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Hope and Sustainability: Teachable Moments at Ecovillages

Abstract. Ecovillages are intentional or traditional communities “using local participatory processes to holistically integrate ecological, economic, social, and cultural dimensions of sustainability in order to regenerate social and natural environments” (www.ecovillage.org). They are living laboratories of sustainability practices and can be found all over the world. Many have an explicit educational mission and welcome visitors. Leading students on field trips to ecovillages is a potentially transformative way to teach about the myriad social and ecological crises confronting humanity. This session draws on over a decade of experience taking college students to ecovillages in the US and Europe. Topics will include the global ecovillage movement, immersion experience logistical challenges, potential pitfalls and teachable moments.