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Young Professionals - Leading the Change



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### About Intersect

Intersect brings together young professionals who care about sustainability to develop our capabilities and grow our networks. It's facilitated by a group of trustees (see [www.intersect.org.nz](http://www.intersect.org.nz)) and co-organised by each and every member. This site provides a place where you can meet some like-minded (and not-so-like-minded!) folks, share ideas, seek assistance, and develop opportunities. You can inform and inspire others by adding [events](#), sharing [videos](#), and contributing to [discussions](#).

We have just a few [ground rules](#). Now get into it!

### Featured Members

## Welcome to Intersect, Carl Chenery!

Here are a few things you can do right now...

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### Events

#### Today



#### FutureMakers launch - Mason Durie presentation WTN

October 14, 2008 from 5pm to 6:30pm - [Lecture Theatre 1, Old Government Buildings/Law School](#)



#### Organic Explorer Book Launch

October 14, 2008 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm - [The Grange Restaurant and Bar](#)

October 15  
Wednesday



#### The 'S' Word - Sustainability & The City

October 15, 2008 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm - [Ministry of Transport, Level 6, Novell House](#)

October 16



Two events on Biofuels in Wellington 16th and 17th

### Carl Chenery

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## **Leverage Points Places to Intervene in a System**

**by Donella Meadows**

Places to Intervene in a System  
(in increasing order of effectiveness)

9. Constants, parameters, numbers (subsidies, taxes, standards)
8. Regulating negative feedback loops
7. Driving positive feedback loops
6. Material flows and nodes of material intersection
5. Information flows
4. The rules of the system (incentives, punishments, constraints)
3. The distribution of power over the rules of the system
2. The goals of the system
1. The mindset or paradigm out of which the system—its goals, power structure, rules, its culture—arises.

Places to Intervene in a System  
(in increasing order of effectiveness)

12. Constants, parameters, numbers (such as subsidies, taxes, standards)
11. The sizes of buffers and other stabilizing stocks, relative to their flows.
10. The structure of material stocks and flows (such as transport networks, population age structures)
9. The lengths of delays, relative to the rate of system change
8. The strength of negative feedback loops, relative to the impacts they are trying to correct against
7. The gain around driving positive feedback loops

6. The structure of information flows (who does and does not have access to what kinds of information)
5. The rules of the system (such as incentives, punishments, constraints)
4. The power to add, change, evolve, or self-organize system structure
3. The goals of the system
2. The mindset or paradigm out of which the system—its goals, structure, rules, delays, parameters—arises
1. The power to transcend paradigms

