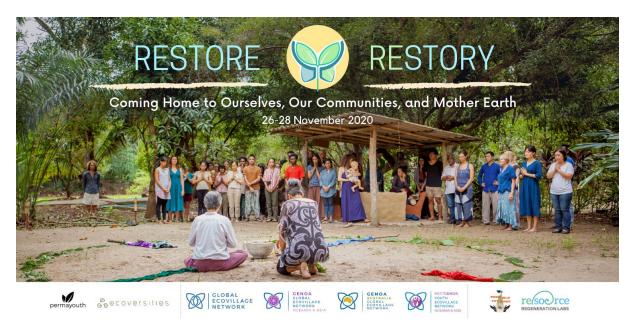
## **Restore & Re-story Ecovillage Online Gathering**

## Igniting the change - walking, gathering and exchanging together

From 26-28 November 2020, The Global Ecovillage Network in Oceania and Asia (GENOA) successfully hosted the ecovillage gathering **Restore & Re-story - Coming Home to Ourselves**, **Our Communities and Mother Earth**.



This gathering was truly a fruit of partnership and community power. GENOA has worked closely with organizations like Ecoversities Alliance, Permayouth, GEN, NextGENOA, GEN Australia, Possible Futures and Resources Regeneration Labs; together with many eco-communities, eco-villages, eco-projects and individuals in the region to manifest this beautiful healing, harnessing and harmonising event.



The gathering attracted over 300 registrations with around 30 - 80 constant attendees throughout our eleven sessions all the way from the opening ceremony on Nov 26 until the closing circle on Nov 28. You can click on the following hyperlinks to re-watch the live-stream videos of our <u>opening</u> and <u>closing</u> circles on our Facebook page, which has received over 3,300 views at the time of the event.

This virtual gathering showed us the true power of community togetherness, joining hands, heads and hearts sharing wisdom and empowering each other. Drawing experience and knowledge from our inner wells and collective roots, the gathering was designed to heal and integrate and uplift the three elements of - **BODY** (somatic and creative practices for mindfulness and well-being); **MIND** (reflective dialogues and presentations on regeneration) and **SPIRIT** (cultural performances and activities for healing and celebration).



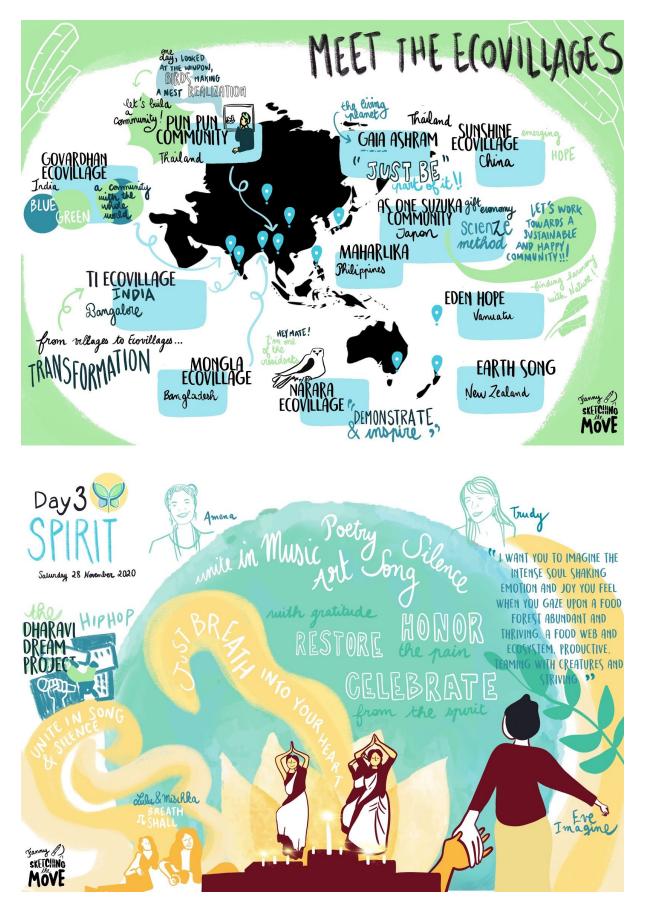
On the first day, we journeyed from *Returning to the Sacred*, to *Navigating the Great Turning* with The Work that Reconnects before embarking on a Deep Dive of *the Great Reset* and *Regeneration of the Global South*. We healed our spirit expanding *Beyond Time and Space* with music, poetry and sacred sounds. On the second day, we *embodied resilience through the tool of laughter and neuroplasticity, journeyed to the Wholeness with Active Hope*. We also had the chance to explore the *actions and perspectives of youth leaders* around the region and interacted with *diverse dimensions of ecovillage living* in Asia and Oceania. With the motto of *"Coming Home to Ourselves, Our Communities and Mother Earth"*, we acknowledged the endless sources of creativity, transformation and wisdom in our inner self, our collective self and in Mother Nature.

The ending of this virtual gathering event opened doors to multiple possibilities of co-creation and cross-pollination among regenerative communities and eco-souls of the region, which we as the Global Ecovillage Network in Oceania and Asia (GENOA) - are honoured to explore, expand and deepen with you.

You can check the whole program design <u>here</u>. We will be back with more insights from the gathering in our upcoming newsletter and other channels of communications with the whole network. In the meantime, we invite you to enjoy these beautiful artworks by the Graphic Recording Artist - Fanny Sketching The Move capturing the essence of some sessions during the Restore & Re-story Gathering.







Please note to cite the artworks to @Fanny Sketching the Move whenever you reuse/share them.

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