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**Subject:** RE: YGLs, Future of Money & Alternative Currencies - greetings & update  
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Thanks [REDACTED]. I completely agree.

A list of top currency experts can be found at: <http://webbrain.com/u/10tB> (I can explain more behind this "Brain" mapping tool separately if you'd like). This may be a helpful starting point.

Among these, there are many options. I might suggest Edgar Kahn and Bernard Lietaer; they seem to be the "deans" of the discipline. I don't know either of them personally. Jem, I am open to (and eager to hear) whatever suggestions you have!

April

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 9:36 AM  
**To:** Jem Bendell  
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Hi Jem – and others –

I think it would be wise to open this up beyond YGLs – the YGL network is a great starting point but ...who are the best and brightest within the YGL group and beyond?

**From:** Jem Bendell [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 11, 2012 12:34 AM  
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**Cc:** April Rinne ([REDACTED]); [jeevacation@gmail.com](mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com); Boris Nikolic (BGC3)  
**Subject:** Re: YGLs, Future of Money & Alternative Currencies - greetings & update

Thanks for the introduction [REDACTED]

Hello Jeffrey,

It's great to hear of your interest.

I came to this topic 3 years ago. For context, Im a Professor of Sustainability Leadership, and a Board Member of Community Forge, which is now the world's leading provider of free open source software for community currencies. About 500 currencies use our tools, for instance, Time Banks USA runs on our software. Ive also now become head of research of the Green Money Working Group, which informally brings together some of the top thinkers and innovators on alternative currencies. Info on some of the reasons for this work I describe in my TEDx talk: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5uGLbV5zVo>

I can help in either of the following ways:

a) Leading the organising, production and facilitation of an event, either via the University of Cumbria or

Community Forge. Both are non profits.

b) Helping another organisation do the organising and production, and instead specialising in advice on agenda, participants and facilitation.

It would be great to work with April on this, and any other WEF YGLS who may be interested.

I would be delighted to chat in the coming days. Please suggest a date/time. For factoring in time zones: Im in China until Sept 18th. Then Im in Brisbane until Oct 1st. Then Singapore until Oct 7th.

My phone is + [REDACTED], and skype is "[REDACTED]"

Thanks, Jem

Ps: Boris, I hope to meet here in Tianjin and chat about this and other ideas.

On 11 September 2012 05:46, [REDACTED] > wrote:  
Hi Jem and April...

We have been going back and forth about how to have a small convening with the YGL best and brightest around alternative currencies and the future of money.

I'd like to introduce you to Jeffrey Epstein, whose philanthropic interest overlap in this area. Here is a website with some of his recent grants and projects: <http://www.jeffreyepstein.org/home.html>

Jeffrey has offered to provide the resources, in the form of a grant, to a 501c3 or charitable equivalent organization that might host a convening related to this topic.

He has proposed several venues which could host up to 10 or so of the foremost thinkers in this space.

I've copied Jeffrey on this email so you can start a discussion with him and mutually decide if this is something that makes sense to all of you.

Boris is copied as an FYI only.

Let me know if I can be helpful in any way.

Thanks everyone,

[REDACTED]