

Park Eco-Village Community Centre

Vision Statement

The Park Eco-Village Community Centre is a demonstration of love in action – by the community, for the community – to nurture a more connected and unified peoples as we complete our transition to a fully-fledged village. We envision:

- a communal space that will allow contact between young people and elders for mutual benefit
- a neutral, inclusive space that nurtures the young, honours the old, and generates social cohesion
- a space designed to serve us – the community – rather than our visitors; where every member, of any age, feels welcome and is able to relax & express themselves freely
- a simple but elegant future-proof building that provides space for eating, meeting & gathering which can be expanded easily to fulfill the ever-expanding needs of our diverse village and community.

Strategy

If it is to fulfill this vision the project must first and foremost be a demonstration of love in action to ground a more loving community. This we anchor as the core of all that we do.

The project will be designed, built and funded principally by the community. By generating a sense of ownership by all, we will also increase the number of channels through which we can receive outside support.

We will start simple and be realistic.

We will poll our members to find out what they really want. – the community will drive the design brief.

We will conduct a study into how we may also be able to utilize our existing buildings more effectively – can this project serve to energise other of our community spaces? i.e. MAC, Youth Building, Family Playhouse.

We propose to develop the project in a way that generates community ownership. To ensure the long term sustainability of the project we propose to:

- Establish an account, possibly through PET, to begin receiving monthly amounts (say minimum of £4) for the PECC project. The funds will be expended on the development and enabling efforts, and will galvanise the team of committed members whose collective energy will contribute to the project.
- Establish a cooperative, run by youth, be established to manage and tend to the building and the facilities and services it offers (cafe, bookings, etc.).