

Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative



Dear Environment practitioners and newsreaders

In the past two months the news has kept coming. Big thanks to all contributors and inspirators. The creation of the a new green world where everything vibrates in harmony needs all our contributions - *Care Givers, Developers, Peacemakers, Strategists, Dreamers, Uthopians, Visionaries, Facilitators, Meditators, Innovators..*



In Europe this summer there have been **3 green retreats** - Ecological BK retreat in **Lisbon**, a "Green Angel" retreat in **Zagreb** and the "Meditation and Nature" retreat in Casa Sangam, **Gubbio**, Italy. The theme moves to USA in September and the Worthing, UK in November. Peace Village, US, will host a "THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE SOUL" retreat. They write: *Join us in exploring the inspiration, sustenance, and understanding we receive from our physical environment and how it reflects a unique type of spiritual awareness.*

New feature on the [Eco website](#) - Last posted items appears in the top menu.

India surprises us! World Environment Day celebrated in a grand way, please read news below. In our Facebook group there are now 5128 members, and more than 4500 from India!

Enjoy below a list of interesting reading. Green is indeed Baba's colour for service

Best wishes

Sonja & Arnold

Peace of Mind 2016. The Peace of Mind team extends a warm welcome to environment practitioners to visit the solar site and the yogic farm after the retreat - by special invitation only, write to us for more info.

Celebrating World Environment Day 2016



World Environment Day (WED) the biggest, most globally *celebrated* day for positive environmental action was celebrated by Rural Development Wing(RERF) of Brahma Kumaris. Members of the Rural Development Wing celebrated WED with full enthusiasm to engage millions of people across India to raise awareness on importance of a healthy and green environment in human lives. You can read our [report of the events](#) in approx 100 centers . Celebrations at many places went

unreported. Thanks to all for their active participation and support.

On Divine Initiative, BK Sumanth For BK Raju

Visiting the Thar Desert



Patrick Johann Schindler – International Relations Advisor at the São Paulo State Department for Sanitation and Water Resources visited the Thar desert in Rajasthan, India with [his notebook and camera](#).

Growing Green Angels:

Newsletter Environment Wing Australia including Vegan Initiatives, Sustainability Retreat with BK Golo as guest and The Meditative Gardener and more.

Electronic Waste:

From Nadia Sommers: "I found your website while looking for useful information on recycling and wanted to say that I found [your web page](#) to be a very helpful source of information. Thanks for putting it together!...I have a few really old mobile phones, a dusty PC, and a broken laptop that I would rather get rid of, and wanted to see how I could go about doing so without hurting the environment."

Following info is now posted on the Resources - For BK centers: [Eco-Friendly Guide to Recycling Electronic Waste](#) and [Guide to Recycling](#)

News from UK

1. Meditative Walks are taking off

Attached is a wonderful walking initiative at GCH that was originally done for World Environment Day (see attached report). Now London Eco friends are organising a walk each month on different themes. It's a great idea and could be done at any centres. There is also a very informative presentation done by Mike Hudson which he gave both at GCH and Lisbon.

Reflective Walks in Nature is now part of the regular program at Global Retreat Center, Oxford.

2. UK BK Eco retreat. From Joanna, Isle of Man: Dear eco friends of the UK. Om shanti. A slot has been booked for our first UK BK Eco retreat at Worthing on the weekend of 11th to 13th November. This is for BKs who are actively engaged in projects relating to caring for the environment whether it be in your local community, your centre or in your own home. It will be for sharing ideas, news and workshops, for nature walks (weather permitting!) and for planning new initiatives. Please could you let me know if you are interested in attending.

BK Green Retreat, Lisbon: From Valeriane: "We have just had a great [Green Retreat](#) in Baba's home in Portugal. It was indeed a thought provoking time and we were taken care of so well by Baba's angels there! Here is a small report to give you a taste of it all".



International Oceans Day, Paris 2016

On Sunday 12 June, following International Oceans Day, at the cine Rex, the biggest cinema theatre in Paris a team of committed people organized "24 hours to meditate for water, whales and dolphins". The Brahma Kumaris took an active part in this event.

North American Emerging Leaders Multi-Faith Convergence

From Juan Milling, Canada: It was truly a powerful gathering and a great experience for me. I also learned about the impacts of climate change on the people of Louisiana, it was the first time I visited an area that is directly affected by climate change. [See the report](#)

INSPIRATIONS

The urgency of time

Easy to read long article about the urgency of time from flassbeck-economics.com sent by Arnold. [How climate change is rapidly taking the planet apart](#)

A globetrotting documentary that's more focused on solutions than problems, [Tomorrow \(Demain\)](#) provides a comprehensive look ... It's really an amazing film about positive solutions. Love Patrizia, Germany

[X FACTOR](#) - I found it very beautiful , With regards, BK Halina Biernacka

New Meditations

[Meditations on serving the elements](#) are now online - Elements, Earth, Water, Fire, Air

Have you heard the other meditations available:

[Living in Harmony with Nature](#) - Peace Generator, Blue Pearl, Seed of Peace

[Lotus Heart](#) - Respect, Simplicity, Non-Violence, Empowerment, Harmony, Elements

[Creating a Climate for Change](#) - Sustainability, Giving, Connection, Simplicity, Light..

QUOTE

[Destroying rain forest for economic gain] is like burning a Renaissance painting to cook a meal. - E.O. Wilson, biologist, naturalist, and author (b. 10 Jun 1929)

Sent by Helen N, Australia