



Book Information

Beyond You and Me Inspiration and wisdom for building community

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Beyond you and me is the first volume in the Four Keys to Sustainable Communities series and is a practical anthology for anyone seeking to rebuild existing fragmented villages and communities, establish new group enterprises and ecovillages, and heal the wounds of conflict and social division. It is for those seeking to live cooperatively and in peace with fellow human beings and the Earth.

Since the beginning of human history, we have lived in communities. That is, however, until the mid-Twentieth century, when cheap fossil fuel energy has enabled many of us in industrialised countries to live more socially dispersed and isolated lives. But now, escalating climate change, peak oil and the need to radically reduce our carbon consumption, dictates that this unsustainable way of life cannot continue. We must relearn the art of community building and conflict resolution.

Beyond you and me offers skills in communication, conflict resolution, leadership, facilitation, consensus decision making and an inspiring perspective on solving global problems.

Written by an international group of social and ecological pioneers, it includes the voices of Marshall B. Rosenberg, Wangaari Maathai, Starhawk, Azriel Cohen, Hildur Jackson and Helena Norberg-Hodge.

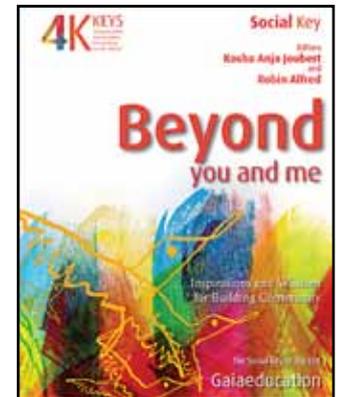
The Four Keys represent the four dimensions of sustainable design—the Worldview, the Social, the Ecological and the Economic. This series is endorsed by UNESCO and is an official contribution to the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

The other books of the series are *Gaian Economics; Designing Ecological Habitats;* and *The Song of the Earth*

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What people are saying about BEYOND YOU AND ME

Permaculture has three ethics: Earthcare, Peoplecare and Fair Shares. Whilst we have worked to expand and refine an ecologically balanced approach to caring for the Earth, we still struggle to find ways of living together in peace. *Beyond You & Me* is a vital contribution to the Peoplecare ethic, full of practical and inspirational information, contributed by pioneers who have truly lived their vision.

Maddy Harland, editor Permaculture Magazine.

An excellent textbook for all those interested in studying the various components of the socio, cultural, spiritual dimension. It is really well put together and is a highly useful, inspiring, and eclectic contribution to this field.

Gill Emslie

I was deeply moved by Dmitry Morozov's description of Kitezh Children's Village in Russia, a spiritual community where foster parents and teachers are dedicated to raising orphaned children. I was also drawn to the chapters on meetings by Beatrice Briggs and Giovanni Ciarlo, both of Huehucoyotl in Mexico. They must have simpático meetings there. And Kosha Joubert's article on process and governance at Sieben Linden was so personally inspiring I wrote three articles about Sieben Linden for this newsletter. I figured I was dining at a smorgasbord and could simply enjoy the delicacies I liked.

Review on ecovillagenews.org

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