

Nazela, Tereza and Kruti present....

...following a
snowshoe heartstorm...

...and a co-living for a
week as roommates...

**Building
our housing
cooperative**



What and why?

We are building a **cooperative living space** where **sustainability, creativity, and community** come together.

Rooted in **permaculture**, our space will be a home, a guesthouse, a sanctuary and a **hub for living, breathing activism**.

sol·ace

give comfort or consolation to:

"the soundlessness of nature impressed and solaced her" · "I solaced myself with a slab of chocolate"

Similar:

comfort

console

cheer

support

relieve

soothe



Our core principles

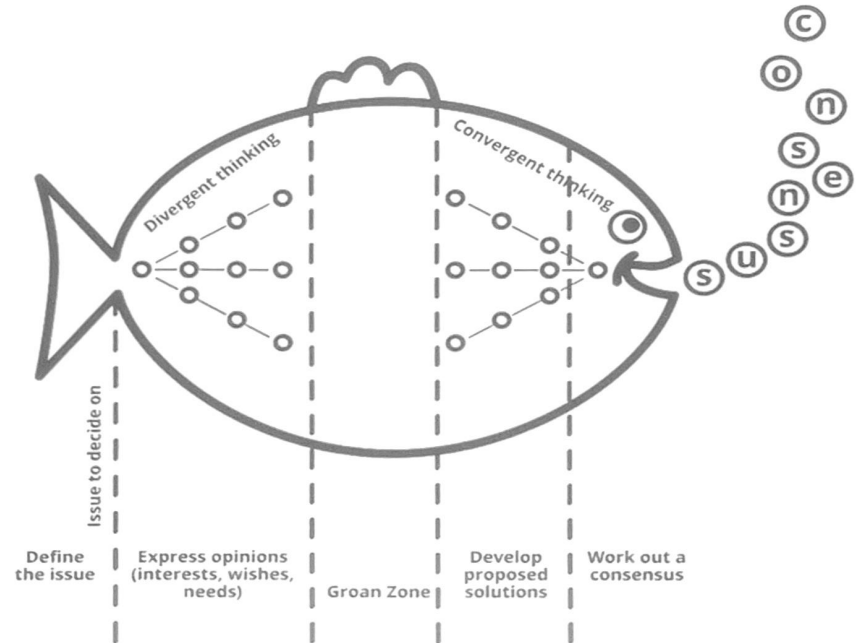
1. Consensus-Based Decision Making
2. Openness & Evolution
3. Regenerative & Sustainable Living
4. Shared Responsibilities & Mutual Support
5. Expression & Activism
(e.g. through art, music, writing etc)
6. Inclusive & Safe Space

No one “owns” the vision of the co-living space; it will be adaptive and co-created by all who engage with it.



Decision making through finding consensus

- We will make decisions collectively, ensuring that every voice is heard and valued, rather than just the loudest voice or even the majority.
- This is achieved through active listening, respectful dialogue and a willingness to come to a compromise



In the first 3 months...

- The three of us will get to know one another - our individual needs, wants, principles.
- We will also get to know how we work well together - what our our strengths, how can we communicate courageously, etc
- This is also when we will plan and begin the practicalities of moving in together and starting the cooperative.
- We will have short daily check-ins and longer weekly meetings.



In the first year...

- Slowly, through the seasons, working on the infrastructure to realise our vision of a community space...
 - Repurposing spaces to be more centred around sharing and togetherness
 - Planting the first garden and preparing land for permaculture.
 - Starting community projects.
- At the end of the first year, in the summer, we will organize a launch event in our large garden for the local community.



In the first 3 years...

- The space will slowly be open to others, be they short term guests or longer term volunteers
- The living spaces and buildings will grow and evolve based on the ideas, capacity and vision of those who live with us
- We will run more events (open days, festivals etc) for the public, which will increase our opportunity to share the ideas behind co-living with the wider world.



The risks

- Financial troubles
- Disagreements between residents
- Legal and regulatory challenges
- Volunteer turnover
- Operational inefficiency

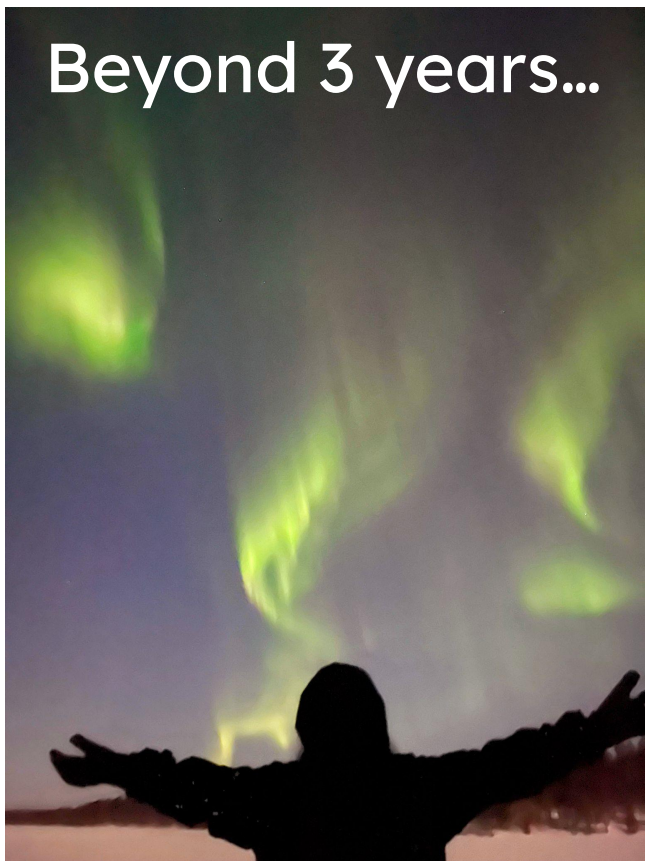


What does success look like?

- Building community of residents who are supported and supportive - whether is it of few or many!
- Establish permaculture successfully, increasing self sufficiency each year
- Good feedback from the wider community from us sharing our ideas behind co-living and permaculture - we will be a living, breathing example of a different way of being!



Beyond 3 years...



The sky is the limit!

