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| **The Unity Eco-Village**  **Volunteer Programme** |
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| All the documentation work of Unity Eco Village Project Volunteer programme |
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**Unity Eco-Village project- Introduction**

Unity Eco-village is an environmental based non-profitable social organization. The vision of unity eco village is to create a creating a space of peace, love, harmony, joy and sharing by nurturing & conserving nature while experimenting ways to be sustainably in it. We see nature & mother earth as a living entity and believe in living with the land, with music, Arts as essentials for a peaceful and joyful life.

We welcome volunteers of every kind be it architecture, eco construction, music, literature, arts, anyone who believes in sustainable living in harmony with nature in all its form, to come and be the part of the community. As a community we listen to each other’s art, learn from each other, and grow together & contribute our bit for a world with peace, joy & compassion.

**Our core values:**

**Eco - orientation** – Eco living is the primary purpose of this community.  All our activities should be aligned either directly or indirectly towards nurturing nature.

**Eco-friendly practices**- we conduct all the activities of the community in a manner which is eco-friendly that includes

o Minimal use of plastic and other non-bio degradable materials

o Segregation and proper disposal of non-biodegradable wastes

**Vegetarianism** – we as a community adapt vegetarian diet to make the community comfortable for everyone

**Mutual respect and co-operation** – we treat everyone with respect and do not tolerate discrimination of any sort. We also live with co-operation which emerges naturally and voluntarily amongst the community members by understanding the spirit of community living. We use non-violent communication in all our interactions and resolve our difference of views through healthy open discussions.

**Life in the community:**

We practice the art which we carry within each one of us

We live here as a community of conscious beings. We take part voluntarily in the community chores which includes cooking, purchase of supplies, farming activities , maintenance of tools, cleaning the community space and any other activities which are incidental for community living

We engage with the local village people especially with children and host workshops for them

We also host art workshops for the outside world to give them an experience of life in a serene natural environment

**How we sustain the community**

The community activities are coordinated by the Unity Eco-Village and carried out by all community and members. The Managing committee of the community (founders and other elected members) will provide the policy guidelines to the community and observe the community’s activities whether they are aligned with the spirit of our project

The community is mainly funded by the community members’ contribution. In order to encourage people to stay longer we are following differential tariff as  below :

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| Duration of stay | prescribed minimum contribution ( in Rupees per day) |
| 1 – 7 days | Rs.10,000 |
| 8 days- 14 days | Rs.5,000 |
| 15 – 30 days | Rs.3,500 |
| From 31st day | Rs.2,500 |

We also raise funds from the paid art workshops/ events and gatherings conducted for external people.

We accept supportive hands from like-minded people who share the passion for self-sustainable community living.

**How you can be a part of the Unity Eco Village community**:

**Volunteers**: Come and live in the community. Please fill up the Volunteer registration form , we will contact you soon

**Co-Ordinator:** The community requires coordinators to steer the activities. If you are interested to be a steward of the community, please fill up the co-ordinator’s application form ,we will contact you soon

**Event participants**: Follow our website, FB group and community pages to know about our activities and participate in our art workshops and gatherings.

Give us your valuable suggestions and ideas to improve the community or if you have any questions , write to us @

**Donors :** For monetary donations please click here

**General Instructions to volunteers**

All volunteers who are coming to live in ‘Eco village’, kindly read the below instructions and follow them throughout your period of stay both in the community as well as when you are visiting the nearby villages and forests.

Every community members’ involvement, dedication and passion for community living is essential for the smooth functioning of the community

Participate voluntarily in all the activities of the community

Be respectful and friendly with everyone.

Dress appropriately considering the local cultural sensitivity

Maintain good standard of personal hygiene and cleanliness in the living areas

Be appreciative of nature and excise awareness in using all resources

We are living in a forest which is inhabited by lot of species of birds and animals. Make sure we don’t cause any sort of disturbance to these beings. Familiarize yourself about the safety practices and follow them all the time.

**Responsibilities of Co-Ordinator’s/ Long term volunteers**

Co-ordinating day to day activities of the community. Identify volunteers to carry out the routine activities to be performed and oversee them for proper execution

New volunteers’ orientation. On arrival of new volunteers, brief them about the values and practices of the community. Make sure to complete the administrative tasks relating to new volunteer registration. Take the new volunteers for a tour around the place to make them get familiarized with’ where is what’ in the community.

Conduct community gathering to have discussion with the community members about different aspects of the community

Initiate projects based on the interests and skills of the community members to encourage different arts

Learn about the local legal requirements from the community and work with the administrative team for its proper compliance.

Every month forecast the financial requirement of the community and ensure we have enough funds to run the month smoothly. Also review every month’s receipts and expenses of the farm and take actions to improve the optimum usage of funds

Understand the local seasonal conditions for different period of the year and make necessary arrangements to ensure the community is fully prepared.

**Safety measures and crisis management**

* Firstly, please flow the instruction of the volunteer’s house carefully
* In case of accident or an emergency inform the coordinator first.
* Don’t make fire anywhere.
* Use only what you need.
* Carry a head lamp at night.

**Community activities’ specific instructions**

**Kitchen instructions**

* The Kitchen will be shared kitchen so please respect other values
* The Dishes one has used will have to be cleaned by self.
* Use Compost area to dispose food.
* Try to use/ experiment with local food products from eco-village.
* Please keep the Kitchen clean.
* Share food.
* Respect others food taste and habits.
* **NOTE:** If your living arrangement is made at a homestay than all the food and accommodation will be arranged at by the Home.

**Farming instructions**

* The farming instructions will be given as per one’s knowledge and indulgent experience they have been with food crops and agriculture, and the season of crops by the Co-Ordinator.

**Administrative tasks**

* Make sure of all visa processes and time you have before getting involved.
* All the Administrative forms and tasks shall have initiated and be completed before beginning the work.

**Waste management**

* Green walk. (Area Cleaning day)
* Weekly Collection of the waste from the Hub’s to station.
* Separation of the waste.
* Recycling and product management.
* Analyzing and report making of the waste production, recycling, production, and finance.