

# The Common Unity Project

*Invites You to Join Us at Our...*

## Off-grid EARTHSHIP Volunteer Camp!

May 1<sup>st</sup> - Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015



The Common Unity Project (TCUP), an aspiring off-grid egalitarian community in Northern BC, invites you to join us in the construction phase of our communal building: THE HIVE. This building will be a blend of Earthship principles and natural building; integrating recycled and salvaged waste materials with straw bale, cob and timber framing construction methods, to create a self-sufficient, resilient living environment powered by earth's natural elements.

To achieve this we will need a lot of helping hands. From May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 we will be hosting an ongoing, volunteer driven work camp where we will experience the many benefits of living in community with one another. We hope to bring together a diversity of folks including local friends, community seekers, permaculturalists, world travelers, grassroots activists and those who are simply seeking an alternative to an unfulfilling capitalist society.



Hazelton BC, Canada  
Gitxsan Territory

“The secret of change is to focus all your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new.” –Dan Millman

*TCUP is located at the foot of Mt. Stekyoden along the salmon filled Bulkley River within the bountiful Skeena River Watershed.*



## What's an Earthship you ask?

"Building an Earthship is one way we can work to free ourselves of our reliance on the exploitive capitalist system."

Earthships are cutting edge, radically sustainable buildings, constructed using old car tires and other recycled materials. They use the planet's natural systems to provide all utilities - using rain to provide water and the sun's energy for heat and power. They are buildings that heat and cool themselves, harvest their own water, and use plants to treat their sewage.

Earthships enjoy the weather, regardless of season. If it's raining they catch free water, if it's windy they generate free power and if it's sunny they are capturing free heat and electricity. Apart from using all the resources immediately around them, they also employ extensive energy efficiency and water conservation measures, ensuring that the rainwater and renewable

energy they harvest goes as far as possible. Earthships have evolved over the last thirty years from the pioneering work of Michael Reynolds, Earthship Biotecture and the residents of three Earthship communities in Taos, New Mexico.

### Enthusiastic Volunteers Needed!

We welcome a diverse group of people to live and work together in a mutually respectful and affirmative environment, using consensus process along with open, direct communication. We ask our volunteers to contribute a minimum of 5 hours a day, 6 days a week. In exchange, we offer rustic accommodations in basic but comfortable conditions, wholesome food, hands-on learning, and the incredible experience of all that a 160 acre, off-grid community has to offer.



We believe in the interconnectedness of all life and that interacting together in Common Unity is the basic building block needed to transform the planet.



### **Work Activities:**

Our main focus this year is the construction project, so physical strength and building experience is welcomed. We will also be growing food and building the first stage of our permaculture garden. Those interested in food growing, food foraging, and food preparation will find ample opportunity here. We will have sign up lists each week for food prep, clean-up, and other chores.

### **Informal Education**

**Programs:** Interactive workshops and outdoor activities will likely naturally emerge based on the interest of participants and the presence of instructors. We will be exploring topics such as

natural building, Earthship technology, permaculture design and non-violent direct action. We encourage volunteers to share any skills they have with the group (for example Yoga, meditation, workshops, etc). We will have an allotted one-hour period daily where folks can participate in such activities - a great opportunity to learn and share with like-minded people.

**Membership:** The Common Unity Project (TCUP) is in the beginning stages of developing an earth based, egalitarian community. Since the seed was planted in 2012, TCUP has steadily evolved to where we are

now. We have been adamantly networking, gaining awareness, honing our vision, learning and un-learning. We are open to new members who share our common vision of making a positive impact within ourselves, the greater community, and the earth as a whole. Currently members share income, resources and responsibilities. Our immediate goal is to build infrastructure to house more people while furthering our ability to sustain ourselves through food production and a communal-based business. If you would like to be a part of TCUP we invite you to come spend some time with us!

*Interested?....*

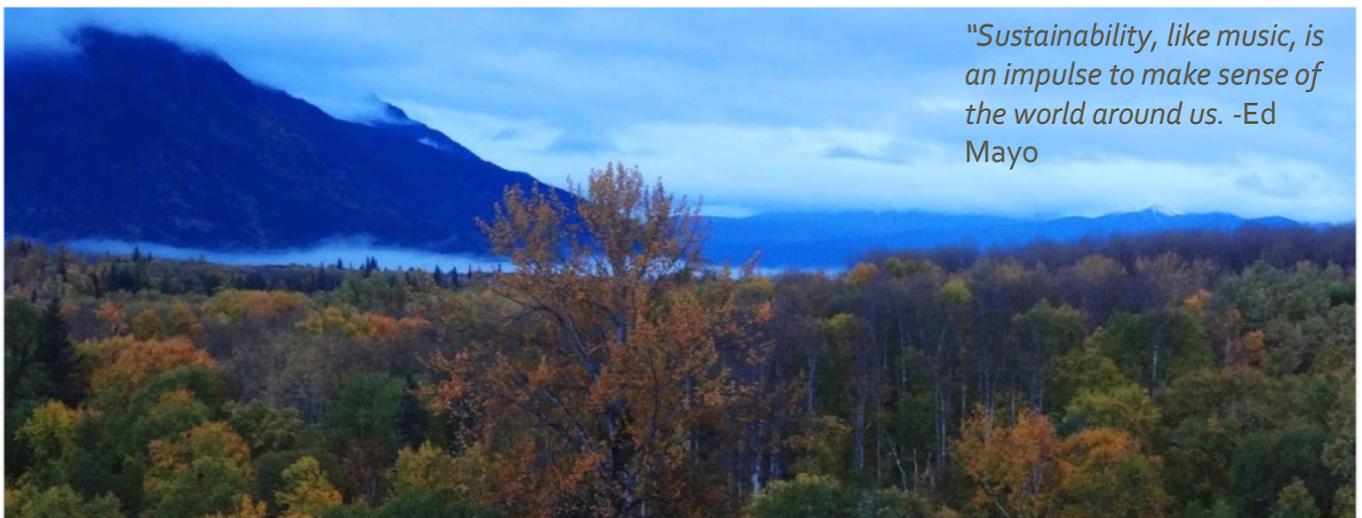
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We are in the beginning stages of building our community and are looking for creative innovators to help us along the way. We welcome all levels of participation, whether you want to visit, spend a few weeks building an

Earthship, or become a member of our community. If you can't make it out to Hazelton but still want to contribute in some way, visit our wish list and donation page on the website. Hope to see you in 2015!



*"Sustainability, like music, is an impulse to make sense of the world around us. -Ed Mayo*