**Ecovie Community Night**

**Seed Saving garden planning night**

**with screening of**

**“Hands on Seed Saving”**

**by the Localising Food project**

**and Community Seed Swap with**

**The Great Bean Rescue Sign Up Night**

Join us at 6.30-7.30pm for a pot luck dinner this Friday the 6th of October at the Organic Coop (31 Vanguard St) for a night for PLANNING YOUR GARDEN FOR SEED SAVING with a COMMUNITY SEED SWAP and a screening at 7.30 of HANDS ON SEED SAVING by the Localising Food Project in Golden Bay and questions and answers on seed saving afterwards.

Ami Kennedy from The Nelson Seed Library will be there with information on the GREAT BEAN RESCUE HERITAGE SEED GROW OUT and you are encouraged to sign up and take up to 3 varieties of bean home to increase the collection, maintain viability and help our community grow out the bean collection for future generations of seed savers in Nelson. We are looking for over 80 people to assist with this grow out! You can also sign up at the Elma Turner library and check out details on our website. <http://nelsonseedlibrary.weebly.com/bean-rescue.html>

Beans are one of the easiest plants to save seed from and so are a great entry point for seed saving for kids and adults alike. We will also be discussing other types of vegetables and how to save their seed. This is a great opportunity to ADOPT A VARIETY and learn how to save good quality seed of one (or two) species or varieties. If we as a community focus on one or two varieties (or species) each per year and bring back a jar of good quality seed to the seed library then our seed library will flourish!

COMMUNITY SEED AND PLANT SWAP - You are encouraged to also bring your personal seed collection if you have one and join in on a community seed and plantlet swap table on Friday to increase and share your own collection. Bring your extra varieties of seeds, bulbs, rizomes, plantlets etc to swap amongst the group.

HANDS ON SEED SAVING. 7.30pm – the localising food project run by Robina McCurdy has created a short informative documentary on seed saving and how to do it which we will screen at 7.30pm. This is an **instructional documentary, where experts from around New Zealand share how they go about growing and saving seed. They guide you step by step in how to plan your garden, select your best plants for seed, how to harvest, process, label and store your seed.**

You can check out the trailer here… <http://www.localisingfood.com/index.php/ensuring-genetic-diversity/103-hands-on-seed-saving-documentary-trailer>

POT LUCK – You are invited to join us from 6.30-7.30 for a pot luck community dinner and conversation at the Co-op. The Co-op will also be open until 7pm for late night sales.

**NEXT MONTH** -November 3rd. CRAIG POTTON has agreed to come in for a Q n A on the West Coast activism success and any tips he has for what worked there, lessons learnt and how to repeat it.