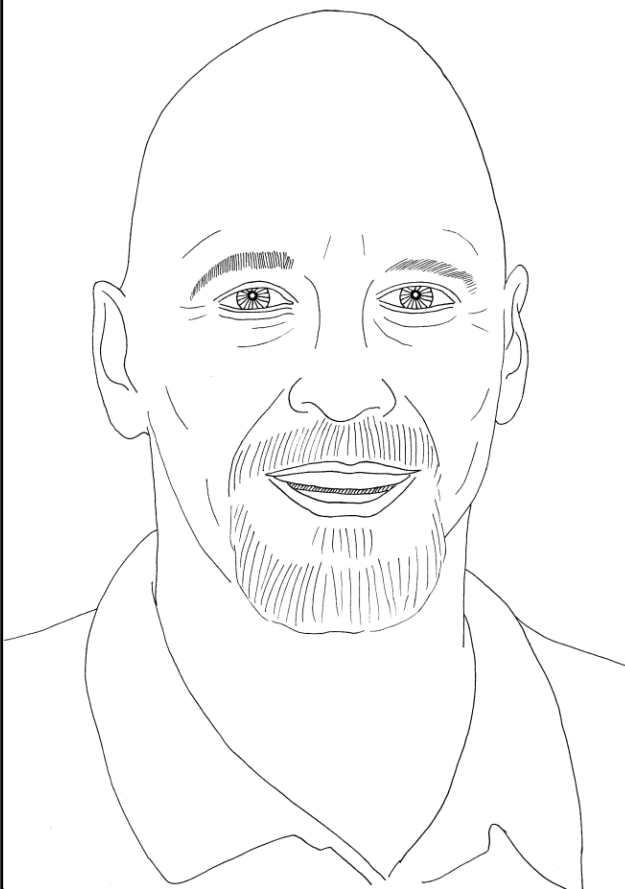


# WHAT'S YOUR BETTERWORLD ISSUE?

## ECONOMY



"The global economy works for about twenty percent of the world, for about eighty percent it doesn't."

-- Kevin Danaher

The global economy, which sees people as nothing more than consumers, is a runaway train that is causing more and more suffering in the world. The current 'profit before people' system is causing the gap between the rich and the poor to grow larger each year. If it keeps going this way, the global economy will eventually collapse, causing widespread suffering. But there are many things we can do to change the economic system before a catastrophe occurs.

In order to transform the global economy into a true global community, we need to create a Better World Economy - an economic system that puts people and the planet first, and gives value to other commodities besides money. Then we can create more sustainable local, national and global communities.

Money, when used for good, can help change the world. Put your resources to work for a better world. Be conscious of the way you spend your money. Purchase Fair Trade products - products that are supplied by workers and growers who are paid fair wages, and work in safe conditions. Support socially responsible businesses by purchasing their products and investing in them. Demand corporate responsibility -- with our purchasing power, we can force corporations to manufacture and distribute their goods in ways that respect workers and protect our planet. Support local currencies and cooperatives. These are all tangible ways that we can use our economic resources to "buy a better world" and transform the global economy.

Visit [www.BetterWorldShopper.org](http://www.BetterWorldShopper.org) and [www.GreenPages.org](http://www.GreenPages.org) to help you make choices that will turn every dollar into social change.

### Do One Thing for a Better World

1. Find out more about local currencies and economies
2. Be conscious of your spending choices - make every dollar count for a better world
3. Support socially responsible businesses
4. Spread the word about economic alternatives

### BetterWorld Economy Links

- Alternatives for Simple Living ([simpleliving.org](http://simpleliving.org))
- BALLE ([livingeconomies.org](http://livingeconomies.org))
- BetterWorld Shopper ([betterworldshopper.org](http://betterworldshopper.org))
- CoOp America ([coopamerica.org](http://coopamerica.org))
- Global Exchange ([globalexchange.org](http://globalexchange.org))
- Green Pages ([greenpages.org](http://greenpages.org))
- Intl. Forum on Globalization ([ifg.org](http://ifg.org))

## DO ONE THING

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