- program, with a regional context
- 5. Engage at least 15 new ambassadors from the GENOA region over the next year
- 6. Fully update the brochure, website, and other communication documents and channels
- 7. Continue to develop clear methods of engagement in the network, through energy exchanges for scholarships, story sharing, and ambassadorship
- 8. Form strong alliances with other networks, organisations and communities within the region.
- 9. Increase visibility of ecovillages in Asia and Oceania, through documentation and sharing of stories.
- 10. Support NextGENOA EDE 2017 at Gaia Ashram, Thailand.
- 11. Award scholarships to five GENOA volunteers and participants to attend GENOA events through the GENOA Equity Scholarships program.

#### **NextGEN**

NextGEN is a youth-led and focused interest group within GEN International with representation in each of the five GEN regions. NextGEN is responsible for connecting and engaging young people in the ecovillage movement. We see ourselves as inspiring the next generation of leaders within GEN. Our role is crucial for ensuring that the voice of youth is well heard throughout our multi-generational network and that young

people can more easily be guided into the community of GEN. We work to bring in new and youthful members through our outreach events and activities.

## **NextGEN Europe Achievements 2016**

- 1. In September 2016 a meeting in Denmark took place with an aim of starting new projects funded by the EU to support youth to get involved and organise exchange between ecovillages.
- 2. Bridgedale360, a two year strategic partnership funded by EU finished. The final outcome is an online learning kit for educators on how to engage youth in sustainable lifestyle and active citizenship www.bridgedale360.org.
- 3. We have improved our internal organisation and teamwork including getting further training in Sociocratic methods as a governance model and increasing our presence in NextGEN International meetings and having 2 representatives at the GEN-Europe Council meeting 2016.

## **NextGEN Europe Targets 2017**

- 1. Set up a stand/booth at this year's GEN Europe conference to showcase NextGEN Projects from around the world. Every 'region of NextGEN' would display at least one project.
- 2. Continuous growth of NextGEN Europe Facebook page and increasing the number of likes from current 1900 to 3000 by the end of the year 2017.
- 3. By the end of 2017 have mapped out and connected 5 stable European Ecovillage projects lead by youth and 3 emerging projects.



#### **NextGENOA Achievements 2016**

- 1. We created a diverse, young, active, inspiring, enthusiastic NextGENOA team with inspiring young people from over 11 countries in Asia and Oceania.
- 2. The EDE in Gaia Ashram was successful organized with participants coming out really happy and committed and started to connect to each other afterwards.
- 3. The group is still connected after the EDE to work together and share. There are some joined projects and future EDEs coming out after we came back from the EDE and more to come.

## **NextGENOA Targets 2017**

- 1. Next EDE for NextGENOA in 2017
- 2. Awareness Raising program in China & help them to set up NextGEN China.
- 3. Connect with other countries to spread the idea of EDE and seek future cooperations.

#### **NextGEN Africa Achievements 2016**

- 1. The formation and empowerment of NextGEN Ghana, a vibrant group of over 80 young people through two EDEs and a Moringa School Garden project organized by GEN Ghana.
- 2. Youth have built their leadership and management skills by organizing EDEs, Conferences, youth camps and WASH campaigns in Cameroon, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Ethiopia, etc.
- 3. GEN Africa conference in Ghana created a space for NextGENers from 5 countries to meet, share stories and

inspire each other in their different fields.

## **NextGEN Africa Targets 2017**

- 1. Ensure at least 15 NextGENers in Africa benefit from youth empowerment projects within and out of GEN.
- 2. Restructure NextGEN Africa by clarifying its vision and finances, reinforcing the Council and improving communication within members.
- 3. In partnership with Clio Pauly, initiate a tourist start up initiative linking tourists to sustainable settlements in Africa and finding market for local products.

#### **CASA Jovenes Achievements 2016**

- 1. We have organised ourselves following the Holon design from Holacracy, with Holons holding accountability for Communication, CASA Continental connection, Admin and Finance, NextGEN International, and more.
- 2. We have increased our outreach a lot through a mixture of designing and selling t-shirts, participating in many events and trainings, and organising and running events and trainings all across the continent.

## **CASA Jovenes Targets 2017**

- 1. Have our first CASA Jóvenes assembly at the ECCO 2017 in Brasil.
- 2. Dynamize the Jóvenes council at the Consejo de Visiones in Brasil.

## **NextGENNA Achievements 2016**

1. The 3rd annual NextGENNA Gathering was hosted at la Cité



Écologique in Québec. 34 participants joined in three days of inspiration, connection, and ecovillage immersion. With a wide range of ages and demographics – from 3 months up to 56 years old, both Americans and Canadians, both French and English speaking – the diversity provided a special "global village" feel.

- 2. NextGENNA team members traveled to events and presented about ecovillages in many different settings (including a workshop offered at the Twin Oaks Communities Conference).
- 3. NextGENNA is serving on the GENNA Council, supporting the strengthening and networking of our whole region.

## **NextGENNA Targets 2017**

- 1. We plan to host another NextGENNA Gathering in 2017, possibly at Sirius Community in the US. The intention is to continue to inspire young people to engage with the ecovillage movement and to join the core team of NextGEN in North America.
- 2. We plan to continue to engage with developments in GENNA and present about ecovillages at various events throughout the year.
- 3. We are seeking to grow our team in the coming year to support the next succession of youth leaders in ecovillages in North America.



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