

International Learning Village

■ **Statenberg Manor, Slovenia** ■ **23 – 30 August 2014**



What is possible if we take time to live, work and learn together in honesty, curiosity and community?

For the past two years, Statenberg Manor in north eastern Slovenia has hosted an International Learning Village.

In Summer 2014, again, we are inviting the international Art of Hosting community, innovators, teachers, children, young people, learners and artists to join with people from the local region for a week of co-creating in a multigenerational community.

We wish to create a place where people of all ages and backgrounds are invited and valued - a safe space to explore new and different ways of working and being together – a place where everyone belongs.

We will share hope, ideas and energy and collaborate on real world projects that matter to us. Bring your projects! Bring your ideas and deep questions! Bring unsolved challenges and underused solutions! And let us explore how they all fit together.

Our dream is to build on the past years' meetings and create a strong international community, with lasting relationships and collective capacity.

This is a heart-felt invitation to be with ourselves, each other, and with the magical place that is Statenberg Manor.

Please spread this invitation far and wide! Bring friends. Bring family. Bring coworkers. Bring collaborators. The Learning Village welcomes you.

With curiosity, energy and love,

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Living together in peace, joy and curiosity

Statenberg Manor is calling us ...
Is it calling you?

Heart, mind and soul
Connection
Body artistry and intuition

An invitation to be present
to ourselves, to the place, to others.

An invitation to let come,
let emerge, let discover,
let experience
the unique life that we are called to,
together, at this very moment
be it in solitude, in conversation, in
exploration, in co-creation.

What happens when we open
ourselves to the present?
What calls do we feel?
How do we answer them?
Are we able to give ourselves what
we need? To ask for help? To offer
help?

Come with what is light and shiny
inside you, come with your clouds
and questions, come with what
opens space for peace and joy all
around.

Visit www.statenberglearningvillage.weebly.com for more information and to register

What? We will be using Art of Hosting / Participatory Leadership as our shared ground for our time together. It is not necessary to know about this approach to come – everyone is welcome!

All participants fill the space and create the program together. We will have the opportunity to work together on projects, challenges and questions we all bring, and with locals on community projects that are important to them. What we do together depends on what each of us offers and what we need!

We encourage you to come for the whole week. You are also welcome to join for several or even just for one day.

Families are welcome! Hosting life as a whole, we invite young and old to co-create a simple structure and process to make this experience fun and meaningful also for the younger ones. As in the previous years, we do so with the intention to offer some learning edge of what it means to live life whole in community and family structures, and flow well together meeting the needs of everyone involved, rather than “organising child care”: let us learn and practice holding community space in such a way that children can weave themselves in well and satisfying.

When? The Learning Village will begin in the afternoon (around 5pm) on Saturday 23 August, and finish after lunch on Saturday 30 August.

For some days before the start (20-23 August), there is the chance to arrive, settle in, and join with the hosting team to create the space for good work together. We can also work on some practical projects around the Manor, get to know the area, and share meals and fun together (to continue during the week!).

For the week afterwards (31 August – 6 September), there is a chance to take it slow in sLOVEnia – an offer by locals to show us more of their wonderful and very hospitable land. Get in touch and we can help create a self-guided or authentic hosted experience for you!

Where? The Learning Village takes place at Statenberg Manor, Makole in North-eastern Slovenia. The Manor is 130km from Ljubljana, 105km from Graz, Austria and 95km from Zagreb, Croatia. It is the same local team and community that welcomed us so warmly in 2012 and 2013. It is a place full of stories, natural beauty and healing energy, and a place of learning, creativity and fun!

What can I bring? Everyone is invited to create our time together. Please bring:



- Passion and responsibility – your energy and passion for what you love, and responsibility to help create our time here together
- Curiosity and authenticity – your curiosity about what’s happening in yourself, in your community and in the world, and your willingness to show up as who you truly and fully are
- Generosity and vulnerability – An openness to step forward and offer your unique contribution with generosity – and to ask for what you need. Allowing others to witness our vulnerability can bring transformation and healing for all
- Your projects – bring along your ideas or projects for good work in your community, organisation, family or the world, and ask for help to co-create them together
- Songs, stories, books, art supplies, musical instruments, costumes, props or anything else to support creative expression or celebration.

About costs Our intention is to make the Learning Village accessible to everyone who wishes to join regardless of their economic situation. We have again chosen a Shared Economy model - a cooperative, responsibility-based approach to funding the Learning Village where the community as a whole holds the financial responsibility. Taking into consideration the costs of the event and your own financial resources, you are invited to identify what you can pay, then add a little more.

There is a range of low cost accommodation options from camping and hostel accommodation at the Manor, to homestays and local hotels. Everyone is welcome to join us for all or part of the week. You can also come just for the day, and there will be an affordable day participation fee for locals. Find specific detail on the website.

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