

P2P SUMMER SCHOOL

THE ART OF COMMONING

"How can a commons-based collaborative economy strengthen the resilience of our communities?"

5 days from August
24th - 28th, 2015.

Hosted by ...



WeCreate, Cloughjordan Ecovillage, Tipperary, Ireland



Who is this course for?

The P2P Summer School is designed for adult educators, facilitators of change, coaches and people working with their local communities who want to develop collaborative and participatory practices to empower social change and steward resources.

What will it include?

The P2P Summer School will focus on the practical rather than the theoretical and is structured to balance and integrate concrete learning outcomes delivered using participatory methodology known as the art of hosting.

The Summer School will utilise the Art of Hosting, a methodology for eliciting the collective wisdom and capacity of groups to self-organise in creative, constructive, humane ways. <http://bollier.org/blog/art-commoning>

The course will bring together P2P pioneers and Art of Hosting facilitators to explore new forms of co-operative enterprise, P2P money, crowdfunding, open value accounting, P2P legal developments, and other vital topics that enable us to adapt our lives, organisations and communities to global challenges and to better steward our common heritage of cultural and natural resources.

The Sharing Economy, Crowdfunding, Maker Spaces, Coworking, FabLabs, Creative Commons and using social media to organise are all examples of new ways of working enabled by Peer to Peer (P2P) or people to people practices.

The ability to connect and communicate with people globally, empowers communities to self-organise around their interests, to share experiences and produce valuable knowledge resources and commons at scales previously only possible through hierarchical and capital intensive, command and control economies.

P2P can be characterised as a new mode of production that harnesses the creative and collaborative power of voluntary peer to peer networks. In this sense P2P offers a vision for the future that extends and deepens democratic participation.

The P2P sharing of knowledge and experiences offers many great benefits for individuals and communities. How can we adapt and take advantage of what this new paradigm has to offer in the transition to a sustainable economy?

Can we create sustainable livelihoods while contributing to the commons?

Contact

The P2P Summer School is co-organised by The P2P Foundation, the Sustainable Ireland Cooperative TA Cultivate, and WeCreate.

For more information contact Kevin Flanagan kevin@p2pfoundation.net

Fees

The tuition fee is 500 Euro. Full participation in the 5 days is required.

There will be a number of bursary options available. Details of these will be announced soon. Contact Kevin for further details.

Daily lunch is included in the tuition fee. Please inform us of any special dietary requirements in advance. We will do our best to accommodate you.

Unique Setting for the Summer School

The course will be held in the new WeCreate Workspace in CloughJordan Ecovillage, winner of Ireland's national Green Community award and also the UN backed International Award for Liveable Communities. WeCreate is a co-working space with Ireland's first community FabLab. The Ecovillage includes over 50 high energy performance houses on a 67-acre estate with community woodlands, renewable energy production, a wood-fired bakery, research gardens and a community supported farm.

This setting provides participants with an opportunity to see many key sustainable community systems in working practice and to hear the stories of people seeking to play their part in the transition to a low carbon society.

CloughJordan is a vibrant rural village where progressive projects have successfully integrated with a traditional local community. It offers a rich environment for learning about the mainstreaming of sustainability.



“At the heart of our economies, a diversification and increasing importance of collaborative practices can be observed. By proposing alternative paths of value creation and sharing, these practices open new perspectives in terms of consumption, production and innovation models.” Michel Bauwens,

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TOPICS INCLUDE P2P Networks * The potential of Fab Labs and Digital Fabrication for sustainability * Social enterprises that facilitate new livelihoods * Re-localisation, Community Resilience and Permaculture * Co-working, co-housing, community supported agriculture and cooperative energy generation * Digital and complementary currencies + Open Source and Appropriate technologies + Managing the Commons for the benefit of all * Collaboration and sharing in urban and rural environments

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Course Director

The course will be led by Michel Bauwens, the founder and director of the P2P Foundation. Michel works in collaboration with a global group of researchers in the exploration of peer production, governance, and property. He writes editorials for Al Jazeera and is a founding member of the Commons Strategies Group, with Silke Helfrich and David Bollier, who have organised major global conferences on Commons and Economics. Michel was the research director of the floksociety.org, which produced the first integrated Commons Transition Plan for the government of Ecuador. In January 2015 CommonsTransition.org was launched. Commons Transition builds on the work of the FLOK Society, developing policies for a 'social knowledge economy' to build a more egalitarian, just, and environmentally stable world based on the Commons. Michel currently lives in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

The P2P Foundation <http://p2pfoundation.net>

Is an international organisation focused on studying, researching, documenting and promoting peer to peer practices in a very broad sense.

Cultivate www.cultivate.ie

Cultivate is managed by the Sustainable Ireland Cooperative who design and facilitate learning journeys, host training in community resilience and offer courses in green technologies.

WeCreate www.wecreate.ie

Provides a range of digital fabrication equipment based on the MIT Fab Lab model which are designed to let people make almost anything.

