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## NEXT GEN

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.

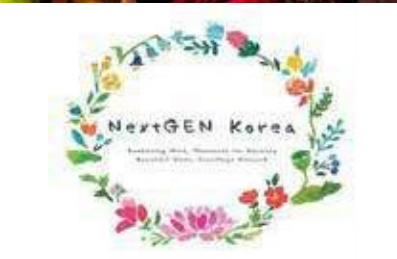
### Completed in 2015:

All NextGEN regions participated in the GEN+20 Summit (July 2015).

#### 1. NextGENOA

- a. Hosted two youth gatherings and a youth camp, funded by a Korean non-profit organization. Guest speaker: Helena Norberg Hodge, founder and director of Local Futures: the International Society for Ecology and Culture
- b. Actively participated in an EDE in India
- c. NextGEN Sri Lanka:
  - i. Hosted a workshop in Belipola (September 2015). Youth participants formed several subgroups and





are working on an ongoing basis on ecological and community projects, using a Facebook page they created to facilitate regular communication

- ii. Worked with local schools on water management programs and eco-brick construction (starting in December 2015; ongoing)

## 2. NextGEN Europe

- a. Integrated sociocracy into working methods - a process which has begun, but where much work is still needed
- b. Developed EU-funded Youth-led Sustainable Innovation 4 Resilience (YSI4R)
- c. Developed Youth Rejuvenating Communities project in collaboration with Ecobasa
- d. Monthly meetings of core group

## 3. NextGEN Africa

- a. Participated in GEN Africa council meeting in South Africa (February 2015)
- b. Participated in GEN Africa strategy meeting in Sekem, Egypt (December 2015) with two representatives joining from NextGEN Africa
- c. Regular communication of core group

## 4. NextGENNA

- a. Hosted gathering of ecovillage ambassadors (Feb 2015)
- b. Led volunteer program to support the development of a sustainable community in Togo (West Africa) called InterraTree (Winter 2015)
- c. Hosted first French language EDE in Canada at La Cité Ecologique (Summer 2015)
- d. Hosted the second annual Youth Village Summit at Earthaven Ecovillage (October 2015)
- e. Ongoing: two representatives have worked with the GENNA Council to form the new GEN North America organisation

## 5. CASA Jóvenes

- a. Developed a strong group of 9 core members, met

every two weeks

b. Formed an official link with CASA

## Targets in 2016:

### 1. NextGENOA

a. Regularly communicate through online meetings

b. Elect representatives

c. Actively participate in an EDE in India

d. Host an Asian youth EDE in Thailand

e. Establish a youth internship between Auroville (India) and Korea as an ecovillage youth exchange between communities

f. NextGEN Korea:

i. Organize a summer youth EDE and festival

ii. Participate in a two-week visit to an forestry program at an education center in Sri Lanka

g. NextGEN Sri Lanka:

i. Continue working in subgroups on ecological and community projects following workshop in Belipola in September 2015

ii. Continue working with local schools on water management programs and eco-brick construction

iii. In coordination with a French youth group, build a bench at a community school in Mirahawatte using eco-bricks

### 2. NextGEN Europe

a. Active involvement in the GEN Europe Conference (July 2016) to enable and encourage more ecovillage youth exchange opportunities between communities

b. Develop youth presence in GEN International's Ambassadors program

c. Further develop Ecobasa project in coordination with NextGEN on the subject of youth rejuvenating communities

d. Further develop project for Youth-led Sustainable Innovation 4 Resilience (YSI4R)





### 3. NextGEN Africa

- a. Open a bank account
- b. Support NextGEN Africa Council with communication
- c. In coordination with NextGEN Ghana:
  - i. Engage with NextGEN Ghana regarding communication and project implementation
  - ii. Organize a summer camp

### 4. NextGENNA

- a. Develop youth presence in GEN International's Ambassadors program
- b. Host second French language EDE at La Cité Ecologique (Summer 2016)
- c. Host third annual Youth Ecovillage Summit
- d. Organize a program for young people in advance of the Communities Conference at Twin Oaks Ecovillage (Virginia, USA)
- e. Support a transition period within NextGENNA to engage new leaders

### 5. CASA Jóvenes

- a. Host the first Latin American youth gathering organized by CASA Jóvenes, called EsPeJo (Encuentro Social de Permacultura Jóven: Youth Social Permaculture Gathering); "espejo" means "mirror" in Spanish (June or July 2016)

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