

## invited speakers



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Spiritual Teacher. Offers trainings and workshops to develop presence and truth in the moment. Works with large groups and systems internationally. Creates experiential fields of collective intelligence.  
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Architect; City Planner; Ecologist; Expert on money systems and complementary currencies; Author (Interest & Inflation Free Money)  
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auke van nimwegen, the netherlands  
Auke van Nimwegen, the Netherlands  
Trainer in Spiral Dynamics Integral (trained by Don Beck); works with social projects and organisations on leadership, change and self-empowerment.  
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scilla elworthy, uk  
Founder of Oxford Research Group; Founder and Chair of Peace Direct; Adviser to 'the Elders'; Author (Power and Sex: A Book about Women).  
www.peacedirect.org  
www.theelders.org

## organization of the event

### date & venue

The conference will take place in the heart of Berlin, close to the train station Friedrichstrasse, in the Kalkscheune (www.kalkscheune.de) on July 3 – 6 2008:

- Reception open from Thursday 6 pm
- Opening Thursday 8 pm
- Closing Sunday 2 pm

### further information & enrolment

For more information contact Kosha Anja Joubert and François M. Wiesmann at welcome@community-conference.org

To enrol please send an email with your name, address and telephone number to Kosha Anja Joubert.  
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### language

The conference will be bilingual: English and German. Translation will be available.

### prices (inclusive of VAT)

Book before March 31	Euro 270,-
Book from April 1 onwards	Euro 320,-
<i>Students and community members (demonstrable)</i>	
Book before March 31	Euro 180,-
Book from April 1 onwards	Euro 230,-
Youth (up to 23)	Euro 100,-
Solidarity contribution	Euro 60,-
<i>(to support a participant from the South)</i>	

### refund policy

If you cancel your enrolment before April 30, an administration fee of Euro 40,- is due. After this date, reimbursement is not possible.

### account details

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# Community Conference

## The Power of Collective Wisdom

With Thomas Hübl, Scilla Elworthy, Auke van Nimwegen, Margrit Kennedy

July 3-6, 2008

In the heart of Berlin



## synergy and collective intelligence

We are living in a time of change and acceleration – on a global, social and personal level.

The challenges we face as a species – like climate change, economic crises, social disparities and natural disasters – cannot be tackled individually. Instead they call for a holistic, integral approach and a growing awareness of our deep interconnectedness with the unfolding of all life.

Collective Wisdom, Synergy of Teams, Co-Intelligence – all these terms point to the fact that humans are discovering that wholes can become more than the sum of their parts. Groups of humans can become more intelligent than the individuals they comprise.

Extraordinary creativity and effectiveness can emerge when an entire group of people – for instance in communities or business – are willing to synchronize their thinking through alignment with a common concern.

The remarkable dance of birds in flight, the creative synergy of a sports team in flow, the genius of a team of scientists contributing their best and the Buddhist concept of Sangha (a community of spiritual seekers) – these are but a few examples of how a higher order of capacity can take over when fields of connection and coherence are deepened.



*This conference will be hosted by the Academy of Inner Science ([www.innerscience.info](http://www.innerscience.info)) in cooperation with GEN – the Global Ecovillage Network ([www.gen.ecovillage.org](http://www.gen.ecovillage.org); [www.gen-europe.org](http://www.gen-europe.org))*

## evolutionary change

In order to stay in sync with evolution and enjoy the constant change, we need to incorporate new capacities: How can we process and integrate rich fields of information at a much higher level of speed and complexity?

How can we transform our organizations, our communities, and our personalities into open and cooperative systems? Both autonomy and intimate cooperation are called for.

We will explore the four following dimensions:

- ▶ **Transcendence:** A higher common focus supports us in experiencing synergy in groups
- ▶ **Interpersonal Clarity:** Transparent communication leads to a higher level of awareness in our social systems
- ▶ **Economic Foundation:** Manifestation of projects on solid financial ground
- ▶ **Service to the World:** Supporting the evolutionary development of the whole

## the new we

During this conference we will look into the question of how the wisdom of community-building can contribute to the well-being of the larger society and planet.

What potential do communities have? Which living skills have been developed in communities that could effectively be transferred to other organizational fields (e.g. NGOs, city councils, business)?

The complexity of our world today invites us to connect our individual competencies with communal structures to overcome their respective limitations. Finding a healthy new synthesis will increase our ability to take decisions and actions in the world dramatically.

Transparent communication prepares the ground for collective wisdom to unfold and, together, they can lead to a new level of 'we'; a 'we' that is more than the sum of the individuals concerned. New levels of consciousness and perception can open up the horizon of our thinking, our feeling and capacity to affect change.

We will work with our collective intelligence during the conference in an experiential way. Each participant will be asked to contribute their best thinking to enhance the intelligence of the whole. Key presentations, meditations and the use of the World Café method will inspire us in this process.

We invite all those interested and look forward to an inspiring network of different viewpoints and a lively exchange.