



# CHILDREN OF THE EARTH SCOTLAND

## **Children of The Earth Scotland Gatherings Report**

" Hello everyone, we have been holding monthly meetings as Children of the Earth Scotland since March (In April we had a huge laugh with over 30 people attending our celebration, we start with a meditation of gratitude and appreciation to the Earth and all species, including humans, and our gatherings move forward from this connection-to-the-whole space.

At the moment we are focused as a small group of young adults/ youth leaders, intent on developing COE within Scotland, but starting locally in Findhorn and Forres, realising that the small steps lead to bigger leaps.

We have become affiliated with the Scottish National Youth organisation "Youth Scotland" for public liability insurance and to complete the disclosure process which allows us to work with children and young people (fingers crossed this will happen soon- as we are so keen to start offering youth gatherings and have had to hold off engaging with young people until this has been processed and is complete)

As young adults we have been meeting monthly (sometimes more as a committee), and always within the energy and love that surrounds Children of the Earth.)

### **Thursday 19th May.**

We held our Children of the Earth gathering in the Youth Building of the Findhorn Foundation.

We started with outdoor games "stuck in the mud" then a name game (in two teams you run down to a cone, turn round 5 times, then attempt to write your name in the air using your bottom- it really does take away all sense of self-consciousness and helps us come together- it was funny.

We had some amazing adults who gathered with us, many who were part of a "Northern Lights" delegation who were facilitating the "Embodying Wisdom" conference in Findhorn. I myself (Gavin) was honoured to hold a nature solo with Council sharing as part of the conference.

We had some truly inspiring people who wished us well in our next steps with working with more young people.

This gathering had fun and games, then we went inside to watch some inspiring short videos around empowerment, we had a Council sharing around the core values of COE and our own personal feelings.

Lucy led us into a body feeling exercise to connect with our self and others (in pairs) and we then shared our experiences

Lorenz then held an Earth Healing guided meditation which felt really amazing- Thank you Lorenz xx

Finally we all went outside (lovely music playing) , lit a fire and had a pot luck dinner, sharing our stories and generally celebrating life on Earth

There was around 15 people who attended this gathering, and it really felt like the start of what will become more regular adult and youth gatherings.

I have a realisation - Things are happening much slower than we anticipated (disclosures are taking longer, insurance took longer, connecting with young people is taking longer than we had hoped- BUT we truly recognise that we are being guided by higher powers and that All is exactly as it should be, and in perfect timing.

It is much better that we grow stronger as a small family before we expand, than to grow too quickly and not have solid foundations- It is this truth that will allow us to grow.and we are thankful for this realisation.

We send our love to all Hubs and Social Chapters around the World, we feel the Family growing and hope to connect with more and more of you as we grow in time and size.

with love, gratitude and appreciation for being Children of the Earth in this most special of times, we say Thank you to all species on Earth, the Earth itself and to all of Life.

**Friday 24th June** - 3 of us met (Lucy,Lorenz and Gavin) , we held a meditation that honoured our divine self, and we opened our heart as individuals,joining as a circle to send our loving intentions throughout the world, trusting that our positive energy will go to where it is most needed.

We sat in "Council" and shared our stories, Lucy and Lorenz were inspired by a talk last night by a lady from South Africa who presented her work with Inter-species communication and how every human being has this ability, if we simply become still, and open our hearts, to communicating with the other species of our planet.

Lucy has also suggested that we offer, to the local High School, a programme, through Children of the Earth Scotland, which initially tackles the local bullying (and cyber- bullying) issues, and through the COE values, creates authentic and meaningful dialogue to explore more about who we each are, specifically through drama, nature and Council sharing, within the over arching ethos of COE.

Sorry Karoline- We did not take photos, as there were only 3 of us and this was too sacred a meeting to be concerned about photos in this particular setting :)

Thank you

Gavin xx