



# Leadership Empowerment And Facilitation For Youth

## TRAINING COURSE

April 17-24, 2023 - Ängsbacka, Sweden

## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



GEN EUROPE  
GLOBAL  
ECOVILLAGE  
NETWORK



NEXTGEN  
EUROPE  
YOUTH  
ECOVILLAGE  
NETWORK





## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

“Leadership, Empowerment and Facilitation for Youth” (LEAFY) is a training course for youth workers that will take place in Ängsbacka, Sweden from 17th to 24th April 2023. The participants will come from 15 countries: Sweden, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Romania, Portugal, Greece, Slovenia, Poland, Czechia, Serbia, Armenia, Kosovo and Ukraine.

The main objectives of the project are:

- to provide participants with leadership and facilitation skills
- to provide participants with tools to work on sustainability and climate action
- to increase the collaboration between ecovillages, sustainable initiatives and youth organisations

## WHY LEADERSHIP AND FACILITATION? WHY ECOVILLAGES?

A recent pan-European youth survey conducted in April, 2021 by IPSOS among more than 22.000 people aged 15-35 in 23 European countries shows that climate change and environmental degradation are still more than 10% above any other worries among young Europeans, including the spread of infectious diseases. This suggests that young people are generally clear sighted about the long-term challenges facing humanity. This project aims to create a shared knowledge base among youth workers and youth leaders so that they can work more effectively with young people around the topics of sustainability, inclusion and climate change. It taps into the experience that European ecovillages have accumulated as pioneer educational centres around these topics and it shares an innovative toolbox for youth workers that has been developed and adapted by a partnership among ecovillages, youth workers and sustainability campaigners. An ecovillage is an intentional or traditional community that is designed through local and participatory processes to regenerate social and natural environments. The 4 dimensions of sustainability - ecology, economy, society and culture - are integrated in a holistic approach. Ecovillages are models of sustainable settlements that serve as training and learning centres where people experience, through informal and non-formal education activities, the experience of sharing life in a cohesive, inclusive and sustainable society.



## WHERE IS IT GOING TO HAPPEN?

Ängsbacka is a Course and Festival Center for personal and spiritual growth located in the beautiful deep forests of Värmland, Sweden. We support people in their paths to sustainable development, well-being and harmony.

For over 25 years Ängsbacka served as an internationally renowned source of inspiration and meeting place where tens of thousands of people have participated in our events, courses and volunteering programs.

We believe that the magic of Ängsbacka lays in authentic connection with yourself, the people and the nature around you.

## ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The participants will stay in shared rooms. Most of the meals will be vegan with some vegetarian options.



## TRAVEL AND COSTS

Arrival day is Monday 17th of April after 14:00. Departure day is Monday 24th of April after breakfast. You need to be able to attend to the full duration of the activity in order to participate.

This project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the EU, which means that travel and participation costs are covered. Participants will have to buy their tickets in advance and will be reimbursed after the activity. If this arrangement is an obstacle to your participation, please let us know.

The tickets will be reimbursed up to a maximum amount that depends from the country where the travel starts.

### MAXIMUM REFUNDABLE AMOUNTS

210€ Sweden

320€ Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Serbia, Kosovo, Czechia, Romania, Poland, Ukraine (green travel\*)

360€ Spain, Portugal, Greece (flying allowed)

530€ Armenia (flying allowed)

### \*GREEN TRAVEL

To reduce the project's environmental footprint, participants from most countries will be asked to avoid flying for traveling to and from the training. Please make sure that you comply with this condition if you apply.

From the countries indicated above, participants traveling green (no fly) will also be refunded for the costs of their accommodation if they need to stay overnight along the way. You will need to provide a proof of payment (tickets, etc.) and the maximum amount is 60€ per night. Please note that this refund is not intended to support holidays or other detours before or after the training. The amount spent will be refunded only if it is part of a coherent travel plan coming from and going back to your place of residence.



## HOW TO APPLY?

If you want to participate in this training, please fill [this questionnaire](#) before **Wednesday 22nd March, 2023**.

Participants' selection will be based upon the information that you share with us in the questionnaire and consultation with the project's partner organisations.

