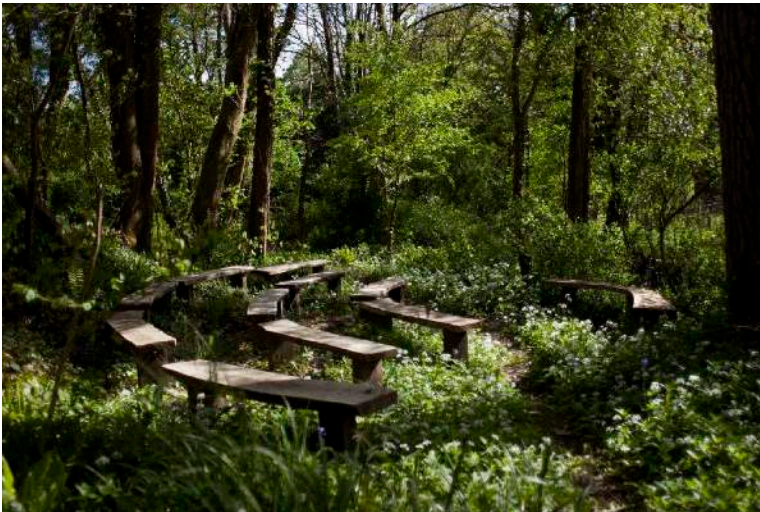




**Field trip to the Schumacher College (UK)
with the Schumacher Sprouts Belgium**

From May 20th to May 24th 2024

INVITATION





Come and experience the **innovative and thought provoking curriculum at Schumacher College** in Devon, UK.

Join us for an **immersive journey** as we delve into the college's themes and progressive pedagogy and engage in discussions with the knowledgeable staff.

Take advantage of the opportunity to **network and exchange ideas** with fellow participants, expand your mind, challenge your perspectives, and connect with like-minded individuals.



About the Schumacher College

Schumacher College is a progressive university for ecological studies offering postgraduate and undergraduate programmes, research degrees, short courses and a practical agroecology residency.

The college has a rich history as a trailblazer in ecological learning, having celebrated its 30th anniversary. The Schumacher College focuses on interactive and experiential education to develop the practical skills and strategic thinking necessary to address 21st century challenges. Students work together in small groups, embracing the learning principles of head, hand, and heart. Many courses feature guest teachers who are world-renowned thinkers, activists, and practitioners from around the world, including James Lovelock, Vandana Shiva, Jonathan Porritt, Charlene Spretnak, George Monbiot, Helena Norberg Hodge, and many more.

A unique feature of the college is its emphasis on community and sustainable living. The food served at the college is vegetarian and grown for 50% on-site, with the remaining sourced as locally as possible. All students and staff are involved in cooking, cleaning, and gardening, which helps foster a sense of community and provides a great opportunity to interact with all members of the college.



Location

Dartington, Totnes
Devon, TQ9 6EL

3h from London by train



Who will you meet? (list to be completed /confirmed)



SATISH KUMAR

Satish is the originator and cofounder of Schumacher College. Former Jain monk and long-term peace and environment activist, Satish has been quietly setting the Global Agenda for change for over 50 years. He was just nine when he left his family home to join the wandering Jains and 18 when he decided he could achieve more back in the world, campaigning for land reform in India and working to turn Gandhi's vision of a renewed and a peaceful world into reality. In 1973 Satish settled in the United Kingdom taking up the post of editor of Resurgence magazine, a position he has held ever since, making him the UK's longest-serving editor of the same magazine. During this time, he has been the guiding spirit behind a number of now internationally respected ecological and educational ventures including Schumacher College.



TROY VINE

After gaining a PhD in particle physics from University College London, Troy became interested in philosophy of science, and is in the final stages of completing a second PhD at Humboldt University of Berlin with a dissertation on Goethe's colour science. He has edited and authored a number of books on holistic approaches to colour science, including *Seeing Colour: A Journey Through Goethe's World of Colour*.





STEPHAN HARDING

Stephan holds a doctorate in behavioural ecology from the University of Oxford. He has been involved in ecological field research in Zimbabwe, Venezuela and Costa Rica, where he was Visiting Professor in Wildlife Management at the National University.

In 1990 Stephan became one of the founding members of Schumacher College where he worked closely with James Lovelock. Stephan led and lectured on the college's MSc Holistic Science for nearly two decades, teaching on the core models of the programme. At Schumacher College Stephan has taught alongside many of the world's leading ecological thinkers and activists, including Arne Naess, Fritjof Capra, Brian Goodwin, Vandana Shiva, David Abram, James Lovelock and Lynn Margulis. Stephan is author of *Animate Earth: Science, Intuition and Gaia*, as well as *Gaia Alchemy* and *Poems of Lorca: Courting the Dawn*, translated with Martin Shaw.



JULIA PONSONBY

Julia is a chef at Schumacher College and has been at the College since it opened in 1991, when she was a student on the very first course (*Gaia*

Theory).

As well as producing delicious meals for staff and students she has written a cookbook, *Gaia's Kitchen*, which won a Gourmand World Cookbook award for best vegetarian cookbook. Before moving to Devon she worked for Westminster City Council and the medical charity Lepira and she studied Social Anthropology and Philosophy at the University of East Anglia.





ROBIN de CARTERET

Robin is an educator, facilitator and consultant in participative education, complexity science and sustainability. He specialises in using experiential activities for investigation, learning and communication. Robin focuses on a shift from looking at the world through a purely linear and mechanistic lens, to one where we understand the world as a highly interdependent network of living systems. He has developed a set of interactive activities that model the complex dynamics within organisms, communities, organisations, eco-systems, economy & society. Robin has an MSc in Holistic Science from Schumacher College. He has worked as a sustainability educator for many years, he also teaches harmony singing and performance improvisation and was co-founder of Transition Leicester, applying a systems perspective to reviving local communities.



RACHEL SWEENEY

Rachel is Head of Schumacher College Programmes and Programme Lead and Senior Lecturer for Movement, Mind, and Ecology. She is a practising movement artist whose research actively seeks our transdisciplinary approaches to decolonizing body-place relationships, engaging creatively and imaginatively with cultural heritage and sustainability discourses. Rachel is a graduate of the BA Theatre Degree at Dartington College of Arts and holds an AHRC funded PhD from Middlesex University exploring site based approaches to movement training. Rachel has worked as Head of Dance Studies at Liverpool Hope University (2010-2021), as a Visiting Fellow for the Humanities Research Centre at the Australian National University, and as Centre Fellow for the Centre for Sustainable Futures at the University of Plymouth.





JAY TOMPT

Jay is a Lecturer for Regenerative Economics. He is also a co-founder of the Totnes REconomy Project, and associate lecturer in economics at Plymouth University. He has worked with groups in many communities picking up these models. He has also developed a course on 'Citizen-led Economics', as well as led workshops and given talks in Europe, USA and Japan. Before moving to the UK Jay was based in Silicon Valley in the US as an entrepreneur and consultant in the 'green business movement'. He holds an MBA from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies and a BA in Philosophy from San Jose (USA).



JONATHAN DAWSON

For many years, Jonathan was Coordinator and Senior Lecturer for the Regenerative Economics programme at Schumacher College. He has a deep fascination with the power of narrative and language to shape how we understand the world and as a potential source of radical change in the norms, values and behaviours of our societies. Until recently a long-term resident at the Findhorn ecovillage and a former President of the Global Ecovillage Network, he has around 20 years' experience as a researcher, author, consultant and project manager in the field of small enterprise development in Africa and South Asia. Jonathan is the principal author of the Gaia Education sustainable economy curriculum, drawn from best practice within ecovillages worldwide, that has been endorsed by UNITAR and adopted by UNESCO as a valuable contribution to the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.





ROB HOPKINS

Rob Hopkins is the co-founder of Transition Network and of Transition Town Totnes, and author of several books including 'The Transition Handbook' and most recently, 'From What Is to What If: unleashing the power of imagination to create the future we want'. He is an Ashoka Fellow, has spoken at TED Global and at several TEDx events, and appeared in the French film phenomenon 'Demain'. He holds a PhD from the University of Plymouth, and is a Director of Totnes Community Development Society and of New Lion Brewery. He also hosts the podcast 'From What If to What Next'. He is a keen gardener, a founder of New Lion Brewery in Totnes, and a director of Totnes Community Development Society, the group behind Atmos Totnes, an ambitious, community-led development project. He blogs at transitionnetwork.org and robhopkins.net and tweets at [@robintransition](https://twitter.com/robintransition). In his spare time, he sometimes draws and makes drypoint prints and lino prints.



Week schedule:

Arrival:

Monday May 20th midday, welcome and afternoon session starting at 3PM with Satish Kumar

Departure:

Friday May 24th, from 2PM

More details about the programme will come soon.





Welcome to the campus and its surroundings:

The Schumacher College is located on the **Dartington Campus**, situated within the 1,200 acre estate of the Dartington Trust, next to **Totnes**, the first "transition town".

The surrounding area also includes the beautiful Dartmoor National Park and the stunning Jurassic Coast of South Devon.



About the Schumacher Sprouts Belgium

The Schumacher Sprouts Belgium is a collective of alumni from the Schumacher College. We are all actively engaged in experimenting pathways for social and economic transition, eco-pedagogy and transformative learning, community building and sustainable lifestyles.

We have created a space for individuals to experience deep ecology through our educational programme, which offers transformative courses for ecological, social, and personal change. The connection with the living world is at the heart of our pedagogy and we believe that the skills and competencies acquired through our programme are essential for creating positive and generative futures.

Sprouts
Schumacher
learning community

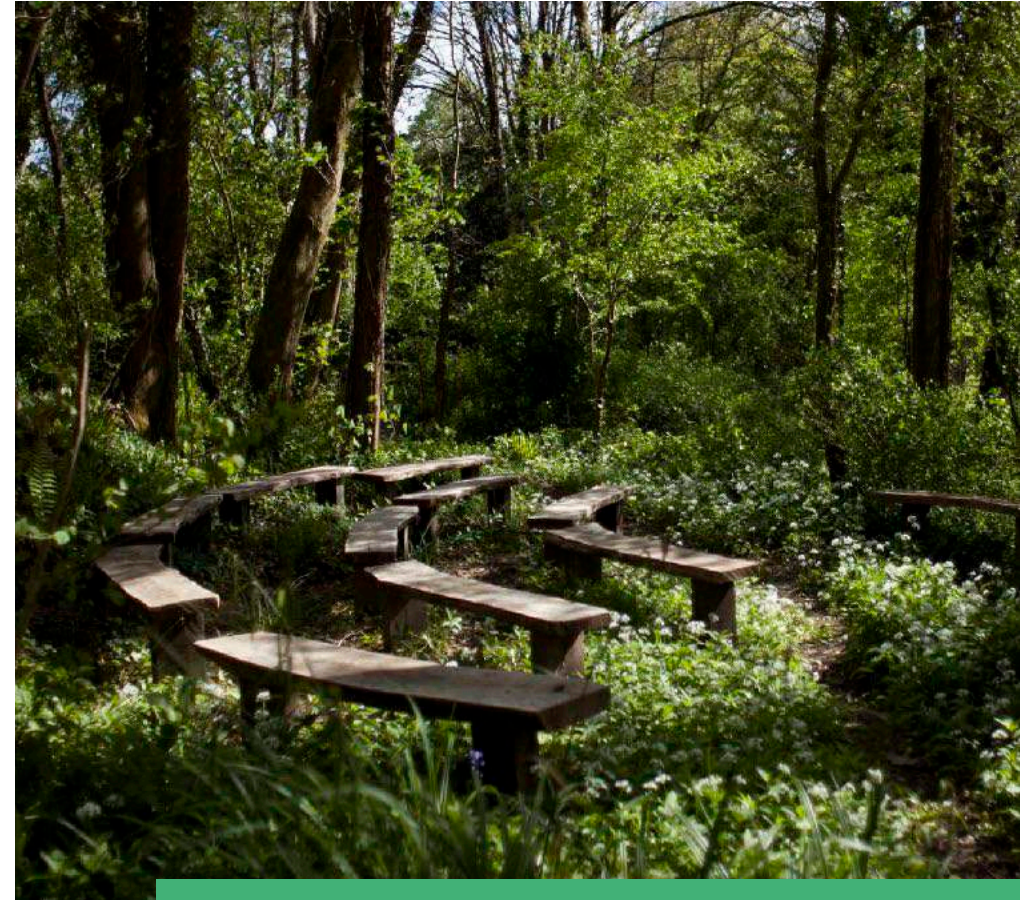


Fees and conditions:

1395 € VAT incl. (individuals, academic, non profit)

1595 € VAT incl (corporate or other)

- Residential course fees include all vegetarian meals, materials and all teaching sessions and includes accommodation (single room) with shared bathrooms from lunch on the day of your arrival through until lunchtime before your departure.
- Please note that the price does not include travel costs or travel insurance (depending on time of booking, please count 150€-300€ return train tickets)
- Place a deposit of 395€ (individuals, academic, non profit) or 595€ (corporate) to secure your place with the outstanding balance payable by April 14th.
- Refund policy : 70% refund if cancelled 8 weeks before starting date, 30% refund 4 weeks before. No refund if cancelled under 4 weeks before the starting date.
- Bringing you this exceptional field trip has been made possible thanks to the support of our donors. If the price is an issue, please contact us to look together for a solution. If you can afford to support the participation of others, you are encouraged to do so by making a separate donation of your choice.



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