



PROFILING ECO COMMUNITIES AROUND THE GLOBE

Tamera: A Model for a Sustainable and Peaceful Future

 Location - Alentejo Region, Southern Portugal



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Vision - Core Values

- Peace and nonviolence
- Ecological sustainability
- Transparency in relationships
- Decentralized living
- Global solidarity

Key Facts About Community

- Founded: in 1978 as a research center - to create a world without war
- Size: ~330 acres
- Population: ~160 residents + 300-400 visitors during events
- Tamera is one of Europe's oldest and most visionary ecovillages, guided by the belief that global peace begins with healing human relationships and living in harmony with nature



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Sustainability Highlights

- Water Retention Landscape: Tamera transformed arid land into a lush ecosystem using permaculture principles, building lakes and swales
- Energy Systems: Solar panels and compost-generated biogas, research to replace batteries with natural energy storage solutions
- Food Production: Self-sufficient in vegetables and fruits, planting to prevent forest fires and reduce groundwater consumption
- Architecture: Eco construction using local and sustainable materials
- Communal Spaces: Designed to foster connection and learning

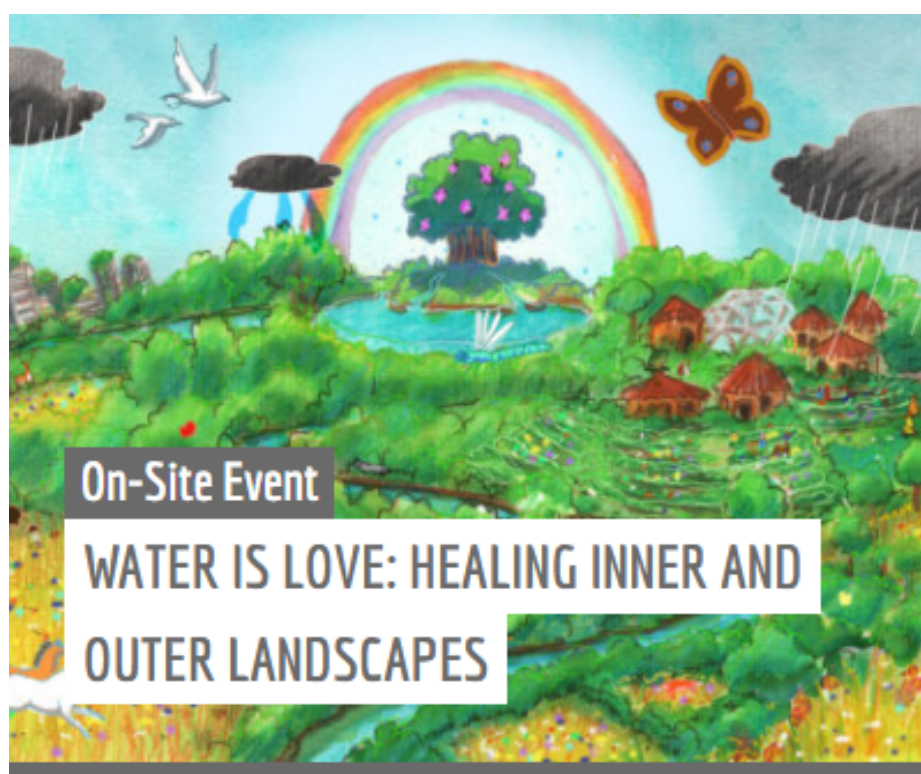


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Lifestyle

- Social Innovation and Global Impact: Tamera's unique approach integrates love, sexuality, and partnership into its peace-building efforts. They believe that unresolved interpersonal conflicts are at the root of societal violence.
- Education and Outreach: Hosts international visitors, activists, and students. Offers courses in permaculture, peace studies, and community building. Founders have launched global networks for peace and sustainability.



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Governance Structure

- Communitarian ownership, involving 2 associations that own equal shares, each person is part of one of the associations
- This means that each person collectively owns the property and infrastructure, no one can sell, buy or transfer shares
- The business side of Tamera (governed as a not-for-profit social enterprise), owns the property and infrastructure and takes care of maintenance, planning, licensing, etc.



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“Water, energy and food are available for all mankind free of charge, when we no longer follow the laws of capital instead of the logic of nature.”

- Dieter Duhm, Co-founder

References

<https://www.tamera.org/>