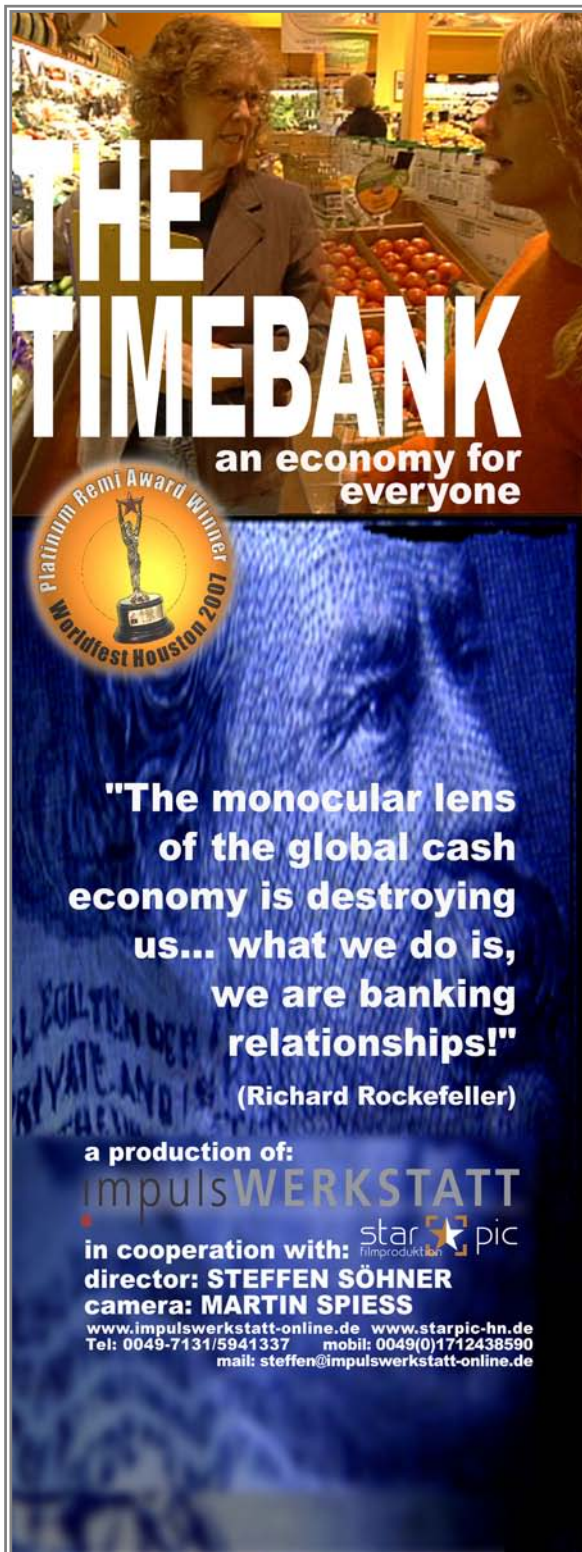


# “The Timebank – an economy for everyone”

## Synopsis



Are you doing a job you really like? Have you ever heard of people feeling useless? Do you know the people in your neighbourhood? Do you feel integrated in a community or are you a lonely person? Is a growing economy based on good work or more a result of fiscal policy and speculators' decisions?

In today's economy driven world these questions gain more and more importance. After achieving political equality - at least in theory through a modern constitution - we recognize that real freedom is determined through economic independence. But how to reach it?

“The Timebank – an economy for everyone” describes little “self-made” economies founded by people and only for people. There everyone has the opportunity to do jobs he or she likes. Nobody has to feel useless. People get to know their fellows living around them and become part of a community. And these economies only grow on the base of needed, well-done services. There are neither political restrictions nor market power, like monopolies or speculative forces causing Black Fridays or whatever.

This film is about a social innovation existing in a system that is known by very less people although spread all over the world. It is about emotions, longings and hidden power, which all human beings have even if those feelings/conditions are mostly covered up by the daily planned and driven life.

Whether one believes in the documented system's sustainability or not, the outstanding comments of the protagonists touch everyone's heart and opens new perspectives on lifestyle, dignity and the value of human skills.

**Dr. Edgar Cahn:** “...what happens in Timebank communities is: All of a sudden people understand that they aren't bounded by what money can do. And I think when people start to realize that this expands the range of what's possible, wonderful things happen.”