

Occupy Norwich to discuss financial reform

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It's great to see Norfolk is well and truly on the #occupy map: *Occupy Norwich* are to have a discussion on reform of our monetary system on Wednesday 9th November at 6.15pm at their camp on The Haymarket. All are welcome, and everyone will get a chance to have their voice heard.

The discussion will be led by Dr. Rupert Read, UEA-based philosopher of economics, who will describe how the creation of 97 % of our money by the banks leads to governments, individuals and businesses becoming more and more indebted. When the debts can no longer be repaid the banks demand a bailout from the taxpayers, and cuts have to be made in pensions, benefits and public services, as happened when the world economy nearly collapsed three years ago. Occupy Norwich are inviting everyone to come along and debate the solutions.

Rupert Read said 'The bailout of the banks three years ago did not result in reform of the banking system, which is due to collapse again, as the recent problems in the Euro-zone have clearly demonstrated. We need reform urgently, before the system crashes again. This reform should start with the genuine nationalisation of the banks which the British taxpayer currently owns, which, quite wrongly, are still paying out massive bonuses, at present.'

I'm only sorry I can't be there but this week's schedule is somewhat complicated.