

We welcome inquiries for persons interested in participating in the following programme:

***Ecovillage Design Education Intensive (Four Month Residential)
at
Crystal Waters, Queensland, Australia.
15th March 2008 to 15th July 2008
with
Max O Lindegger and Guests.***

Great News! This course has received certification by the GAIA Education – Certification Working Group and as such will officially be part of the UN decade of education for sustainable development 2005-2015.



The aim of this course is to offer the full Ecovillage Design Education Curriculum (EDE - as endorsed by GAIA Education) plus practical experience to committed people planning to be active in teaching EDE's in the future or designing eco villages. The starting date of March was chosen as this heralds the start of Autumn here! This is a time of harvest! Pecan nuts, jaboticabas,

mushrooms, cherry guavas and honey are just some of the produce we enjoy at this time. Course participants will participate in all the harvest and processing activities. The days are still quite warm but not hot and the nights mild.



The course will focus on educating young people and the intensive will be limited to 8 people to allow for personalised learning and mentoring. This will be a rare and unique opportunity to live "as a resident" within Crystal Waters, whilst learning valuable practical and life skills from people who have unparalleled experience-based expertise in sustainable design and project implementation.



Participants will reside on private property, within Crystal Waters Ecovillage, located in the upper Mary Valley, SE Queensland, Australia. Crystal Waters won the UN Habitat Award in 1996, and is one of the very first settlements designed according to permaculture principles. Founded in 1987, this is an established village with over 250 permanent residents on 640 acres (259 hectares) of land. The settlement is a wildlife haven where native animals and birds live in harmony with their human neighbours.

The nearest main town is Maleny (25km away) a short 30minutes drive away, which has a variety of shops and services. The very popular beaches of the Sunshine Coast are about 1 hours' drive away. Crystal Waters enjoys a subtropical climate and average annual rainfall of 1300mm.

Classes will be held in the award-winning Crystal Waters EcoCentre, and practical sessions will include implementing projects throughout the property. Participants will have access to an extensive library, games facilities (table tennis, table soccer) and DVD/video facilities.

Expected Learning Outcomes: subject to availability of materials and weather conditions

- Full EDE Curriculum – Ecology, Economy, World View, Social
- Community Immersion – Participation and organising community activities
- Conflict avoidance and resolution
- Daily spiritual activity, working meditation
- Developing of secret/sacred site
- Participation in Cooperative meetings, learning/understanding of Cooperatives, decision making processes
- Participation in Body Corporate meetings, learning/understanding of Body Corporate
- Preparation of a festivity, ritual for the community
- Establishment and day to day management of gardens
- Water – dams, swales, domestic, irrigation. Working in a low water economy
- Management of orchards and forestry (harvesting, planting, fertilizing, pruning)
- Management of animals (cattle, sheep, bees, poultry) in a PC system
- Introduction to construction techniques and maintenance, making paint
- Development of a local business (including business plan)
- Use and maintenance of tools (including small motors)
- Design and construction of dams
- Fencing
- Food processing (butchering, yoghurt making, bread, beer, cordial, tea, medicines, candles, freezing, cosmetics, vinegar, mead) and more, to fill the needs of participants...

It will be the responsibility of participants to make arrangements for University Credits.

Cost: AUD \$7000: will include accommodation, food, tuition, tours and materials.

Further information can be found on our website at

<http://www.ecologicalsolutions.com.au/courses/crsdetail.php?crsid=29>

Your inquiry is welcomed! Please contact Max O Lindegger at max@ecologicalsolutions.com.au or 59 Crystal Waters, 65 Kilcoy Lane, Conondale, Queensland 4552 Australia.