Vision for a feminist ecovillage in southern Sweden

This marks the beginning of a new project. A vision for a radical response to this world characterised by oppression, exploitation and individualism has taken root within us and is now ready to take shape in a feminist ecovillage community in southern Sweden. For this, we are looking for people who feel resonance by our words and would like to co-create this utopia with us!

Our understanding of the world and our response to it are inspired by the Kurdish feminist freedom movement, which has broadened our horizons enormously. Nevertheless, our view of the world remains shaped and limited by privilege and Eurocentrism. Whether our words resonate with you, raise questions or seem to fall short – we are keen to hear your thoughts and perspectives!

Vision

We believe in a society that places life, dignity and freedom at its heart.

Our vision is of a community based on the principles of autonomy, gender liberation, self-determination, solidarity, trust and appreciation for each other as well as for the natural world around us.

We want to create a place where we can explore all aspects of sustainable co-living. Sustainable practice requires collective, solidarity-based thinking and action rather than Western individualism.

Ecofeminism and Gender Liberation

We understand patriarchy as a power structure built on exploitation and oppression, and closely intertwined with the capitalist system of domination. Sexism, racism, ableism, queer oppression, colonialism and environmental destruction are all forms of oppression and exploitation produced by patriarchy and capitalism. The binary gender system and cis-heteronormativity are colonial constructs. Gender liberation and feminist struggles are therefore a decolonial and intersectional movement for the liberation of all oppressed groups of people, as well as nature.

Feminist liberation struggles are taking place worldwide. We see our community as part of this global movement and aim to build international networks for our struggles for change.

Feminism must be put into practice in everyday life that goes beyond theory and analysis. In this world shaped by domination, we as a community need a practice of self-empowerment

for women and queer people to actively shape and co-create change.
We believe that collective healing from global, structural wounds can take place when people of all genders succeed in shaping this space together.

Autonomy and self-organisation
We understand autonomy and self-organisation as self-empowerment to a free life in dignity, built on communal structures rather than on societal power structures. To achieve this, we need ways of decision-making and sharing knowledge, property and time that are based on trust and solidarity.

For us, autonomy means organising ourselves as independently as possible from societal structures and systems. In our view, sustainable autonomy can only arise through community. We want to create a space in which every person has the opportunity to help shape the community with their experiences, knowledge, needs and superpowers.

Practical Life

Community Time
Every member of the community contributes a part of themselves to the community. We share responsibility in a spirit of solidarity and support the community together. This can take the form of organisational and administrative work, care work, projects in and around the house, activist and emotional work, and many other forms.

Emotional Processes
We understand personal wounds as collective traumas arising from global structures. We aim to create a space where we can show our vulnerability and experience being seen and held by the community. We believe that collective healing can take place through this.

Breaking down power structures
Together, we want to create a space to break down power structures and find alternative ways of living together. As a community, we want to raise awareness of the privileges we hold, how we reproduce structural inequality, and how we can break these cycles and free ourselves from them.

Activism and networking
As well as being a centre for research into anti-patriarchal and solidarity-based coexistence, our community aims to become a place for political networking, education and coming to terms with the past. We want to remain connected to global events and fulfill our responsibility for ecological and feminist change beyond the confines of our community.

Sustainability and Ecology
As a community, we want to explore what sustainability means to us in various areas of life and where we see our responsibilities and scope for action. This includes, amongst other things, the following areas:
- Permaculture

- Regenerative water system
- Permaculture garden
- Biodiversity
- Eco-friendly building

- Food
- Use of resources (consumption, energy, transport, etc.)
- Economy

Connection with nature
We want to remember that we are part of infinitely vast animal and plant communities. We want to relearn how to connect with all life around us, our origins and our roots. For this, we encourage mindful feeling and action, which for us is also a practice for breaking the cycle of oppression of nature and the environment.

Lifeliness
To be alive is to be in motion, to be present, to be connected, to be sentient beings, to be sensual, to grow and to change. We understand lifeliness as an active act of resistance against structures that oppress life.
We welcome light-heartedness, playfulness, laughter and humour into our community. Together, we want to dance through life and celebrate its gifts and wonders.

Rituals and celebrations
Through rituals and celebrations, we seek to come together as a community to honour and celebrate the cycle of the year, the earth's gifts, our sense of connection, love, life and much more. For us, collective celebration is at the heart of a community.

Children
Children teach us to live in the moment. They are the light and the future of a sustainable community. We want the next generation to grow up in an environment of love and solidarity, with as many and diverse role models and persons uf trust as possible. Children should get organised in a children's council, feel as a part of the community and have the opportunity to play an active role in shaping it.

We see family and childcare as a central communal responsibility.

Autonomy and self-organisation

We have a number of ideas about the areas in which we can organise ourselves and thereby become more independent from the system. These include, for example, an autonomous (natural) health centre, our own organic shop, a vegan café or a free school.

About us
We are Mona (she, her) and Livia (she, her), a queer couple, eco-queer-feminist activists and allies of the Kurdish women's freedom movement in Switzerland and internationally.

Next steps
If our words have sparked your curiosity and you can imagine being part of this journey, we'd love to hear from you!

- By December 2026: drop us a few words about yourself at feminist.ecovillage@tutamail.com
- January 2027: first meet-up, online or in person
- Mid-March 2027: Community Building Camp in Sweden. We'll take two weeks to get to know each other and dive into the first community-building processes. The camp is intended to be a self-organised co-creation by all participants.
- End of March 2027: Decision process who would like to continue this journey together
- April 2027: Setting up a co-operative & fundraising
- From May 2027: The community takes shape