

NextGENOA

- Ran first youth Training of Trainers on “participatory & holistic learning” to develop facilitation skills for ecovillage education
- NextGEN Korea members networked in an ecovillage tour travelling through Asia and Europe, including the GEN Europe and GENOA gatherings.
- Translated and published the book “1001 Ways to heal the Planet” in Korean.
- Ran an awareness program about organic farming, biodiversity and soil conservation and a workshop for plastic waste management, gardening and tree planting in Sri Lanka.
- Organised an online event for Earth Day.

CASA Jóvenes

- Co-created the first National Transition Gathering in Colombia in May, working with the Transition Movement for greater networking with other Latin American National Hubs.
- Joined the Encuentro Bioregional “Llamado de la Laguna” in México in December, running activities for children and exploring the idea of a “Council of Children” mentored by CASA Jóvenes.
- Attended the annual gathering of CASA Colombia “Llamado de la Montaña” in June, exploring opportunities for partnership and collaborative development.

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NEXTGEN ECOVILLAGE YOUTH NETWORK

NextGEN is the youth branch of the Global Ecovillage Network (GEN), connecting young people through ecovillages, regenerative education, events, eco-projects, and nature-based living. We are united by our youthful spirits, love for the earth, passion for community and understanding that we need viable, holistic solutions like ecovillages to respond to the current global crisis.

NextGEN’s mission is to empower, educate, connect, and inspire young adults to face our planetary crisis with an open heart and mind, to take collaborative action, energize the ecovillage movement, and co-create a regenerative, resilient and peaceful world. We focus our work on the strategic areas of inspiration, learning, action, connection and empowerment.



NextGEN is a youth-led global network of young change agents, ecovillage youth, and supporters of any age forming an integral part of the wider GEN networks.

The work is coordinated in five regional teams plus the Youth Council as a global circle for connection, coordination, and cohesion.



► Highlights from NextGEN in 2018

NextGENNA

- Hosted the Ecovillage Pathway event at La Cité Écologique in New Hampshire, USA, themed “Youth & Elder Connection” with 30 participants, which also strengthened the network and relationship with the venue.
- Helped two interns merge passion and career by supporting the Ecovillage Pathways and created an inspiring video interview about the event.
- Active leadership and youth participation in the GENNA Alliance and co-organized the Alliance Regenerative CoLab event.
- Representation of NextGEN at the Twin Oaks Communities Conference, UN High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, and Science and Nonduality Conference.

NextGEN Africa

- NextGEN Ghana won a project on competency-based training in moringa production from Business Sector Challenge Fund which taught 20 youths to make moringa-based cosmetics and to train others.
- Representation at the COP24 in Poland and youth participation in the GEN Africa Conference in Zimbabwe.

NextGEN Europe

- Active participation and facilitation of 3 workshops, a presentation of NextGEN and a youth-elder dialogue at the GEN Europe conference in Lilleoru, Estonia.
- Yes to Sustainability project ran 4 youth exchange programs and trainings for youth to learn and participate in different ecovillages funded by Erasmus+.
- Presented NextGEN at a youth climate conference in Amsterdam and brought ecovillages into the political dialogue through the climate action delegation at the European Youth Event in Strasbourg.
- Established national youth networks in Switzerland, the Iberian Peninsula, and Italy, plus emerging networks in Germany, Slovenia, and the UK and Ireland.
- Organised waste management advocacy in Ghana to educate the public on composting biodegradable waste into fertilizer and recycling plastics into school bags, laptop bags, wallets etc.
- NextGEN Cameroon ran their 8th summer Youth Camp, themed “innovative job creation for self employment” to empower youth with creative and entrepreneurial skills, held at Ndanifor Permaculture Ecovillage in Bafut.