

## **Caring and Sharing Economics: The Real Wealth of Portland!**

Over 400 people assembled in Portland, Oregon on October 26 to hear Riane speak about *The Real Wealth of Nations* at the First Unitarian Church. Riane's appearance was the centerpiece of a project created by seven Portland women who had been meeting since August. They have written a study guide for *RWN* and created a website:

[www.realwealthpdx.com](http://www.realwealthpdx.com) which encourages book groups to form, lists organizations already working for a caring and sharing economics in Portland, provides suggested reading, and links visitors to other sites.

Riane's presentation was followed by a panel presentation of representatives of community groups working for change in Portland in the areas of children and education, sustainability, food and community gardens, and local currency. Questions and answers from the audience followed, and then all were invited downstairs for refreshments and to visit with some 20 organizations that had come to share information on their progressive programs. One hundred and fifty persons signed up to hear more and the project will continue at a large group inclusive planning meeting November 16 to chart a future course.

The excitement continued the next day when a group of 25 leaders met with Riane at a luncheon reception. We imagined the change we could cause if we all reached out to those we know through a huge internet communication.

Here's the suggested plan in which all can participate, written by Ann Kramer of Hood River who was with us in Portland.

### **Join the Partnership Email Campaign**

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