

What if we transformed refugee camps into regenerative camps?

5th of June 2021 | public roundtable, online | 2 rounds of 2 hours

- 1) 10am UTC = 11am BST | 12pm CEST | 1 PM EEST | 8pm AEST
(for participants from Australia, Asia, Africa, Middle East, Europe)
- 2) 3pm UTC = 8am PDT | 11am EDT | 4pm BST | 5pm CEST | 6pm EEST
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Restoration in refugee camps has an enormous potential to enhance the living conditions of forcibly displaced people and the ecosystem services of the region. The UN Global Goals aim to better the living conditions whilst improving nature. What if we transform refugee camps into regenerative camps, for the people's health, wealth and peace, for the ecosystem's regeneration?

Two roundtables on the 5th of June 2021 will shed a light on the learnings from existing projects combining ecosystem restoration and working with refugees and will involve stakeholders such as aid organizations and funders to discuss the growth potential of regenerative practices in refugee camps.

The 2 roundtables will discuss:

- Why are regenerative practices a good idea for refugee camps?
- What is needed to establish restoration projects in refugee camps?
- How can projects multiply, speed up and scale?

Speakers & Panellists are representatives from:

- Experienced Projects
- Refugee Initiatives, Development Aid organization
- Funders, Investors and Supporters

Goals of the Roundtables and follow up work

1. Learn about the needs and structure them ("Matchmaking")
2. Set up working group for "guideline on regenerative camps" & practice project
3. Follow up event in autumn 2021 including experts also from:
Politics, Finance, Design Thinking, Branding, Business Modelling, ...

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Dialogue Partners:

Roundtable 1: Agenda (2 hours) *subject to change without notice*

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Welcome & Overview

5 minute short talks from:

Tina Teucher (facilitator)

The idea of Refugees & Restoration

Tina Teucher is a “Sustainable Matchmaker” and professional moderator. She strives to support sustainable projects in spreading their ideas, growing, scaling and multiplying. Together with a growing team, she is dedicated to bring the vision into a reality: Transforming refugee camps into places of regeneration and hope. In this roundtable, Tina wants to bring international stakeholders together.

Rosemary Morrow (Permaculture 4 Refugees)

Our Experience in restoring with refugees

Rosemary Morrow is an internationally respected pioneer of the permaculture movement with almost 4 decades of experience on the ground. She is co-founder of Blue Mountains Permaculture Institute and has trained villagers and farmers from war torn nations, during and after conflict, as well as introducing permaculture in refugee camps.

Jennie Spears (Lemon Tree Trust)

Gardening experiences in camps

With Lemon Tree Trust, Jennie Spears helps refugee communities to create gardens all over the world. LTT sees gardening as a powerful tool, addressing issues of mental health, producing beauty, belonging, food security, and promising economic stimulation. Jennie is a PR and media relations professional with almost 20 years of experience and bases her work on really listening to the people.

Photene Kalpakiotis (The Greek Forum of Refugees)

What would be needed to start in Greece

Photene Kalpakiotis is the project coordinator of refugees.gr, a Greek Refugee Forum, which was created in 2012. The network connects migrant communities, as well as individuals and professionals who wish to aid in the Greek humanitarian crisis. She has more than 30 years of experience in NGOs working on humanitarian and environmental causes, also with government agencies.

Pieter van der Gaag (Ecosystem Restoration Camps)

How restoration can transform places

Pieter van der Gaag serves as Executive Director of the Foundation set up in support of Ecosystem Restoration Camps. His careers spans more than 25 years in sustainability including with ANPED, the Northern Alliance for Sustainability, IUCN and Triodos Investment Management, as well as the Natural Capital Coalition and the Dutch Development Bank.

Juliet Millican (Re-Alliance)

Learnings from the network: What hinders us?

Juliet Millican is coordinator of Re-Alliance. The NGO brokers and shares knowledge for regenerative responses to disaster, displacement and development. Collaborating with over 50 members from grass roots organisations to larger INGOs, Re-Alliance promotes innovative good practice. They research and implement projects with refugee communities in Kenya, The Philippines and Syria.

Ruth Andrade (Lush; Regenerosity)

What funders & impact investors need to fund projects

Ruth Andrade is a Trustee and co-founder of Re-Alliance, a collective of practitioners bringing regenerative design to the humanitarian sector, a co-creator of Regenerosity, an initiative for finding, funding and learning from the planet's most regenerative projects. She works for the natural cosmetics company Lush since 2004, passionate about how to transform business into a force of regeneration.

Interaction with public (Surveys in Zoom & Youtube, Chat)

Music / Poetry

Discussion with all panellists about the topic

Questions and ideas from audience

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Roundtable 2: Agenda (1,5 hours) *subject to change without notice*
3pm UTC = 8am PDT | 11am EDT | 4pm BST | 5pm CEST | 6pm EEST
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Nathalie Meier (Movement on the Ground)

What we need in order to multiply & scale our projects

Nathalie Meier is the Marketing and Communications Manager of Movement On The Ground, an organisation with a fixed presence on the Greek islands responding to the humanitarian crisis affecting people forced from their homes. Nathalie is responsible for generating awareness to the current refugee situation in Greece and MOTG's Camp to campUs philosophy, the concept of transforming refugee hotspots into safe, healing and dignified environments with and for refugees and their host communities.

Noah Ssempijja (YICE Uganda, Bukompe refugee camp)

How regenerative practices can empower refugees

Noah Ssempijja is Founder and Director of Youth Initiative for Community Empowerment – YICE in Uganda. He has raised the incomes of hundreds of smallholder farmers by 20% and boosted their food production by about 100% since Noah founded it in 2011. His enterprise won multiple awards. He is also Refugee Programme Coordinator of Opportunity International in Uganda.

Elham AlAbbadi (Bayoudha Village)

Working with locals and refugees in Jordan

Elham AlAbbadi is a Jordanian environmental pioneer from Bayoudha village. As an entrepreneur in permaculture, farming and livestock production, she is committed to provide innovative solutions to the local community, promoting ecosystem restoration techniques in agriculture. Her cooperative gave birth to 4 other cooperatives, serving 20 villages.

John D. Liu (Ecosystem Restoration Camps)

How knowledge, education and media can help

John D. Liu is an internationally known environmental documentary film maker and ecologist, best known for his award winning ecological documentaries “Green Gold” and “Hope In A Changing Climate”. In 2017, John founded Ecosystems Restoration Camps foundation, which is global movement of people creating an abundant earth through ecosystem restoration and sustainable livelihoods.

Maya Hennerkes (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, EBRD)

What funders & impact investors need to fund projects

Maya Hennerkes is a sustainable finance expert with over 15 years of experience and leads the ESG work of EBRD with financial institutions and private equity funds. She designs and supervises environmental and social risk management and safeguard frameworks for a portfolio of EUR 3.3bn new approvals per year. She gives insights in the way impact funders choose projects to support.

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