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Kitchen Table Sustainability:
Tested recipes for bringing the sustainability debate down to Earth

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A critical step in creating a sustainable society is the adoption of a participatory, community-driven approach. That's what *Kitchen Table Sustainability (KTS)* is all about. It aims to open the door so that the theory and practice of sustainability can enter the experience of the "everyday" and be released from the exclusive provinces of experts: planners, bureaucrats, scientists, intergovernmental panels, roundtables, cabinet tables and board tables. The alarming popular response in the UK to the 2007 documentary, *The Great Global Warming Swindle*, confirms that top-down approaches close the door to ordinary people, who, sitting at their kitchen tables, feel unable to have the informed conversations about sustaining our futures that every household needs to have. Proposing the **GENUINE** model for participatory community education, development and engagement, this presentation provides conceptual and practical tools for those working for and with communities who want to build a knowledgeable and truly sustainable society.