Ecovillages as Campuses for Sustainability Education

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Ecovillages are communities striving to live well and lightly together.
From appropriate technologies to holistic health, from sustainable agriculture to group facilitation, ecovillages are integrating solutions within human-scale communities and creating new cultures and "stories" in which we can live well - and lightly. While not utopias, they are developing real-world models of sustainable development that make ideal "campuses" where students can learn about sustainability while striving to live it. This talk will provide an introduction to the growing ecovillage movement worldwide (e.g., Findhorn, Scotland; Auroville, India; Sirius, MA) and the possibilities and challenges of using these communities as contexts for education and social change.

BIO: After living at the Findhorn ecovillage and completing his Ph.D. in the early 90s, Daniel Greenberg founded Living Routes, which partnered with UMass Amherst to run study abroad programs based in ecovillages around the world. He also helped found Gaia Education and currently sits on the Boards of both Gaia Education and the Global Ecovillage Network.

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