

# Jnana

## Press Release

### **‘Community Exchange System’ to be open-sourced 2014**

*Largest community exchange network in the world to be upgraded.*

**Brisbane, 20th December 2013:** A new community software infrastructure is under development which helps communities share resources individually and collectively.

*Community Exchange System (CES)*, a free software service already connecting hundreds of communities worldwide, is to be completely modernised, decentralised, and released open source.

The platform allows exchange groups, like LETS, Timebanks and business barter systems to exchange between one another. Several separate deployments of the platform are planned.

A group of complementary currency experts involved in CES, Community Forge, Jnana and others is managing the software development and its first three deployments.

Funds are now being sought for the next phase, which is to network other platforms into a global grid and produce a free, open source mobile phone application with a public API.

*“This will be a global sharing infrastructure; we hope this software and the protocols we are publishing will draw in local networks from around the world.”*

Tim Jenkins, Founder, CES

Jnana will be providing a page on its website for the group to receive donations to continue development.

Local communities can create accounts on CES now, ready for the upgrade later. Projects interested in starting their own regional hub or in making their software compatible should look at the API (beta) at <http://blog.p2pfoundation.net/new-intertrading-protocol-for-complementary-currency-systems/2013/11/27> and contact Matthew Slater (below).

CES is a public domain exchange system, run by those who use it and not by any entity with interests separate from the communities in which it operates.

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