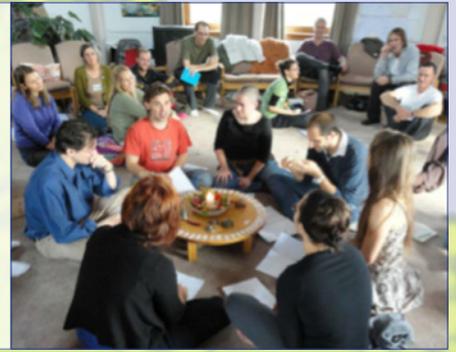
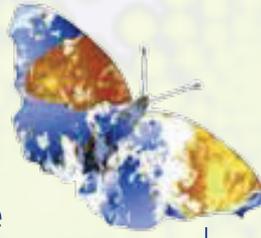




Global Ecovillage Network australia



Introduction to

Ecovillage Design Education (EDE)

Thursday 10th October – Monday 14th October 2013

Moora-Moora Community Co-op, Mount Toolebewong, Victoria, Australia

A four 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 the Moora Moora Community 1.25hrs from Melbourne 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 four 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:

- > Social design
- > Group decision making and archetypes
- > Different process to solve conflict
- > Transition towns, co-housing and rural eco-village models
- > 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

A member of the Global Ecovillage Network (GEN) and studied Ecovillage Design Education (EDE) at Findhorn in Scotland, Shane is a professional town planner that has lived in many eco-villages and communities around the world and is an experienced facilitator. Shane brings his experience from indigenous cultures and the many different communities together to harmonise into a new earth and future and believes intentional communities can provide an alternative way of live 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.

Gero von Aderkas

Gero von Aderkas has a keen interest in communities and a desire for building lasting, interpersonal relationships. Originally from Germany he now lives in Melbourne where he co-created two intentional share houses over the last 3 years. He has explored various intentional communities namely overseas and in the northern hemisphere he calls ZEGG community home. He brings his experience in community building and his passion for open communication to the workshop.

Other Facilitators

Dr Peter Cock

Peter has a lifetime commitment to the creation of alive, sustainable communities. He co-designed and created Moora Moora ecovillage where he lives. For his PhD he researched over 50 different types of communities around Australia and overseas: Published as Alternative Australia. For over 30 years lectured in Sociology and Environmental Science at Monash University. Peter is a council member of the Sustainable Living Foundation, member of the CERES Board and a member of the Academic Board of Oases Graduate School.

Matt Daniele

Matt has been interested in plants & growing food for all of this millennia. In 2001 he studied horticulture & the permaculture design course then travelled wwoofing on farms and communities in England, Wales and the tropics of Costa Rica. His experience comes in various parts of the food cycle from propagating an edible plant nursery, growing crops, saving seed, co running the organic market and teaching the above topics at CERES environment park. After 10 years of urban food production, Matt has moved to the Yarra Valley outside Melbourne to form a small community of three families 'peace farm' on 15 acres.

Details

Moora Moora Community

The course will be run at the Moora Moora Co-op near Healesville, Victoria AUSTRALIA, 1.25 hours from Melbourne. This community is over 40 years old and has over 60 members living and working in the community which is situated on the top of Mt Tooblewong on 650 acres surrounded by mountain forests and lyrebirds. The workshop will integrate with the community and in turn the community and beautiful land will help hold the workshop.

Directions to Moora Moora will be given on registration.

Cost

\$460 Earlybird (payment before 1st September)

\$480 concession **\$550** full

Price includes organic vegetarian meals and accommodation at the Moora Moora Community.

Note: Accommodation is budget style and you will be sharing rooms. If this is an issue it is possible to arrange alternative accommodation.

Strictly limited to 20 places only so need to book by 1st October 2013 to secure a place.

If there is issues with payment please contact to arrange with facilitators.

Contact

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

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