



NextGEN ECOVILLAGE YOUTH NETWORK



NextGEN is the youth branch of the Global Ecovillage Network, connection 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.

We empower, educate, connect, and inspire young adults to take action, foster community, join ecovillages and build a regenerative world. We focus our work on the strategic areas of inspiration, learning, action, connection, and empowerment.



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM NEXTGEN IN 2020

CASA JÓVENES

- Successfully implemented a communications/art and design team as well as a fundraising team.
- We have increased our presence on social media and our number of followers on Facebook.
- Represented CASA Jóvenes in the annual CASA Latina event “Llamado de la Montaña/Call of the Mountain” in January, holding workshops and increasing our number of members.



NEXTGENOA

- Re-structured NextGENOA core team with three new roles: focaliser, treasurer, advocator
- Advance in having a clear and rounded plan at the beginning of the year.
- Co-hosted and had a representative from NextGENOA spoke in the Youth panel of Restore & Re-story Gathering: Positive Youth [Pr]activism
- Hosted a sharing on Archetype at Work with NextGENOA members and having members joining the Archetype at Work workshops for NextGEN
- Shared a series of inspirational quotes from GEN Online Summit 2020 on NextGENOA Facebook Page



NEXTGEN EUROPE

- Social Media: Monthly 'Youth in Ecovillage Experience' post - Inspiring storytelling from youth in our network (Facebook).
- Sharing Circle: Large whatsapp group, with monthly facilitated video calls, with the purpose of inviting youths to connect with the network, nextgen and community life - entry point for newcomers and peer-to-peer project support.
- Youth Exchanges and Trainings: We held one training for the creation of Youth Exchanges and Youth Leaders, and one youth exchange
- We supported the creation of the Dutch youth group (NextGEN Holland, 11 active members)
- Showcase of NextGEN activities during the GEN Europe online gathering.



NEXTGENNA

- Online Ecovillage Pathways with over eight speakers and 20+ participants
Co-hosted with Whole Systems Network
- French Community Discussion Group: 212 different participants to the 9 sessions.
- Three New Interns
- Meetings with NextGENNA twice a month
- Great content on our monthly newsletters
- Released 8 Healing in Community Podcasts



NEXTGEN AFRICA

- Online training on fundraising
- Published one newsletter
- Awarding 3 Next GEN Africa projects
- Monthly council meetings



PROJECTS AND GATHERINGS

CASA JÓVENES

- ESPEJO: we had a total of 6 online editions of our youth social permaculture gathering with 60 to 100 young people participating in each one.
- Avatar Camp: we had a total of 3 online editions of the Avatar Camp. In the first one, which was free, about 350 young people have participated. On the other 2, which were paid, about 15 to 20 young people have participated.

NEXTGENNA

- Online French Discussion Group: We had 212 different participants over the course of 9 discussion group sessions.
- Ecovillage Pathways which had ten classes highlighting different aspects of the ecovillage movement
- Release 8 Healing in Community podcasts



NEXTGENOA

- Supported the Deep Ecology workshop which is a part of the Awaken Leadership Training in Thailand in December 2019
- Co-hosted the online ecovillage gathering “Restore & Re-story: coming home to ourselves, our communities and Mother Earth” with GENOA in November 2020
- NextGEN Korea: ran a project ‘Life Design Challenge’, an online version of mini-EDE that utilised mobile app to engage with the participants; hosted an event to introduce about NextGEN Korea; Korean members were able to physically gather to brainstorm about the activities in the coming year.

NEXTGEN EUROPE

- GEN Europe online gathering: our team offered two workshops, one led by Viva on the topic of ‘Connecting with your ancestors to build better futures: building empathy for future generations’, and one about NextGEN Europe activities, held by the entire team. We also supported 17 young people economically to attend the event.
- Due to Covid restrictions, international gatherings were not possible, but both the Italian and the Dutch NextGEN groups have gathered.

NEXTGEN AFRICA

- Online training on fundraising
- One newsletter



(NEW) PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

CASA JÓVENES

- We have strengthened our partnership with Buena Semilla Permacultural and Gaia Union.
- We have created a new partnership with OpEPA.



NEXTGENOA

- Stronger partnership with the Global Ecovillage Network in Oceania and Asia (GENOA) in GENOA Gathering and in co-creating the Website
- Collaboration with the Youth Council to develop the mapping project into a NextGEN project with participation from other NextGEN regions.
- Forming connection with the youth organizations (Permayouth in Australia, STEP in the Philippines, Eden Hope in Vanuatu).
- NextGENOA was working with GENOA and Gaia Ashram to organize an EDE in 2020, however the course was cancelled due to Covid situation



NEXTGEN EUROPE

- Cross-network collaboration for the mapping project with the participation in the project's coordination of two members of NextGEN Europe.
- Yes to Sustainability projects were funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the EU



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NEXTGEN AFRICA

- Awarding 3 Next Gen Africa projects
- New members joined the Network
- We managed to have a new Next GEN Africa council

NEXTGENNA

- Partnership with the Whole Systems Network
- Interviewed members of the Center for Sustainability and Community Culture for our podcast, which was shared with both networks
- Made agreements with Belfast Ecovillage for event hosting post pandemic
- Expanded network into Quebec ecovillage movement

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.

