness, and envision a healthy planet and a healthy humanity thriving in concert with all of life.

I've spent the last five years supporting the growth of the relocalisation movement. First locally on Waiheke Island, when I started a community garden, a food exchange stall and experimented with a local currency. In 2007 my focus became national, as I facilitated the first two years of growth of the uniquely self-organising Transition Towns relocalisation movement in Aotearoa. Since then I've been transitioning into a systems focus, working with Manakau City and their "Towards 2060" sustainability team, helping Otago Polytechnic's Sustainability department begin utilising social media, and as an active advisor in a project called Ooooby (Out of our own backyards).

With a local focus and by utilising emerging technology, we are co-creating entirely different banking, food, educational, energy and governing systems - that by design are inherently resilient. Now is the time to start telling the stories of the world we want to see. With eyes wide open, what is the best we can possibly imagine?