



## NextGENOA

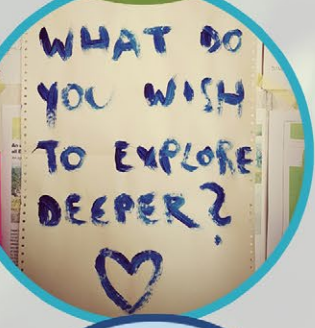
- The birth of NextGEN China with a tour of workshops about "Introduction to EDE"
- An exchange program between members of NextGENOA in China and Cambodia
- A joint project between members of NextGENOA in Vietnam and Cambodia named "The green lady cloth pad"
- Maintaining connection among the network via Facebook and Blog
- Preparation for the NextGENOA Meeting and EDE in 2018



## NextGEN Africa

- Hosted NextGEN Africa presence and coordination at Bafut Ecovillage in Cameroon
- Hosted NextGEN Africa's bank account with the Sandele Eco Retreat in Gambia
- More than 30 youths carried out an Enter WASH campaign where they recycled plastic water bags into reusable rain jackets, school bags - keeping the streets of Ghana clean
- Summer youth camp with 20 youths empowered on business skills in Cameroon in August 2017
- Two young women from Ghana and Cameroon were granted scholarship to attend the International People's College in Denmark for 6 months in 2018 This has grown from a GEN Denmark-GEN-IPC partnership
- 16 NextGENers in Ghana and Cameroon were trained as trainers for the SIRClE (EU, Erasmus+ Funding) Curriculum and are spreading the knowledge in their home countries

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# NEXTGEN YOUTH MOVEMENT



NextGEN is the youth focused Thematic Interest Group of the Global Ecovillage Network (GEN), serving as its own global network for Ecovillage youth active throughout the GEN Regions. NextGEN coordinates its work by organising in autonomous regional groups across Latin America (CASA Jovenes), Oceania & Asia (NextGENOA), North America (NextGENNA), NextGEN Africa, and NextGEN Europe. In the structural center is the NextGEN International Youth Council, a space for overall coordination and connection.

This structure supports the regions in addressing their reality effectively through collaborations with their corresponding GEN Region or other external organisations and projects as they see fit. NextGEN also has two representatives on the Board of GEN.



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While each region has its own mission and focus there is a common thread that runs throughout:

***To stand as living examples of young people intentionally connecting with and taking action in their communities or ecovillages. To provide education and opportunities to collaborate for young people ready to co-create a peaceful and regenerative culture.***



The NextGEN Regions have been taking solid steps towards this through focussing on some key areas as a way to strengthen our capacity as a network, such as:

- **ORGANISATION:** Internal re-design of their structural foundation
- **TRAINING:** The upskilling of young people interested in taking on leadership roles within the GEN networks
- **EVENTS:** Organising youth focused events and co-holding their corresponding regions annual conferences
- **OUTREACH:** Consolidating visual identity and online presence through websites, social media and other media content.
- **EDUCATION:** The continuation of threading sustainability education throughout all events and projects



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM NEXTGEN IN 2017

### NextGEN Europe

- Youth Exchanges in four different Ecovillages, more than 80 youth participated
- Strong and visible youth presence at GEN Europe Conference in Sweden
- Renewed connection to GEN Europe's Office and Council
- Youth project moving a Biogas Digester mould between Ecovillages



- Emerging National Youth Groups (Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Italy, and more..)
- Gathering in ecovillage Sieben Linden to create more international youth projects

### NextGENNA

- Hosted Ecovillage Pathways 2017 at Sirius Community, MA, USA where a multi-generational community of 20 people was touched by the event
- More than doubled size of team from 3 to 7
- Consulted with Metta Earth, Vermont, USA to help them reach their community vision
- Helped two interns merge passion and career by supporting Ecovillage Pathways Event
- Active leaders in GENNA Alliance

### CASA Jovenes

- Supported the organisation of the ECCO gathering, Brazil - plus 14 young people's attendance supported through scholarships from NextGEN Youth Council. First CASA Jovenes Assembly interwoven with ECCO.
- Strengthened our voice inside of CASA with the sharing of our Nos Manifesto
- Strengthened CASA's organisational structure by each member of the CASA Jóvenes core group taking active part and participation in each of CASA Latina's Holons
- First steps into organizing our youth encounter ESPEJO were made. It was decided it will be held in Mexico in the second half of 2018
- First steps into working in alliance with international youth organisation Chime In and with Guerreiros Sem Armas, a Brazilian youth organisation

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