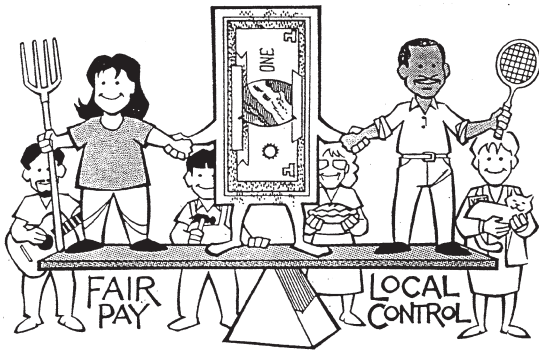


Join the HOUR Exchange

The Corvallis HOUR Exchange would like to invite you to participate in our community currency system.

Established in 2002, our mission is to educate and promote sustainable community-based economics. The basic premise of our program is that by printing and circulating community money, we can help keep local businesses thriving, support entrepreneurs, and network within the community to find local goods. By becoming a member you will become a contributor to this community enriching system.



HOURS are local cash notes that are a legal form of paper money. Local currencies close the spending loop by transforming the wealth of knowledge, skills, and talents within a region into money that stays in the immediate area and can improve the quality of life.



The HOUR Exchange is a non-profit organization providing the education and tools to promote sustainable, community-based economics. Our network oversees a locally-based currency that community members use to purchase goods and services.

We oversee the creation, issuance, and administration of HOURS, publish a quarterly newspaper which contains the directory of participants, and organize quarterly community events to bring people together.

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Buy Local With Local



2012 Membership Information

The Benton County

HOUR Exchange

"Making Connections with Local Currency since 2002"

What are HOURS?

The HOUR is the form of local currency being used by people in Benton County.



1 HOUR = \$10.00



1/2 HOUR = \$ 5.00



1/4 HOUR = \$2.50

Local currency is money which is created and controlled locally. The value of the currency is based on the network of people who participate in our currency program creating a pool of resources available for the “HOUR” currency. In essence, the offers of goods, skills, and services bring value to the local money. We call our currency an “HOUR” because it reminds us that the real source of money’s value is created by people: from their time, skills, and resources.

The nature of local currency makes it valuable only within its geographic area. The advantage of this is that the wealth of the currency stays in this region adding to the local spending supply.

The local currency is managed by the HOUR Exchange, a membership run non profit organization. A member-elected Board of Trustees oversees all of the program operations.

ALL ABOUT HOURS

Here are answers to some “Frequently Asked Questions” (FAQs) about HOURS.

Are HOURS real money?

Yes, they are just as valid as U.S. Dollars. There are numerous rules that must be followed for script money to be legal, for example: it has to be a different size than federal notes; it must not say “dollar” anywhere on the currency; and every note must be worth at least one dollar.

Why are they called “HOURS”?

They are called HOURS to remind us that the real source of money’s value is created by people — our time, skills, and energy. By encouraging people to think about the value of everyone’s time, HOURS can help bring about fair compensation for the work we do.

How can I spend HOURS?

HOURS are accepted by any of the businesses or individuals listed in the HOUR Trader directory. Many people who aren’t listed will accept HOURS if you explain how a local currency system works. Ask anyone to accept HOURS – then show them the directory of participants with whom they can spend their HOURS. This might include asking at a neighbor’s garage sale, a local shop, or a local restaurant. The best way to learn if you can pay with HOURS is to ask!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:

As a member, your listings of goods and/or services will be published into four issues of the HOUR Trader (both in print and online). You are entitled to one vote at membership meetings. New members receive 2 HOURS for their listings.

In exchange for the HOURS I receive I agree to accept HOURS for full or partial payment for the services/goods listed below.

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

- Yes, add me to your email announcement list.
- Please send me information about volunteering.

(Listings are limited to 60 characters per line.)

OFFER: Details: Category Name Phone

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of Listings x \$1 = _____
Basic Membership \$10-\$30 = _____

Total Enclosed _____

Mail this form with payment for membership and listings to: HOUR Exchange, P.O. Box 1534, Corvallis, OR, 97339. Please make checks payable to the HOUR Exchange.