



SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

with Robina McCurdy



Your facilitator, Robina McCurdy is a co-founder, resident and trustee of Tui Community in New Zealand and trustee/founder of the Institute for Earthcare-Education Aotearoa. For three decades, Robina has lived in intentional community whilst engaging in broadscale community development - supporting a diverse range of communities in conflict, stagnation or dissolution to move forward in a healthy and empowered way. She has developed effective tools to meet the needs of all phases of a community's development. She has also been involved for the last 18 years in permaculture design and teaching, organic growing, the development of environmental education resources and creation of participatory processes for decision making and collective action. Robina has taught and applied these powerful community building methods with households, neighbourhoods, schools, farms, eco-villages and bio-regions in Aotearoa/New Zealand, Aust, South Africa, Ireland, Brazil and USA.



The workshop is aimed at people wanting to explore in-depth solutions for human settlements. Whether you own land and want to explore sharing it with other people, want to find a community to live in, are seeking new inspiration for your own community or wish to understand the broad implications of the intentional community movement - this workshop is for you!

You may attend for the weekend, or for 7 days. Saturday and Sunday are offered as a weekend introduction, followed by 5 days of indepth work.

Topics include:

- *Formation of an eco-village
- *Land purchase prerequisites
- *Designing for social ecology
- *Ingredients of successful eco-village
- *Community glue
- *The group as an organism
- *Key issues of social design
- *Facilitating group alignment
- *Group process skills
- *Conflict resolution
- *Generating community self reliance
- *Joyful physical work
- *Healthy community economy
- *Self nourishment/self empowerment
- *Facilitation techniques.

Payment Details The Workshop fee is on an income-based sliding scale:

Weekend: \$400 - \$200

7 Days: \$900 - \$500 or,

for 3 or more booking together: \$850 - \$450/person

Includes workshop fee, lunch, dinner, morning/arvo tea

Camping (\$8/night) or bunkhouse (\$20/night) accommodation available

Sliding-Scale payments are based on your income and ability to pay. The low end of the scale is for students and unwaged people, and higher end for those with higher incomes or ability to pay. The sliding scale is income related, with the actual overheads to run the event being somewhere in between the figures quoted. It assumes that participants will pay what they can genuinely afford, with consideration for how much they personally value the workshop also. The scale is opened quite wide (actually doubled) in some attempt to reflect the diversity of earning powers in our society. Its purpose is to make an event accessible to those less financially able, and to facilitate those who have good earning power or other forms of higher-level income, to invest more substantially according to their means, and people in between will also find their appropriate level. It is based on the trust that as participants respect this intention, coming from a place of generosity, they will know the right figure for themselves, and collectively it will all balance out.

The Slideshow

Evening talk at Djanbung Gardens, Cecil St, Nimbin

Thursday 25th June - 7pm (Cafe available from 6pm)

\$7 Conc or \$10

CREATING VIABLE GLOBAL COMMUNITIES - a slideshow depicting several eco-villages and intentional communities throughout the world, with Robina sharing about their similarities and differences, what binds residents together and what tears them apart. This presentation includes an introduction to some of the facilitation tools Robina used in these communities to build a strong foundation for a sustainable culture. She will be teaching such tools in her upcoming workshop.

Contact Details

"Kaivalya Meru" - we are a small intentional community living on 16ha of land on the edge of the Wollumbin caldera in Northern NSW. We have a retreat centre on the property where the workshop will be held. We are currently exploring living more closely together and how to have a more sustainable livelihood within our community. Robina's work has had a strong influence on the direction we are undertaking. We look forward to sharing and learning with you.

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