



Green is the colour for service and it proves to be true for the environment. We let the green angels embrace and heal the planet, to make it ready for a new birth. Please find lots of news, practical tips and inspirations from all over the world.

Let us all also send love and light to brother Renaud from France, who is not well and unconscious in hospital. He was part of the core group starting green team up in January 2009 and is and will always be an original green angel.



**Tomorrow Sunday 12th June** It is indeed a special day in the green calendar

12th June - Faiths rising for people & planet - Sacred Earth, Sacred Trust is a worldwide, multi-faith day of prayer & action for the planet and a call for world leaders. **Sister Jayanti has recorded a message for this special day** - you can listen here:

12th June is also UN World Oceans Day, millions of people throughout the world will be coming together for 24 hours to meditate for water.

### **EU Energy Week**

The annual EU Sustainable Energy Week is starting on Monday 13th June. Brussels Center has arranged a panel "People and Energy Efficiency" with Sister Jayanti, br. Thorsten and others. Read more here

### **Bonn Climate Change Conference**

The German Climate Change Team headed by Gopi and Valeriane had a very active 2 week for the annual climate change conference in May. You can read more and see pictures in the [report](#)



### **United Nations Environment Assembly, Nairobi**

A great new start-up of our contribution to the Sustainable Development Agenda in Nairobi. The local team of Pratibha, Urvashi and Dorcas with international guests Sonja and Golo had an intense and servicable week at UNEP's headquarter in Nairobi.

[See 3 reports and pictures, including our animals.](#) The president of the assembly said that sometimes in the conferences we forget why we are here - please make sure you take time out in nature! The report and pictures from around Kenya will come later.



### **World Environment Day**

Celebrated in India by Rural Wing. Around 50 centres or more held programs this day! More news later. It was also celebrated in Nairobi and many other places If you did - then send us your news. We need it for report to UNEP.



### **TIPS FOR BK CENTRES ON HOW TO BE MORE SUSTAINABLE**

Sister Luciana from Brazil prepared the following tips for the BK's at the American teachers Retreat in Peace Village:

#### **WATER**

- reduce the consume: turning off the tap while brushing teeth, washing dishes, etc
- install a tank of rain water or reuse water from washing machine, etc
- clean vessels with paper before washing them
- use the washing machine with full load

#### **ENERGY/FIRE**

- replace regular lamps by LED lamps
- be more resilient and use less air conditioning and heater. Use natural ventilation and warm clothes instead.
- use oven in its total capacity
- turn off lights when nobody is around. Use natural light ( open the curtains!)
- install solar panels in the BK centre for hot water and photovoltaic energy

#### **EARTH**

- give preference to natural materials: they feel better, are healthier and less polluting.
- avoid disposable materials, specially made of plastic and foam.
- use eco friendly cleaning products and cosmetics - good for the earth, the water and for your skin.
- plant your own salads and condiments and sprout your seeds.
- give preference for fruits and vegetables that are organic and produced close to you ( economy in transport and are healthier)
- separate the waste for possible recycling

## AIR

- use essential oil or natural incense and not polluting incenses
- avoid aerosol container
- raise of cattle is responsible for 18% of the ozone layer hole. Cattle is not just meat, but milk also. Become vegan.
- plant trees for their photosynthesis capacity.
- use less car- they are very polluting

## REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE

**CARE FOR NATURE NOW AND IT WILL CARE FOR YOU IN MOMENTS OF NEED**



**Let's go to our poetic side of life for the last item:**

*"To See a World in a Grain of Sand*

*and a Heaven in a Wild Flower."*

*Hold Infinity in the Palm of your Hand*

*And Eternity in an Hour". William Blake*