

CREATIVE EDGE COMMUNITIES

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AREAS OF INTEREST IN COMMUNITY: _____

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TO REGISTER, COMPLETE THIS
FORM, ENCLOSE CHEQUE MADE
OUT TO:
'CREATIVE EDGE COMMUNITIES',
AND MAIL TO:
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FREE INTRODUCTORY EVENING
Wed. 24 January 2001 7.30-9pm

VENUE
Byron Council Training Rooms, Bayshore Drive,
Byron Arts & Industry Estate (next to Council Depot).

STAGE ONE:
Fri/Sat Jan 26/27 9am - 4.30pm
Sun, Jan 28 9am - 12noon
(Sunday 28 Jan: Distance participants only)
Sat, Feb 17 9am - 4.30pm
Sat, March 24 9am - 4.30pm
Fri/Sun April 20/21/22 9am - 4.30pm

STAGE TWO: May - September. (Dates to be advised)

STAGE THREE

STAGE ONE: 52-hour program run over 7.5 days
\$100 per person
\$200 for the second person from the same community.
FREE accepted for the third person from a community,
and any others thereafter.

As the entire community will benefit from learnings
derived from this course, it is suggested that individuals
approach their community for sponsorship to attend.

A discount is provided to encourage more than one
representative to attend from one community. This allows
participants to contrast perspectives and learning, and to
support one another in the future introduction of learning and
processes into the broader community.

Research has shown that change is more broadly
supported in communities when proposed and led by more
than one person.

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Exploring the art of

to live in a supportive community environment,
sharing resources, the good and the rocky times,
is a goal for many people who find that the isolating,
impersonal nature of modern life no longer works for them.

Yet living in harmony with others is a lost art.
In intentional communities, constantly dealing with other
people rather than living anonymously, you are often faced
with your own demons. The challenge is how to bring your
vision of community to reality, and deal satisfactorily with
the 'real life' situations that face you.

Living Together is geared towards the needs of
people already living in intentional community, or those who
would like to. It offers a unique chance to consider and
plan vital aspects of community life, including the legal,
economic, social and ecological dimensions.

Within the course, participants will have the
opportunity to plan an economically viable and
sustainable way of life; undertake collaborative research
into legal structures and planning requirements;
consider what binds a community, and develop group
processes and interpersonal relating skills. Visits to
local communities will provide the chance to observe and
learn from the experience of others.

utilising experiential and action learning based approaches, *Living Together* is a 6-month course.

Stage One will involve 52-hours of course work within a series of one and two-day workshops, plus time spent in small learning support groups, with the flexibility for participants to undertake action research into their own particular areas of interest. These may include entry and exit practices, economic foundations for community, or building strong relationships within community. Some participants may choose to involve more members of their own community in their learning support groups.

Provision will be made for participants who are not based in the NSW Northern Rivers to take part through distance learning. However they are asked to attend the January and April workshops.

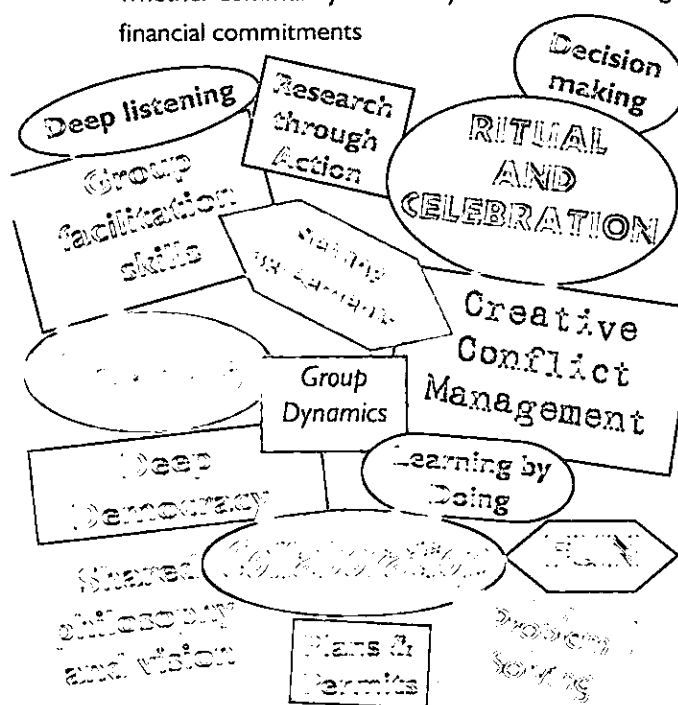
"From our experience, it's vital to have an agreed means of communication for dealing with differences with others in a community - before things get rugged.

"Participating in the Creating Communities course last year opened our eyes to new ways of dealing with ourselves and each other, and inspired this program. We found the team from Creative Edge Facilitators to offer realistic, practical solutions, sensitive to the needs of our emerging community."

*Christobel Munson & Christopher Sanderson,
Jindibah Intentional Community, Sleepy Creek.*

The course provides the opportunity to:

- Explore desires, hopes and fears about intentional community
- Consider what binds a community: what's shared, what's not
- Plan an economically viable and sustainable way of life
- Undertake collaborative research into legal structures, planning requirements, environmental management
- Develop group processes and interpersonal relating skills
- Gain fresh insights into difficult, or stuck situations
- Develop self-awareness around your own comfort zones and edges
- Make realistic and grounded decisions about whether community life is for you - before making financial commitments



Penny Watson is a community-based organiser, networker, facilitator and educator, whose aim is to live in a more sane, just and loving world. With over 20 years' of involvement in communities of purpose within social change movements, she has an abiding appreciation of the necessity for individuals and groups to co-create new ways of being together. Resonating with the principles of deep democracy, relational identity and systems theory, Penny believes that learning to live with awareness of self and others is a vital part of creating such an environment.

Rho Sandberg has 20 years' experience in the design and facilitation of group processes. Adopting an action learning approach, Rho runs community based workshops, graduate and post-graduate programs in interpersonal communication, team development and conflict management. She is particularly interested in creative problem solving and its applications to the creation of economically viable and sustainable community.

In light of her own life experience and insights gained as a counsellor, consultant and mediator, Rho appreciates the commitment and highly developed skills called upon as we live and relate with others. She strongly advocates a pro-active approach to developing these aptitudes.

Ken McLeod has long-standing interests in learning, creativity and change. Recently, his work has focused on reflective action learning in community and workplace settings. He is experienced in urban intentional communities, the development of cooperatives, and the design of alternative systems and structures.

Over more than 30 years, Ken has been active in a range of social justice movements, including heart politics and the peace movement. Ken has a degree in education, post graduate qualifications in Action Learning, and training in psychosynthesis, process oriented psychology and improvisational theatre.