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## GIVING MONEY TO STRANGERS!

*Hundreds of people, worldwide, will again participate in 'Free Money Day' on September 15 - Promoting Global Prosperity through Economies of Sharing*

On Sunday, September 15, members of the public will hand out their own money to complete strangers, asking recipients to pass half on to someone else. Now in its third year, '[Free Money Day](#)' aims to start conversations about the benefits of alternative economies based on sharing.

*"'Free Money Day' is a global invitation for people to explore, in a liberating and fun way, what it might be like if our relationships to money were a little different,"* said Australian Dr. Donnie Maclurcan, co-founder of the [Post Growth Institute](#), the group behind the worldwide event.

*"As living becomes progressively harder for many individuals, sharing becomes more obvious as a path to sustainability,"* said Dr. Maclurcan.

'Free Money Day' is timed to coincide with the fifth anniversary of the collapse of U.S. investment bank Lehman Brothers, now seen as a turning point in the development of the [2008 financial crisis](#). *"With world debt at over US \$223 trillion, and debt connected to growth economics by necessity, now is the time to explore how we might thrive in futures beyond economic growth,"* said Dr. Maclurcan.

Having given away US \$1500 over the past two events, Dr. Maclurcan plans to give away a more modest \$100 this year, from 11am, Sunday, September 15, at the [Ashland Plaza, Ashland, Oregon](#).

For more information, [videos](#), [a map of worldwide participation](#), [testimonials](#) and [photos](#) from former Free Money Days, visit: [www.freemoneyday.org](http://www.freemoneyday.org).

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*The Post Growth Institute is an international group exploring and inspiring paths to global prosperity that don't rely on economic growth*

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