

Study Visits for Education Specialists & Decision Makers

Draft Programme

Organisation	Stowarzyszenie Ekologiczno-Kulturalne ZIARNO
Visit Dates	7.09.09-11.09.09
Visit Location	Poland
Title	Education for Sustainability through Organic Food and Farming
Theme	Development of learning communities, involving all actors in education and training
Visit Type	General education

DAY & DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY and LOCATION
(day before visit starts)	From 1400	Participants arrive and register
	1900	Welcome Dinner hosted by Prof. Krystyna Gutkowska, who is now vice-president of Warsaw Agricultural University, the biggest in Poland
	2030	Followed by informal group introductions
Day 1	0930	Background and Introductions Course introduction followed by learning expectations from the group.
	1030	Break
	1100	Sustainable Development– why is organic food and farming a key issue? Climate Change and Sustainable Development I - James Hindson will lead a series of workshop activities to introduce participants to the content theme of sustainable development noting that our current methods of food production are a key part of the problem
	1230	Lunch – all the food will be organic and prepared using local ingredients
	1345	Climate Change and Sustainable Development II - James Hindson will continue workshop activities stressing that part of the solution to sustainability will be in the way we feed ourselves and a search for new systems In both sessions participants will have an opportunity to share their experiences and discuss opportunities
	1900	Dinner

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	2000	Participants sharing followed by a review of the day and report-writing time
Day 2		Organic Food and Farming in Poland
	0930	Introduction to Organic Food and Farming Education in Poland – a review of the Polish education system and opportunities for Organic food and farming education – Stratenwerth Farm, Grzybów, Ewa Smuk Stratenwerth and Peter Stratenwerth
	1030	Break
	1100	Organic Farm visits 1 Over the next two days we shall visit a number of organic farms – each of which focuses on a different aspect of sustainable development. The next two farms are situated in Kujawsko-Pomorskie Babalscy Farm, Pokrzydowo – biodiversity of grain, usage of old varieties of grains, processing of grains Kujawscy Farm, Kurzętnik – cattle production, organic waste management in organic farm, organic cuisine on the farm (lunch) During the day we shall observe activities on each farm, talk with teachers and students that have used the farm for learning. We shall also meet with members of the local community that support the education work on the farm.
	1830	Dinner and presentation by dr Jarosław Pająkowski (director of the Landscape Chelminsko-Nadwiślanski Park : Local traditions in food and sustainable development Participants sharing followed by a review of the day and report-writing time, Accommodation in Chełmno
Day 3		Organic Farm Visit – this day will be realised in Warmińsko-Mazurskie
	0930	Hillar Farm, Tuczek – Water mill and usage of renewable energy, family run mill and organic farm Łepkowska Farm, Godki – Organic farming and care for the landscape, lunch - folk traditions and how to teach about them Tyburski Farm and Agricultural University (Uniwersytet Warmińsko-Mazurski) in Olsztyn – wildlife biodiversity in farmland, Prof, Józef Tyburski is a teacher and researcher at the University of Olsztyn and also runs an organic farm
	18. 00	During the visits we shall have moderated discussions

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	1830	Return to Ziarno
	1930	Dinner Participants sharing followed by a review of the day and report-writing time
Day 4	0930	Food and farming in a Polish school in Plock or in our municipality? We shall visit a primary school to see how , sustainable development and organic farming are taught – We shall have the chance to talk to teachers and an education advisor about the challenges and barriers.
	1230	Lunch
	1330	Sustainable Development and Organic Food and Farming Project in Poland - Bringing it all together James Hindson will lead a session looking at the global impacts for food and farming and drawing together some of the key learning from the week In particular we shall look at whether we can feed a growing global population this way!
	1830	Dinner
	1930	A cultural sharing evening
Day 5	0945	A number of NGOs and other organisations will present their projects chaired by Dr Anna Kalinowska form the University of Warsaw. Dr Kalinowska has a European experience through IUCN and other intragovernmental networks as well as working as an advisor to the Polish Ministry of Education
	1230	Lunch
	1330	Review and Evaluation Sessions and report writing
	1800	Reception hosted by Anna Kalinowska followed by Dinner, presentation of certificates and traditional Polish dancing or whatever!!
Departure Day	0930	Participants depart after breakfast.