



# Global Campus

Educational Gatherings 2013

*Creating Models for a Future Without War*





# Bearing witness of the world situation



We are living in a time of urgency. Humanity is facing a global crisis of its own making. We live in a world in which human beings knowingly inflict cruelty upon each other and other living beings. Mass extinction of our planet species reflects the depth of human destruction and its impact on our biosphere. On one level, the situation seems hopeless. The rational mind tells us that even if we change all the ways in which we are currently abusing the earth, it would take centuries to restore and heal the harm we have inflicted upon this planet.

When we open to perceive this level of reality, we are confronted with despair, it seems impossible to open our hearts to the reality of global catastrophe and still be able to live in a meaningful way.

Einstein said: "You can never solve a problem on the level on which it was created." We need to move to another level. We need a complete system change.

Despite the millennia-long history of continual wars and an unbearable extent of injustice all around the globe there exists still a spark of deep human dignity and a growing sense of what it actually means to be human.

There is a global movement stoking this spark. This glint of humaneness can be found in our own hearts and can be witnessed through the lives of many people that have walked before us and are walking with us now; people who have the courage to not submit to a system of war and take a stand for a different and just way of living.

**The Global Campus is a project to protect and feed that spark with practical knowledge, strategy and global alliance.**

**"It is our challenge to become new men and women and to create real alternatives in which the future is not the future we have been taught, but one that is created by all of us."**

Eduar Lanchero, Philosopher and Visionary of the Peace Community, Colombia

A project for gathering and developing information about how to live, in a decentralized and healthy way, where trust becomes again the base for our life on this planet.

We have reached a point of global emergency in which we are all called to invest our intelligence to find out how to become part of a global and comprehensive shift towards a future where wars become unthinkable.

**All the knowledge to make this our reality exists! Now we are challenged to create networked intelligence to combine the different pieces in the most profound, healing and holistic way.**

# What is the Global Campus and what is unique about it?



The Global Campus is an international and experiential education platform, a network of peace projects and communities engaged in creating regional models of peaceful and regenerative cultures. It is a supportive force in the creation of life-systems that are no longer dependent on the cruel monopolized structures which are rapidly destroying life. Places where this new information of a comprehensive healthy system can be felt, seen and learned; acupuncture points for a new culture.

The core shift needed for the system change is from mistrust towards trust and from a mentality of scarcity to abundance. Trust is the deepest healing word known to us. We live in a time where healing is needed on many different levels. One of the main research and work areas of the Global Campus is the design of social structures that allow trust to re-emerge among humans, both in local communities and in the global community of humankind.

The loss and the conscious destruction of intelligent community knowledge are at the center of the current global crisis. Community, not only as one specific group we belong to but as a principle that has to be rediscovered if we want to create a healed way of living on this planet.

By 'community knowledge' we mean healthy, natural and mature ways of living in relationship with each other, the land we live on and the earth as a whole.

**If we want to heal and deeply transform the global crisis we have to find out how to heal and transform the human being. This won't happen through moral appeals and laws but through growing consciousness and insight.**

Through growing the ability to be in direct contact and perception with life around us, we rediscover our inherent sense of justice and dignity and will return to live in thriving relationships.

**We believe that once we are able to create communities and structures that really allow trust to grow between people, the potential we have is beyond measure!**

The solutions we need today are always the result of networked intelligence.

**"If we wanted to overcome the current crisis that we have created, we would be forced to engage in totally new and dramatic community enterprises."**

Lynn Margulis, Biologist associated with the Gaia hypothesis



# History of the Project

The initial idea to create continuous educational gatherings was born during the Summer University at Tamera in 2006 around a table with guests from all over the world. From this, the Global Campus was founded by Sabine Lichtenfels, Dr. Dieter Duhm, Benjamin von Mendelssohn and Kate Bunney.

Tamera Healing Biotope, founded by Sabine Lichtenfels and Dr. Dieter Duhm, has long been engaged in a radical inner and outer peace work. Its Grace Movement has created connections with and supported a variety of projects around the world through education and actions of solidarity such as pilgrimages. From this network cooperation partners have emerged as base-stations of the Global Campus.

**Together we create a global alliance, a common field for 'civil disobedience' and obedience to the laws of life. Where injustice became law, disobedience becomes a duty!**

Since 2006 the Global Campus has had a variety of forms and functions, including a six week gathering in Tamera Healing Biotope in Portugal in 2011 with participants from 14 countries and intensive work times supporting the development of the Peace Community San José de Apartadó in a high conflict area in Colombia.

Currently the Global Campus is held, coordinated and facilitated by an international core team:

Vera Kleinhammes, Tamera - Healing Biotope, Portugal/Germany

Laure Luciani, Tamera - Healing Biotope, Portugal/France

Siri Gunnarson, Beyond Boundaries, School of Lost Borders, Ojai Foundation, Tamera, USA

There is a growing international circle of supporters, including Jane Rasbash of Gaia Education working in sustainable development with indigenous villages ~ eco-villages in the global south, and Gigi Coyle earth steward, wilderness rites of passage guide, council trainer and mentor with Beyond Boundaries, the School of Lost Borders, the Ojai Foundation and Three Creeks.





An aerial photograph of a rural settlement. A large, calm pond occupies the center-left of the frame. To the right of the pond, a prominent white conical tent stands on a dirt clearing. The surrounding area is a mix of simple buildings, some with corrugated metal roofs, and lush green trees. A dirt road curves around the right side of the pond. In the foreground, a group of people is gathered on a dirt path. The overall scene suggests a community living in a natural, possibly semi-enclosed, environment.

## Why models?

**T**hrough our history we have separated ourselves so far from nature that we created an insane system based on destruction, abuse and consumption of our home, the planet, and our co-creatures. Based on the knowledge that we have gathered in the Global Campus we can see it is possible to live from the abundance of the earth, in a way that our lives actually increase the fertility of the land that surrounds us.

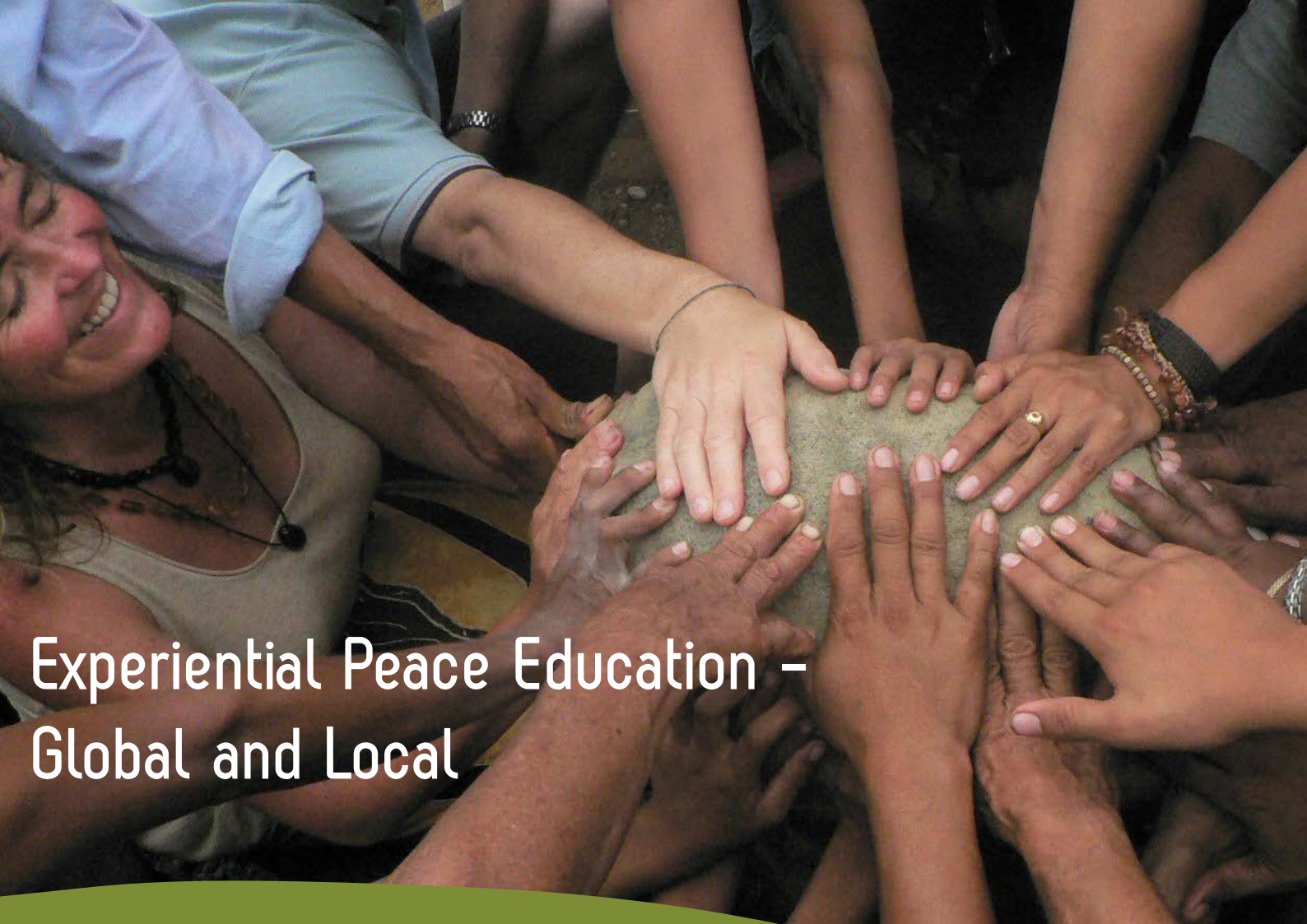
We are at a time where the old system is collapsing, where it is clear the 'old story' is dying and, as Charles Eisenstein said at a recent talk at Tamera, "*We are between stories.*" Dr. Dieter Duhm writes "*We can overcome this crisis by giving the coming development a new direction. It is no longer about fighting the existing systems, which will break down by themselves. It is much more about knowing the new directions and creating planetary base stations for them. (...) Food, water and energy are freely available for all of humanity if we follow the logic of nature and not the laws of capital.*"

**We speak of models as places where these new systems are researched, gathered and applied in real living structures. These models become centers where this knowledge is made accessible to many people.**

**“You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.”**

Buckminster Fuller





# Experiential Peace Education – Global and Local

“The real Utopia of a humane way of settling on this planet is a network of decentralized, self sufficient communities and regions”

Dr. Dieter Duhm

The Global Campus educational gatherings include the local project carriers, international peace-workers-in training, international teachers and specialists, as well as members and knowledge-carriers of the local networks. International presence at the centers brings attention to the unique offering of each project. In Colombia, where the Peace Community faces concrete threat of violence, international guests can be a real protection and assistance to get appropriate recognition from the government. Through bringing the individual stories of each project together under ‘one roof’ the story of the movement gains strength and can serve to inspire and bring hope in the world as well as provide much needed support and protection to the projects.

The education aims to be a holistic systems education, focusing on basic areas of human life: water, energy, nutrition and growing food, health, landscape healing, economics and community knowledge.

The practical education is driven by the needs of the projects. We incorporate the wisdom from the different projects as well as from local, global and historic teachers. We focus on supporting and strengthening the regional and local networks, and developing sustainable plans and designs of the centers.

The theoretical education is based on growing planetary consciousness while deepening our understanding of the local conflicts and crises within a global context.

**As we sharpen our focus on the environmental and social ‘crisis’, we also turn our awareness in, studying the underlying structures of the conflicts and researching the consciousness needed for transformation towards a healthy future together. A common research question is: Why and how is healing possible?**

# The Base Stations of the Global Campus



The Global Campus consists of 'base stations' around the world, local peace initiatives with a regional outreach that are in the process of becoming holistic autonomous models. They are diverse ranging from a music production center for youth in a slum area to a peasant peace community in the midst of war.

The common learning of peace work, theoretical and practical, offers real alternatives to the current culture based on consumption, corruption and violence, and creates a profound sense of partnership and solidarity. As we develop as a global community we grow trust in our projects, in each other, and in the big process of transformation that is happening on our planet. **Our common growth creates a perspective for change, and our united work expresses that change into a material reality. We begin to feel the world we wish to create.**

## 2013 – Educational Gatherings

For one month from October 15th to November 15th, small groups of international 'peace-workers-in-training' mainly from Tamera, will travel to the different centers, to support the next level of growth. The following activity descriptions are subject to changes as it is a co-creative evolving process. Changes will be showed on our website.

<http://globalcampus.wix.com/globalcampus>

*"I believe taking care of our Earth is taking care of our selves. If we don't allow the earth to produce our food, we will not survive."*

Urias, a young member of the Peace Community in Colombia during the common study time in 2011 in Tamera.

*"Human beings who have learnt to love and who are not afraid of the truth will no longer participate in any war. More than this, they will be able to demonstrate at any places on this Earth how one is able to live without war."*

Sabine Lichtenfels



# Middle-East

The vision of the Peace Research Village in the Middle East (PRV-ME) is to develop a model of living together that acts as a research tool for the study of peace. This model is carried by a committed core group of Israelis, Palestinians and internationals who put their lives in service of the idea that sustainable peace can be achieved only when it touches all aspects of life. The core group of the PRV-ME, after several years of peacework and community-building training in Tamera, left for Israel-Palestine in November 2011 in the first major step towards the establishment of a Peace Research Village in the Holy Land.



## CREATING SUSTAINABLE MODELS FOR PEACE

The Global Campus Middle East will begin with two parallel two-week study times in Israel and Palestine, with part of the group near the town of Tulkarem in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and another group in the area of Jerusalem. In Tulkarem, the Holy Land Trust and Aida Shibli will welcome international participants and Palestinians at the organic farm of Favez Taneeb, a long-term cooperation partner. Through exchange, political education and practical work on ecological projects the international peace workers will experience the Palestinians' social and political reality while working towards the aim of manifesting sustainable living models. In the area of Jerusalem the PRV-ME group will hold an intensive "Community Building" course together with teachers from Tamera.

The two groups will come together "Along the Incense Route": a pilgrimage in the Negev and a time to tribal vision and the consciousness of the desert. Sabine Lichtenfels and Benjamin von Mendelsohn will lead the pilgrimage as well as a three-day seminar: "Healing of the Earth – Healing of Love". It will conclude with a concert of Jewish and Arab musicians, on Global GRACE Day. During this time we will connect with potential places for establishing the PRV-ME.

At the end of the Global Campus the group will host "The Language of Water – the Language of the Desert" – working days in the area of the ancient city of Ovdad, renovating a Nabataean water cistern and working in a park of ancient rock-art to prepare a new stone circle representing a new peace culture.

[www.prvme.org](http://www.prvme.org)  
[www.holylandtrust.org](http://www.holylandtrust.org)

# Portugal

The "Healing Biotope 1 Tamera" in Southern Portugal is an international training and experimental site for the development of peace research villages and healing biotopes worldwide. Tamera's aim is to develop a model for a nonviolent co-existence of people and between people and nature. Tamera is currently focusing on research in the areas of water, energy, nutrition and social knowledge through the realization of the water landscape, the Solar Village (a self-sufficient energy model), permaculture gardens and community building.



## REGIONAL NETWORK AND LANDSCAPE HEALING

Tamera will focus on the local and national network. Tamera co-workers will engage in intensive Portuguese language study and will join with local residents to create events to gather the regional network of change makers, build cooperation potential and ignite a vision for large-scale landscape regeneration. Together they will continue developing an intelligent strategy to support the creation of a sustainable and autonomous region. The vision is to create a model for a healed and autonomous region that can be applied in many parts of the world.

[www.tamera.org](http://www.tamera.org)



# Colombia

The peace village San José de Apartadó lies in Urabá (Antioquia), Colombia, on the frontier to Panama. The land is fertile, agriculturally valuable (bananas, cacao, coca) and rich in mineral resources (oil, wood, carbon, gold, water) which makes this area attractive to global-economic interests. In 1997, 1300 farmers and refugees came together and formed a peace community to resist displacement through non-violent means. They do not tolerate weapons or violence in their village and they refuse to cooperate with any of the warring faction. Since the beginning 200 members of their community (including children) have been murdered by soldiers, paramilitary troops and guerrillas. The peace village has become an inspiring model for other peace initiatives in Colombia through its determination and courage to refuse to comply with violence.



## YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, REGIONAL NETWORK & LAND DESIGN

The Peace Community San Jose de Apartadó is buying land in the hamlet of 'Mulatos'. The Tamera peace worker group will live there and be in service for the community to connect more deeply with the original vision for Mulatos and for San José as a whole. Together with the members of the community they will work on the new land and on some of the needed basic infrastructure. A Youth Peace Camp will be offered to strengthen their social and technical knowledge and to deepen the cooperation between the generations so that the youth can engage more in their community.

[www.cdp.org](http://www.cdp.org)

# Kenya

Philip Munyasia was born into a large family in a slum in Kitale, Kenya. He has risen to become a community leader and inspiration for a new way of living in abundance, following his own path of education and learning about regenerative practices and organic farming. His project OTEPIC (Organic Technology Extension and Promotion of Initiative Centre) is a community based organization born out of passion for sharing knowledge and innovative approaches with those who need it most: subsistence farmers, especially women and youth, in the Trans-Nzoia district of northwestern Kenya. Philip shares with his home community the knowledge and broadened vision he gained through studying in Kenya and internationally. He has grown two 'community centers' with demonstration gardens, integrated alternative technology, and is now in the process of creating a vision for a new land-based community, a regional model for sustainable living and a research and training center for Kenya and beyond.



## BUILDING COMMUNITY, VISION AND PLANNING

OTEPIC has bought land and is creating a vision for building a model! During the Global Campus a small group of local and international ecologists will support the community to make a coherent plan for infrastructure and permaculture. Walter Mugove, an East African permaculture teacher will accompany this process together with Philip, Marcus from Tamera, and another Kenyan permaculturist. Together we will work with Kenyan natural builders to create an earthbag 'Peace Hut' meeting space. We will also design and build shade roofs for the new land, creating places to gather and to work. We will plant the first trees on the land, mainly fruit trees for a future edible landscape. The Tamera group and the young OTEPIC volunteers will engage in community building practices, training in communication and trust building.

[www.otepic.org](http://www.otepic.org)

# Brazil

Favela da Paz, led by Claudio Miranda, is a project situated in Jardim Ângela, one of the favelas (slums) of São Paulo, Brazil, which the UN declared in the 90's as one of the most brutal neighborhoods of the world. More than twenty years ago Claudio Miranda began to gather friends to make music with tin cans as real instruments were unavailable at this time. Now they are 'Poesia Samba Soul', a successful musical band offering a perspective of life beyond drugs and violence. Poesia Samba Soul has established the only studio in the slums of this city where young bands can record their own music. They teach youth in music, video design and production. They show young people a way to express themselves through arts, music and poetry instead of through violence.

In recent years the scope of the project has widened giving birth to the vision of the "Favela Da Paz" ("slum of peace") which develops answers for the current social situation of the slum. Through urban permaculture and renewable energy solutions, building community and studying peace knowledge, "Favela da Paz" becomes an education center and a role-model for its surrounding.



## COMMUNITY AND SONGS FOR A NEW CULTURE

Poesia Samba Soul just bought a building to house the expanding community and their cultural center. They will use the Global Campus time to develop an infrastructure plan for the extension of the existing urban permaculture, installations to harvest solar energy and projects to generate income. During this time, they will also play the Oasis Game, an inspirational and empowering community development approach designed in Brazil where participants help to unlock the community's power of dreaming and to support them in building a concrete aspect of their most collective dream using local talents and resources. They will partner with Instituto Elos to get training in the Oasis Game, which will also be open to international participants.

[www.faveladapaz.wordpress.com](http://www.faveladapaz.wordpress.com)

**And More ~ Additional groups and actions with cooperation partners may happen around the world such as a solidarity and networking trip through Turkey, an "Art time" in Switzerland and a "Community time" in Greece.**





# How can you participate?

For this global dream to come true, we need financial support. Many have already formed a circle of support by sending donations. This has allowed the foundations of the Global Campus to form and your help is still needed for its further unfolding. You may want to support the educational gathering as a whole, you may choose to contribute to a particular project or support a particular participant. In this latter way you become personally connected.

Another way to stay connected is to join the 'Terra Nova School', a global education platform and network for all who want to join together to work for peace, to become a catalyst for global system-change. At the heart of movement is the development of global consciousness, insights into healing processes and the implementation of models. Join an existing study group or create one yourself! <http://www.tamera.org/index.php?id=997&L=0>

During the Global Campus we will celebrate the 'Global Grace Day' on November 9th, a date with historical significance (the date the Holocaust began and the Berlin wall fell) which is becoming a day to reconnect to the inner source of true non-violence and the growing global community of peace. You can take part of it by making a local action! [info@global-grace-day.com](mailto:info@global-grace-day.com)

Please stay connected and share the story. If there is someone who you know that may be inspired to learn of this movement, or may be honored to give money and participate in such a project, please pass the information along. In this way, together, we can manifest this big vision and continue to grow in solidarity and co-creation.

The Global Campus warmly invites friends and sponsors to support this growing global alliance financially.

## **The budget of 100.000€ is distributed as follows:**

**60% transportation costs**

**30% operational costs and training costs for the participants in Tamera**

**10% food and material**

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“The change will take place fast. We stand right before the boiling point of a global revolution. Peace work today is the active and conscious participation in this global process.”

Dr. Dieter Duhm, Global Campus Text

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We have reached the threshold of a global change of unimaginable extent. We are all in this together. We need each other. We need support to make this dream a reality.

Thank you.

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