

The Converging Storms Action Network presents a Film Forum:



The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil

Saturday, Jan. 17
Doors open 7 pm
Film followed by
Audience Discussion!
Throop Church
200 S. Los Robles
Pasadena, 91101
Suggestion donation \$5

About the film: "Peak Oil" is a term used for that time in human history when oil production will reach its all-time peak and start to decline forever, compelling people to confront their fossil-fuel dependency and find alternative sources of energy for everything from transportation to agriculture. For Cuba, that moment came early, in 1990, when the Soviet Union collapsed and over half of Cuba's oil imports evaporated, setting the economy into a tailspin and reducing food by 80 percent. This film speaks of the hardships and struggles of the Cuban people during this difficult time (called the "Special Period"), while also revealing their powerful sense of community and creativity. In a fascinating montage of images and interviews, Cubans share how they made the transition from a highly mechanized, industrial agricultural system to one using organic farming and local urban gardens. *The Power of Community* offers an unusual look into the Cuban culture during this economic upheaval, and a possible glimpse of our own near-future. As one of the few nations yet to confront such a crisis (the massive reduction of fossil fuels), Cuba offers an example of both options and hope.

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