

# CHRISTIAN COUNCIL FOR MONETARY JUSTICE

A RANGE OF COLLABORATION FOR INCLUSIVE JUSTICE

## ARE YOU WITH US IN 2017 ?

Each year I write to our 89 associates on the Christian Council for Monetary Justice's [CCMJ] email list to appraise our combined energies and our varieties of outreach.

Last year I had 37/83 valuable responses out of which various ideas and actions have prospered.

In 2016/7 three thrusts in our networking have become four. Each thrust has rich links with other networks and in slowly widening collaborative effort the search for inclusive justice continues.

The four thrusts are briefly described in the side column.

They make up an exploratory network in which the issues of usury and inclusive justice are probed in many contemporary, and dangerous ways..

LGOT now offers a weekly 'Matters in the Air' for the exchange of insights, references, contacts, reports, bolds acts of collaboration etc. but does not meet under its title.

ORG meets weekly and studies valuable new and old material having potential for effecting change in society. Knowledge pertinent to Public Policy is their quest.

Now, deliberately using the word

impossible, the *Independent Constitutionalists UK* – ICUK' meets weekly as a strategic forum on Wednesdays with participants by request or invitation via [peterchallen@gmail.com](mailto:peterchallen@gmail.com) and [Stevelancs@btinternet.com](mailto:Stevelancs@btinternet.com).

ICUK evolves steadily. We have delayed the launch of our new website until after the June 8 elections.

So, in June its web site, [www.icuk.life](http://www.icuk.life), which is presently open only under 4 of its navigation icons, will be ready for determined launch. If you take an early look you can register your response under the

'Contact' icon.

These then are the 4 thrusts evolving together with a good deal of overlap while trying to draw others into the sense of the possibility of real change in

the perception and development of democracy, enhanced by mutual encouragement.

**THE APPRAISAL** - is our non-institutionalised process of encouraging mutuality and progress in valid witness to public policy.

It would enhance our shared witness to receive your response to this summary and to have reports on any thrust with which you are engaged. See the range of engagements on the next page.

Can we beat last year's 37/88 returns?

Yours, Peter Challen- facilitator  
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## ANNUAL APPRAISAL 2017 FOR YOUR RESPONSE

### 4 THRUSTS

**1, The Christian Council for Monetary Justice – CCMJ** - was formed in the 1970s to combat the inroads of usury/extortion into public policy, and continues by online networking.

**2. The London Global Open Table - LGOT** - was an offshoot of CCMJ to accommodate people of good faith, for whom 'Christian' in the title might initially be a block. It also continues by online networking.

**3 The Open Research Group – ORG** - offers a weekly London open forum on public policy at the School of Economic Science. W1, every Wednesday.

**4. The independent Constitutionalists UK - ICUK**  
In 2012, the anniversary of Magna Carta triggered a new network of the above to concentrate on designing in '*principled-pragmatism*' a new approach to an integrated 'political-economy' concentrating on future elections. This growing group is now focused on a desire *to use the system, to become the system, to change the system, to restore trust.*'  
Phew!

## A CHECK LIST TO AID OUR APPRAISAL

Have you any comment relating to these elements of the integrated political-economy which we seek to promote and activate.....

**Usury** – the many distortions of interest

**Theft of the commons** – leading to vast differentials in incomes

**Land Value Charging** – to replace taxing productive effort [land means 'nature', the whole earth, the dwelling place of humanity, and all other aspects of life on this sacred planet.]

**A Citizens' Dividend OR Basic Income**– a birthright

**The rigidity of institutional hierarchies** –

The necessary creative tension to be faced between '**palliative**' actions in a dying system and '**curative**' **structural redesign**, treating all the elements above as interwoven in a common responsibility for global housekeeping [Stewardship!]

What do you know and think about **the emergence of our initiative for 'Independent Constitutionalists UK [ICUK]'**?

Of what work do you know relating **the concept of the Kin[g]dom of God to public policy** today?

**A few of the Agencies with whom associates have collaborative exchanges:**

Positive Money

Positive News

The Coalition for Economic Justice [majoring on LVT]

Social Credit Fdn. and Henry George Foundation

SIMPOL

Land Research Trust

The Equality Trust

Citizens Income

Compass

Economics

Resurgence

Et al