

CARE FIRST INNOVATION NETWORK

Care First means, we let care (our heart) lead the way in all money matters and make sure that money serves the well being of people and the Earth and is not used at their expense (Money First).



We are a growing international, all-generational network (13-75 years old) with a shared intention to create a world governed by Care First. 77 members so far from 9 countries.

As a part of building a Care First World together we explore the creation of an exchange and support system of Care Money and Care Credits between us all. We let our heart's intelligence guide the creation, use and allocation of money and a complementary currency.



The system is a collaborative effort to empower, advise, guide, finance each other's work and projects and create work and opportunities for ourselves and each other.

We experiment with creating a truly Care First heart-based regenerative economy. *We develop it together as we go along by trial and error, till we get it work as we wish.* This means that we find out whether in all transactions we make, Care is truly leading the way and money is serving that Care.

The whole system is based on acknowledging each other's genius and assisting each other to become more of it. We give each other the opportunity to make our work, projects and related needs visible on line. We can offer services to each other and request assistance of any kind. We can display our fundraising and financing plans. Simply said: to make our **Work & Projects** as visible as we choose to be within the network. Then all natural and spontaneous networking, support, empowerment and collaboration can start.

A SIMPLE OVERVIEW OF THE SYSTEM AND ITS PRACTICALITIES.

The intention of the system: to support, network and promote each other in our work, projects and life in a deeply caring way, by sharing our advise and expertise and *to let the Care Credit/ Care Money model facilitate, serve and support this.*

On our Ning site we can all administer the display of our work and projects, services we offer, needs we have and our financial and fundraising plans **from home**. This can be done in a very easy manner. We have an **operational team** to help us all with this. Marthijn Westhuis, our web specialist, will study the functionality of Ning as we go along and see what can be improved.

Within our Scottish Charitable Company World Finance Initiative we are legally allowed to do all this as a **Research Project** and experiment with how this Care Credit/Care Money system works. When we change our Care Credits into money it is registered *as income we receive for services rendered to this research project.*

We can use the **Care Fund** of World Finance Initiative to crowd fund this research project together. *Tax relief can be received for USA and UK donations. I am exploring this for Dutch donations.*

All donations to and payments from the Care Fund can be done through **Paypal in our own currency**. The money, we donate supports the operational team running and optimising the system and fills up the Cash account for the Care Credit system. *The operational team is not paid with Care Credits.*

We know that with £2000/month we can start to operate the whole system (£1500) and start to fund the Care Credit Cash Account (£500). Once we are up and running I envision that the Care Fund also will be used **towards the funding of work/projects of its members.**

We propose **One Care Credit for one hour as our template.** *One Care Credit is an hour of creative capital shared by any of us to assist, support and guide each other with our life, work and projects.* It can be whatever our expertise is. We imagine a relatively small amount of transactions of high quality work, which need to be valued accordingly. We do not want to make it too low or too high. **We propose an hourly fee of 50 euro's, 70 dollars and 40 pounds. Let us know how you feel about this!!**

For some of us this is a high value for others it is lower than our professional fees. *We can make agreements to assist each other with our professional rates at any time outside of this system.* The system is only there to give us support to expand!!!

We use two kinds of **Care Credits: blue** Care Credits cannot be changed into money, **green** Care Credits can. Both can be used to request services and help.

Once we decide to **join the research project**, and have set ourselves up online with needed information needed for the experiment, **we receive 7 Blue Care Credits.** With these blue Care Credits can immediately request services to assist us with our work/project/life.

When we donate/invest Care Money **we can receive blue Care Credits** in return when we wish as a Thank You. *Blue Credits cannot be changed into money* to keep the donated money in the system.

Members providing services to others gain **green Care Credits** for the work they do. *Green Care Credits can be changed into money.* When someone uses a blue Care Credit to receive a service it becomes a green Care Credit in the account of the service provider. Once we have build up 7 Green Care Credits by providing 7 hours of service, we can request to convert these Green Care Credits into money. This can be for all Green Credits we earn over and above the 7 Green Care Credits.

We can make a **request to change Green Care Credits** into Care Money in the 1st/2nd week of the month. Then we know how much money is requested. When there is not enough cash in the Care Credit account we can let everyone know. This gives us all the possibility to invest more so that our beautiful brothers and sisters can receive the Care Money they already earned.

The money is paid out at the end of each month and divided fairly over all requests. What can't be paid one month moves over to the next month and gets paid first. *We can pay everyone from that Paypal account for services rendered in their own currency.*

When **you want to join the process** and start displaying your information online **let me know and I will create a simple Template for you to enter the information.** You can see what that looks by looking at what Marinde Hendrikse filled in: <http://daretocare.ning.com/care-first-action/marinde-hendrikse>

I will let you know how to enter the information. It is very easy!!!!

Much love from Louis