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Gaiaeducation Design for Sustainability

A virtual course based on the four core pillars of the Ecovillage Design Curriculum: the social, worldview, ecological and economic dimensions of sustainability. The curriculum draws on the experience and expertise developed in a network of some of the most successful ecovillages and community projects across the Earth.

October 2009 – June 2010

Programme will be of relevance to:

- students with an interest in sustainable design
- educators wishing to develop new skills and perspectives
- community redevelopers & builders
- members of NGOs
- urban, rural and regional planning professionals
- community leaders in ecovillages as well as in rural and urban communities everywhere
- professionals in architectural, engineering & building careers
- permaculture and horticultural researchers and designers
- renewable energy technologists
- business leaders interested in social and environmental responsibility and ethical development

Learn how to design with experts from the best research & development centers for carbon-constrained lifestyles!

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course outline

Social Design: October – November 2009

Module 1: Building Community & Embracing Diversity
Module 2: The Art of Compassionate Communication
Module 3: Facilitation Skills: Decision Making & Conflict Resolution
Module 4: Personal Empowerment and Leadership skills
Module 5: Celebrating Life: Art and Creativity
Module 6: Local, Bioregional and Global Outreach

Economic Design: December 2009 – January 2010

Module 1: Shifting the Global Economy to Sustainability
Module 2: Making Money our Servant rather than our Master
Module 3: Right Livelihood
Module 4: Social Enterprise
Module 5: Legal and Financial Issues

Ecologic Design: February – March 2010

Module 1: Whole Systems Approach to Ecological Design
Module 2: Appropriate Technology: Water
Module 3: Organic Agriculture and Local Food
Module 4: Appropriate Technology: Energy
Module 5: Green Building & Retrofitting

Worldview: April – May 2010

Module 1: Holistic Worldview
Module 2: Listening to and Reconnecting with Nature
Module 3: Awakening & Transformation of Consciousness
Module 4: Personal Health, Planetary Health
Module 5: Socially Engaged Spirituality

Course Duration & Reading Hours

One academic year, from October 2009 to June 2010; 450 hours total, 100 hours per each design dimension + 50 hours for the final project; dimensions may be attended as a whole or seperately.

Course Languages

English and Spanish

Training Fees

For the whole programme: €900
Per dimension: €250

Programme Team

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Book your place now at

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