

What would you change about LETS?

- Implement a national umbrella group with Website to link to regional groups; provide a contact point for international groups; promotional materials; shared resources; share “best practice” ideas; lobbying; increase funding opportunities; preserve historical info
- More interaction with other systems like permaculture, streetbanking; timebank; freecycle etc
- Take it to the mainstream by holding workshops for school leavers or other target markets like retirees, pensioners, businesses etc
- Get more young people involved
- Integrate with global systems
- Learn from local indigenous groups about traditional trading methods that work well in the local “country”.
- Include location in Exchange names because some of the abbreviations don’t clearly indicate locality.
- Push LETS points onto ATO for taxes – refuse to use federal \$\$
- Work more with local councils and business groups
- Consider whether we NEED lots of new members
- Encourage more active trading partnerships
- Be more resourceful in needing LESS because we know it will be supplied when needed even on short notice
- Improve the search function, particularly to be able to search all exchanges in Australia (eg. For accommodation or transport)
- Have a system where we can post jobs/task then send to community. Members can bid for the job Eg When I forget to feed my cat, I can post the job “Buy catfood and go to my house to feed my cat in the next 3 hours”
- Improve the Offers Listings. The offers get cluttered up with many posts of similar things. Members need to group offerings, not post the same things over and over allowing others to opportunity to be at the top of the list. Also some offers are there for years without selling so the member needs to reduce the price or reconsider the offer.
- More communication without hi-tech
- Look for ways to encourage more “staple” or basic items/services/produce
- Encourage older people who have less contact with community
- Have a limit on the time frame in which people can be charged for an item...2 years later is a bit unfair.
- How to integrate fundamental community exchange inspirations with young people through fun, easy interactive interlinking activities.
- Accessibility – lack of dollars shouldn’t be a hindrance to participating in any event
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