

An invitation, post PLEA event

Findhorn 6–7 July 2017

We extend a warm welcome to PLEA participants

Visit The Park Ecovillage

We offer a programme focused on co-housing – the environmental, social, financial benefits, as well as an overview of our ‘optimise renewable energy’ research results



£275.00

Two nights B&B with meals, tours and presentations

Nestled between Findhorn Bay and Moray Firth, **The Park Ecovillage** within the Findhorn Foundation community is a **pioneering settlement, embracing co-creation with nature**, experimenting with regenerative practices – socially and environmentally, **honouring the sacred in all life**.

OPTIONAL extras tour of living machine, visit solar thermal factory, and/or visit Benromach distillery

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Post PLEA event SCHEDULE

Thursday 6 July

Arrive late morning, settle into B&Bs

12.30 Lunch at the community centre (CC)

13.30 Introduction to each other and to The Park Ecovillage and Findhorn Foundation community
With Mari Hollander, Findhorn Foundation Trustee and Ariane Burgess, regenerative designer/educator

14.00 Co housing overview and specifics, layout, design, qualities
With Graham Meltzer PhD

15.00 Tea break

15.30 Tour of The Park, highlighting co housing and renewable energy projects

17.30 Visit Station House co-operative in Findhorn Village, followed by a meal in the local organic slow food restaurant, the Bakehouse

Friday 7 July

9.15 Social contract, co housing, *with Ariane Burgess*

10.30 Tea break

11.00 Financial models for co housing – our local approaches and key principles, *with Alex Walker*

12.30 Lunch at the CC

14.00 Optimise renewables at Findhorn, update on wind, PV, solar thermal & ORIGIN research (smart grid)
With Paddy Atkinson, engineer

15.30 Conclusion of programme

OPTIONALS extras

Tour of living machine – chemical free waste water treatment

Visit to AES – local solar thermal manufacturer

Visit Benromach – local 'boutique' distillery



Mari Hollander, your host, is a Trustee of the Findhorn Foundation, Chair of Findhorn Wind Park and course coordinator for the Findhorn Foundation College. She offers her extensive experience of community life within The Park Ecovillage, its environmental projects, and approaches to informal adult and children's education.

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Post PLEA event PRESENTERS



Graham Meltzer has worked as a builder, architect, academic, author and photographer. He is currently Asset Development Manager in the Findhorn Foundation (FF), also organises FF conferences and occasionally teaches eco-architecture in the FF College.

Ariane Burgess, your co host, has an MSc in Integrative EcoSocial Design and works to ensure the aspects of ecological, economic, social and cultural design are all considered in the projects. She worked with the East Whins co housing project during the detailed design stage as well as in the process of supporting the residents to design their governance structure and decision-making process. Currently, she is exploring how to ensure local food is considered in housing development through the incorporation of edible forest gardens and a zero waste approach.



Alex Walker, financial consultant who has advised numerous community and environmental groups in the UK on the subjects of community ownership, renewable energy, and affordable housing. He is chairman of Ekopia Ltd, a community benefit co-operative that raises investment capital for various local projects, a board member of Findhorn Wind Park Ltd and of Development Trusts Association Scotland.

Paddy Atkinson has over 10 years of experience as an energy systems engineer. He specialises in electrical and mechanical systems with a particular focus on energy systems, energy efficiency and renewable energy. He has worked in diverse environments on three continents. He is project manager and project engineer for ORIGIN research at The Park as well as other renewable energy grants and projects at The Park.

