

**THE ECOVILLAGES OF SIEBEN LINDEN AND ZEGG
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GAIA EDUCATION
PRESENT
ECOVILLAGE DESIGN EDUCATION**

Based on the Gaia Education Ecovillage Design Curriculum - an official contribution to the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development 2005-2014.

MOTIVES

The goal of this course is to empower and enable activists in designing and building effective projects for peace and the restoration of our earth in urban and rural environments.

We are inviting up to 30 world workers from NGO's and sustainable projects and committed young people from all over the planet to come together, study and inspire each other. An international network of mutual support will be formed amongst the organisations that we are partnering with in South Africa, Tajikistan, Ladakh, Palestine, Senegal and Columbia.

**NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF
COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.
INDEED, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS!**

MARGARET MEAD



SUPPORT

*Are you willing to support this project?
And thus further the creation of and networking between effective local solutions?
When to start if not now?
Where to start if not here?*

We are looking for sponsorships for participants from our partner organisations in low income countries like Tajikistan, Columbia, South Africa, Palestine, Ladakh and Senegal.

**Please contact us!
And invite your friends!**

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PRICE

*Full price per person: 1200,- €, Including vegetarian food and lodging in tents and yurts.
Special price for young adults up to 28 years: 890,-€ (limited number of participants)*



SHAPING OUR FUTURE NOW
ECOVILLAGE DESIGN EDUCATION

AUGUST, 19th - SEPTEMBER, 16th 2007 IN THE ECOVILLAGES OF SIEBEN LINDEN AND ZEGG



THE EDUCATORS:



Kosha Anja Joubert
Overall focaliser of this course
German / South African networker
Specialises in Organisational Learning and Development, Group Facilitation
Pipe Carrier on the Sweet Medicine Sundance Path
Founding member of the Geese



Ina Meyer-Stoll
Focaliser of this course
Gen. Sec. of GEN-Europe
Forum Facilitator, Communication Trainer and Supervisor
Specialises in creating trust in group processes
Founding member of the Geese



Dieter Halbach
Social Scientist and philosopher
Specialises in research on community and sustainable lifestyles
Evolution of consciousness
Publisher
Musician



Martin Stengel
Engineer for Energy Technology
Focus on Green Building and Alternative Energies
Permaculture
Managing Director of the Cooperative of Sieben Linden
Choir leader



Eva Stützel
Organisational Management
Specialises in economical and legal structures
Fundraising
Coach and consultant for entrepreneurs



Achim Ecker
Permaculture Design
Specialises in edible landscapes and improvement of soil fertility
Influenced by Fukuoka and Sepp Holzer
Trainer for non-violent action

DO WHAT WANTS TO BE DONE



BACKGROUND

The curriculum for the *Ecovillage Design Education* has been developed over the past 4 years by an international group of educators called the *Geese* (Global Ecovillage Educators for a Sustainable Future).

This initiative runs under the name of *Gaia Education* (see www.gaiaeducation.org).

The course is endorsed by the United Nations as a part of their "Decade for the Education for Sustainability 2005-2014" and is an educational program of GEN (Global Ecovillage Network, see www.gen-europe.org).

The course will be certified by Gaia Education and accredited by Gaia University and can be used as starting point for an Action Learning Path that can lead up to a Bachelors or even

CONTENT

The curriculum of the *EDE* encompasses all four dimensions that are crucial to sustainability: worldview, the social, economy and ecology. For our projects to be truly successful, our values need to be reflected in all these realms.

The course focusses on underlying principles and tools for an integrated design of projects.

We will start with an assessment of the urgent questions we are facing today followed by a close look at regional and local solutions that are already being implemented. We will share life and case stories of participants from different countries around the globe and learn from the wealth of human experience in different cultural settings. We will allow our minds and hearts to be widened by the richness and beauty of diversity.

At the same time, special attention will be given to the underlying principles that infuse all specific solutions, so as to better understand the basic patterns that enhance life and pave the way towards sustainable life styles on our planet.

Our own experience and the experience of many others has shown how often otherwise well designed projects fail due to unresolved conflicts. For this reason we will keep coming back to the pivotal importance of spiritual grounding and social expertise in human effort. We will use the themes that arise from within the group for a continual process of building trust and friendship. We see and support the benefits that may grow from international networking and mutual support.

LOCATION

The two long-term ecovillages that serve as campuses – the ecovillage of Sieben Linden and ZEGG – offer unique opportunities for experiential learning. From newly developed group communication methods to strawbale building, both venues offer a wide range in all four dimensions to see, touch, work with and immerse ourselves in. (see www.zegg.de and www.oekodorf7linden.de)

BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD