

European Ecovillage Network

Training and Research for Sustainability

July 11- 16 2009 in Keuruu Ecovillage, Finland



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Introduction

The course 'European Ecovillage Movement – Research and Training for Sustainability' took place in Keuruu Ecovillage in the middle of Finland. The course was attended by 130 participants from 26 different countries plus our hosts of Keuruu Ecovillage, by far the biggest meeting GEN-Europe has ever had.

Program

July 11

15.00 Welcome
16.00 Tour of Keuruu
17.00 Overview of the program
20.00 presentations of participants' projects

July 12

9.30 Report on activities of GEN-Europe over the past year: cutting edge developments of the European ecovillage and sustainability movement
10.45 Introduction to the methodology of Open Space
15.00 Open Space: Exchange of experience
15.00 (parallel) Appropriate Technology – Experiential Learning: Peeling logs for traditional Finnish building
20.00 Presentations of participants' projects

July 13

9.30 Introduction to and practice of World Café Methodology
9.30 (parallel) Appropriate Technology – Experiential Learning: Peeling logs for traditional Finnish building
15.00 Introduction to Dragon Dreaming Process
15.00 (parallel) Appropriate Technology – Experiential Learning: Peeling logs for traditional Finnish building
20.00 Presentations of participants' projects

July 14

9.30 Introduction to Dragon Dreaming Process: Dreaming Circles
9.30 (parallel) Appropriate Technology – Experiential Learning: Living in the Forest
15.00 Empowered fundraising
15.00 (parallel) Appropriate Technology – Experiential Learning: Living in the Forest
20.00 Presentations of participants' projects

July 15

9.30 Open Space
9.30 (parallel) Appropriate Technology – Experiential Learning: Cooking traditional Finnish red paint
15.00 Open Space
15.00 (parallel) Appropriate Technology – Experiential Learning: Cooking traditional Finnish red paint
19.30 Nomination of the Excellence Award Winner
20.00 Party: Cultural exchange of songs, dances and stories

July 16

9.30 Reporting back from the Open Space sessions, next steps

11.00 Evaluation and Feedback

12. Closing circle

Presentations

Sunday

ZEGG, Germany

French Network – Ecovillage Hameau des Bues, South of France

Emergence of a new network in Holland

Ecovillage Dyssekilde

Ecovillage Foundation – Krisna Valley, Hungary

Transition town movement and the relation to GEN

Monday

Permaculture Ecovillage Suderbyn, Sweden

Munksøgaard, Denmark

Clough Jordan Ecovillage, Ireland

Balkan Ecovillage Network

Ecovillage initiatives in Slovenia – Kins Domains Association

The changing Kibbutz-movement – news from Kibbutz Lotan

Tuesday

Kasteel Niewenhoven, Belgium

Ecovillage Kovcheg, Russia

News from GEN-Estonia

Günesköy Ecovillage, Turkey

Gaia University

GEDS – virtual EDE, University of Catalunya

Tamera – Solarvillages – invitation to pilgrimage, Portugal

Wednesday

Findhorn Foundation – Public Relation successes/ Social, networking

Damanhur – new developments, Italy

Sieben Linden Ecovillage, Germany

Big Stone Ecovillage, Russia

The Hub – Space for social innovation and sustainability

Shiram, Russia

Braziers Park Community, England

Zajeska Ecovillage, Slovenia

GEN-Europe in 2010

There will be another course like this also in 2010, again with the possibility to get Grundtvig and Comenius grants. Next year we will meet in Damanhur, Italy, from July 6 in the afternoon to July 11 lunch time. It will be preceded by the General Assembly of GEN-Europe July 4-6.