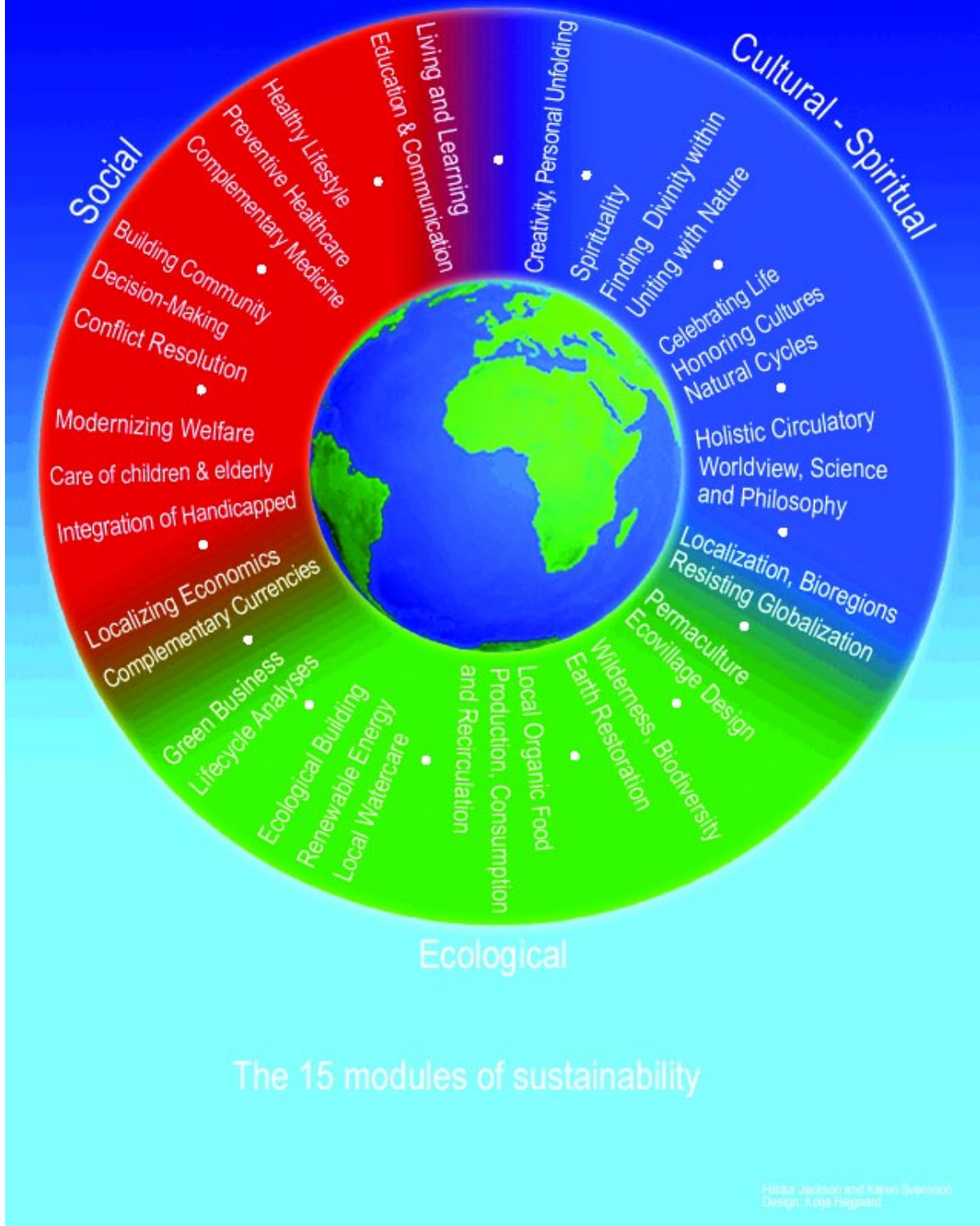


Ecovillage Curriculum



The Sustainability circle

Gaia Education

Gaia Education is a term coined to embrace education initiatives, which may lead to the healing of Gaia. This is also behind the conception of the UN decade of Education for Sustainability (2005-2015).

How do we achieve sustainability? At first we must begin to create sustainable habitats or settlements and not look at single parts of the settlements separately. It is the whole structure or system, which is in need of restructuring. Ecovillages are such a whole systems approach. Educating to become an Ecovillage designer is a new initiative in progress. The education will necessarily encompass all the 15 dimensions of an ecovillage with equal weight put on the ecological, social and spiritual dimensions.

The education will take place in ecovillages or Living and learning centers where the immersion experience in a different lifestyle in itself is part of the pedagogy.

We link to similar educational endeavors around the globe.

The sustainability circle is used as the organizing principle of books, articles, videos, which are relevant for the Gaia Education. In this way we hope to give easy and free access for people all over the planet (speaking English) to important information. The articles and books will be updated periodically. We try to have important new material here but not too much in order to keep things simple.

A more detailed description of the Sustainability Circle and its elements is found in *Ecovillage Living: Restoring the Earth and Her People*, while a detailed curriculum proposal can be seen in the article by Hildur Jackson, "The Ecovillage Designer".