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Building Impact Zero Network

LearnBIØN

Design and Build with Mediterranean Cane

BIØN – Building Impact Zero Network is a group of partners active in low environmental impact building techniques with positive social impact. Our aim is to share knowledge, practices and experiences in order to contribute to built environments and our communities.

The Learn BIØN#2 project aims at building and sharing knowledge across borders and involves 8 partners from 6 European countries. As part of this network, CANYAVIVA, in collaboration with ANIMAME and Maestro Chocero Antonio Gandano, will organize the fifth workshop of this new 3-year project.

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More info at: www.bi0n.eu or www.canyaviva.org/cursos/.

_ what?

This spring CanyaViva, in collaboration with Animame, will be running a series of courses and work camps, in order to build a multi-functional space on the hillside looking over Rogel Farms, a new community project in Alcantarilha, in the South of Portugal.

Since the project will be looking at various ways of using and regenerating the land, from running permaculture and bio-construction courses to hosting yoga retreats and other activities, the first building project to take place will provide a classroom as well as a space for yoga, meditation, dance and similar workshops.

The course will be 10% theoretical and 90% practical, and will be preceded by three weeks of harvest from the Alcantarilha river, less than a kilometer away. The canes will then be cleaned and classified on the land, before being assembled into flexible but highly resistant arches that will make up the structure built onto a wooden platform which will also serve as the building's foundations.

The second part of the course will be run by Antonio Gandano, who will come from Cadiz to teach us how to build a thatch roof from river reeds.

_ who?

CanyaViva is a group of architects formed in a building technique developed from the study of "Arundo Donax", commonly called Mediterranean cane, as it's main construction material.

The technique is aimed at both the design and execution of projects, as well as the dissemination of the technique itself through training courses.

Our work philosophy is inspired by a sustainable lifestyle, so we build spaces with natural, local and abundant materials.

Materials such as cane or bamboo, have ideal technical and health characteristics, which allow us to build both ephemeral and permanent structures, demonstrating this alternative to the materials used in modern architecture today.

_ where?

The courses will be held at Rogel Farms, a tillable land of 6 hectares next to Alcantarilha, Silves, in the Algarve,

Portugal. It is located 4 km from the Ocean, 1,5km to the Algarve's highway (A22) and 4km to the nearest railway.

Address and details of how to arrive will be given on inscription.

when?

HARVEST and WORKSHOP PREPARATION

> Monday 28 February - Saturday 19 March > 3 weeks
(Max 4 Places/week)

MINI ONE-WEEK INTRODUCTORY COURSES

> Monday 21 march - Saturday 26 march > 1 week
(Max 6 Places)

> Monday 28 march - Saturday 2 april > 1 week (Max 6 Places)

INTERMEDIATE CANE STRUCTURE COURSE

> Monday 21 March - Saturday 2 April > 2 weeks (Max 6 Places)

INTENSIVE CANE STRUCTURE COURSE

> Monday 21 March - Saturday 16 April > 4 weeks
(Max 18 Places)

THATCH COURSE

> Sunday 17 April - Thursday 21 April > 20 hours (Max 6 Places)

THATCH WORK CAMP

> Thursday 21 April - Saturday 30 April > 60 hours
(Max 12 Places)

food and accomodation

- Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided each day except Sundays.
- There are large camping tents for those whon can't bring their own tents, kitchens, showers and dry toilets.

fees

- HARVEST AND WORKSHOP PREPARATION - duration > 5-6 days > min 40 hrs> FREE
- MINI ONE-WEEK INTRODUCTORY COURSES > 1 week > min 40 hrs> 350.00 €
- INTERMEDIATE CANE COURSE > 2 weeks > min 80 hrs> 550.00 €
- INTENSIVE CANE COURSE > 4 weeks > min 160 hrs > 750.00 €
- THATCH COURSE > 20 hours > 350.00 €
- THATCH WORK CAMP > 60 hours > FREE

SPECIAL OFFERS :

- _UNIVERSITY STUDENT: Half price
- _EX-CANYAVIVA STUDENT: Half price
- _ALL IN ONE - 2 COURSES + 2 WORK CAMPS: -200 €
- _COOK - Assistance in kitchen: -200 €
- _HARVESTER - Assistance in 2 weeks of harvest: -100 €
- _PHOTOGRAPHER - Photographic documentation of the building process: -100 €
- _VIDEOGRAPHER - Videographic documentation of the building process: -100 €
- _BRING A FRIEND - Registration of two people or more: -50 € each

The fees include:

- Camping on the land
- Breakfast, lunch and diner (except on sundays)
- Teaching material of the training (booklet + digital information)
- Accident insurance

application

To reserve your place please click on the following link to fill out a simple questionnaire that will help us assess whether the course is really for you.

<https://forms.gle/yceYEfblrYZHSUSj8>

Then we will send you the registration form that should be filled out and sent with the proof of the first payment

For more information or questions please do not hesitate to ask us!

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