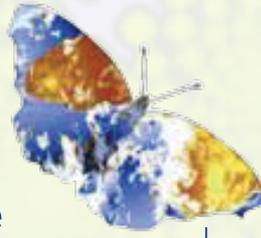




Global Ecovillage Network australia



Introduction to

Ecovillage Design Education (EDE)

Sunday 6th April – Friday 11th April 2014

Paradise One, Byron Bay, NSW, Australia

A six day journey introducing the four pillars of Ecovillage Design Education (EDE) as taught around the world by Gaia Education.

An experience based course that will explore eco and intentional communities incorporating aspects of Transition Towns, Permaculture, Social Design and Deep Ecology and the latest processes and knowledge from eco villages around the world.

Taught by an experienced team with a wealth of knowledge from Ecovillages around the world including Findhorn in Scotland and Zegg in Germany. The course is set in Paradise One, A fledgling community 10 minutes from Byron Bay, and incorporates the community as part of the course.

The Workshop

This workshop will take people through the **Social, Economic, Environment** and **Spiritual** elements required for a successful community or Ecovillage and bring new awareness to how we as communities can function sustainably and wholly into the future. The six day journey is filled with sharing, tours, projects, practical exercises and lots of fun! It will be a journey of exploration and insight into intentional communities and the possibilities and challenges they face.

The workshop is an introduction to the one month Ecovillage Design Education Course developed by the Gaia Education which promotes a holistic approach to education for sustainable development. It develops curricula for sustainable community design, drawing from good practice within ecovillages worldwide. It works in partnership with urban and rural communities, universities, ecovillages, government and non-government agencies and the United Nations.

Yoga and meditation are offered daily as part of the workshop and it is encouraged to attend this as part of the experience.

This workshop will give people an introduction experience of the more extensive four week course taught to educate people in Ecovillage Design Education.

Topics covered in the workshop will include but not limited to:

- > Social design
- > Group decision making and archetypes
- > Different process to solve conflict in community including non-violent communication and forum processes from ZEGG community
- > Transition towns, co-housing and rural eco-village models
- > Lessons from communities around the world
- > Legal structures and options for communities
- > Sustainable economics for communities
- > Creating right livelihood
- > Creating vision and world view of communities
- > Permaculture as design of communities
- > Green buildings and technology
- > CSA farms, organic food production
- > Community strengthening practices
- > Deep ecology and connection with land, spirit and each other.

Who the workshop is for

The course caters for many people, but is targeted to:

- > People interested in intentional communities or eco-villages
- > People intending to live in community
- > Community group members
- > Transition Town members
- > People in community
- > Community development workers
- > Group facilitators
- > Town planners
- > Property developers
- > Permaculture students
- > Environmental activists, workers and professionals
- > People who are yearning for a better way to live.



Facilitators

Shane Schmidt

Shane is a member of the Global Ecovillage Network (GEN) and studied Ecovillage Design Education (EDE) at Findhorn in Scotland. He is a professional town planner that has lived in many eco-villages and communities around the world and currently lives at Moora Moora Co-operative in Victoria. Shane brings his experience from working in government, living with indigenous cultures and experiencing many different eco communities together to harmonise into a new earth and future and believes intentional communities can provide an alternative way of life in this ever increasing homogenous system and culture.

Prema Browne

Prema Browne has been living in various intentional communities for the last 13 years. She has come to realise that the creation of successful community begins internally – the willingness to work to bring harmony to one's internal community and to find peace with the challenging reflections that external community will bring. She is therefore passionate about working with groups, for transformation at the individual and planetary level. Prema is an art therapist and Dancing Freedom facilitator, and has a particular interest in working with personal conflict, as well as deep ecology.

Stacia Karina

Stacia is a researcher of human relating. She believes that the relationship we have with ourselves directly impacts our relationship with others. From this place she holds a focus on self awareness while offering practical and spiritual practices that allow the sharing of self within and for community. Stacia is a Holistic Counsellor & Shamanic Practitioner and is co-founder of 'The Art of Relating'; a business that nurtures a new type of intercommunication for sustainable community cohesion.

Gero von Aderkas

Gero is a visionary and futures thinker who is always keen to explore new and creative ways of co-inhabiting this planet. He believes networked, intentional communities are the way of the future and a focus on open and transparent interpersonal relationships is the key to their sustainability. Gero is a guide, coach, healer and energy worker and has recently co-founded 'The Art of Relating' to support communities and individuals to relate more vibrantly and deeply.

Other Facilitators

Wroth Wall

Wroth is a local well know lawyer that has helped with over 100 communities around northern NSW for the last 30 years. He is passionate about alternative ways of living and communities and is one of Australia's best on legal structures in community.

Tom Duncan and Bunya

Tom Duncan is an expert in water, alternative energy and starting Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and has worked both here in Australia and overseas.

Bunya is a local permaculture teacher with knowledge and experience of how to implement permaculture in communities, particularly in sub-tropical environments.

Jana Krins

Jana will introduce 'Compassionate Communication' a process that can empower connection and community. It skills us to be truthful AND loving in the way we express and hear each other – essential tools in community building.

Frank Lee

Frank Lee is the founder of Paradise One community, is a music producer and has travelled and worked in China and other places and is creating a unique vision of community and what he sees as a new paradigm.

Details

Paradise One Community

The course will be run at the new Paradise One community which is a resort run by an emerging community that has a vision to be a self-supporting visionary community with music, healthy lifestyles and a range of spiritual beliefs with renewable energy and permaculture gardens. Community members will take part in the workshop. Paradise One is 10 minutes from Byron Bay, set on the Wilsons Creek, with lush swimming holes, a range of accommodation and a restaurant.

Directions to Paradise One be given upon registration.

Cost

\$650 (\$600 Early bird) Camping
\$750 (\$700 Early bird) Bunk bed
\$1000 (\$950 Early Bird) Ensuite room (double bed).

Early Bird is to be payed in full by March 14th 2014.

Cost includes all meals, course materials, workshop and accommodation. Meals are vegetarian with some organic produce.

Strictly limited to 30 places only, so please register by March 14th 2014 to secure a place. A \$100 deposit is required on registering.

We have a variety of payment options. Please contact one of our facilitators to discuss your needs.

Contact

Please contact either facilitators to register a place and for further information.

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