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Surfing the Georgist Way

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For readers who like to surf the internet there is exciting news. Underlining the message 'The Earth is the Birthright of All People' comes the thrust of the Henry George philosophy - at long last spreading around the world. To find out more call up:

Earth Rights Website

☐ <http://www.envirolink.org/orgs/earthrights>

which is dedicated to promoting environmental justice, along with the restoration and renewal of cities, decent affordable housing for all, and the peaceful resolution of territorial conflict. A very tall order!

So how will they do that? Georgists know it is largely a matter of spreading their philosophy and economics that has been preparing the way for over a century. Today the internet is going to make the task a lot easier and faster.

Alanna Hartzok, a staunch Georgist and the International Union's United Nations NGO Representative, has been taking part in various forums at Habitat II in Istanbul during June. She tells us that the Earth Rights Website which she set up will include Earth Rights Institute, Earth Rights Network, the Global Peoples Assembly, and perhaps others in due course.

Earth Rights Institute lists various Georgists having expertise in LVT implementation. If readers of *Land and Liberty* would like to swell their ranks they should send relevant biographical data to Alanna at

☐ **International Union for Land Value Taxation, 123 South Second Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201, USA.**

Meanwhile John McConnell has established Earth Magna Charta Website to articulate a world view, a goal and agenda for all peoples for the drive towards Georgism. The hope is that such

an approach will provide a healthy sustainable future and "... promote earth trustee values in ecology, economics and ethics that foster peaceful progress on this planet."

McConnell, the founder of Earth Day, spells it out. To find out more key in to:

☐ <http://www.earthsite.org/index.html>

or write to

☐ **AKH, P.O.Box 328, Scotland, PA 17254, USA.**

But wait! There's more: Dan Sullivan of PA Fair Tax Coalition is also making waves for Georgist ideas. He tells us a Georgist caucus has been formed in the Democratic Party - the Democratic Freedom Caucus (DFC). The DFC website address is:

☐ <http://www.progress.org/dfc/>

Dan bases his platform on the principles of both Henry George and Thomas Jefferson, and is calling for fewer taxes on the products of labour and a move towards land value taxes. He wants to encourage free trade, freedom of religion and an end to corporate welfare. The DFC still have a long way to go but they plan to form a chapter in each American state, with plenty of action in electoral campaigns and education of the public. Dan Sullivan will fill you in on Website:

☐ pimann@pobox.com

Mike O'Mara is gathering information about Georgist electoral campaigns including candidates from any party planning to run for office. He is also asking for background information on previous Georgist electoral campaigns between World War II and today that involved Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Green, Independent or whatever party. Contact him on:

☐ romike@the-hermes.net

If you want to play the Land Game on the internet, then you can. Call up a team of individuals promoting and supporting the ideas and policies of property distribution based on LVT and free trade principles. This modern computer game, no doubt inspired by Monopoly, explains clearly the canons of LVT in an attractive fun way for players of whatever age.

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Finally, there's good news about Glenn Harrington's book. It's out! *An End to Poverty, A Beginning to Prosperity* is a brief introduction to Georgist economics. To order you need to use a computer with a modem. The website address is

☐ <http://www.trafford.com>.

Look for the title *An End to Poverty* in the on-line catalogue, and click on it. You will see a picture of Glenn and read an excerpt. If you fancy it, click a hypertext link to get ordering information. With a credit card handy, you can order right away! The investment is Can\$14.50 (about US\$10.50). Trafford Publishing of Victoria, BC will ship your book within 24 hours.

Glenn was among Bob Clancy's brightest pupils at the Henry George Institute.

Bob would be proud of him!