



Forest gardens for all - developing a regional forest garden network



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Forest gardening and agroforestry in the Nordics -webinar

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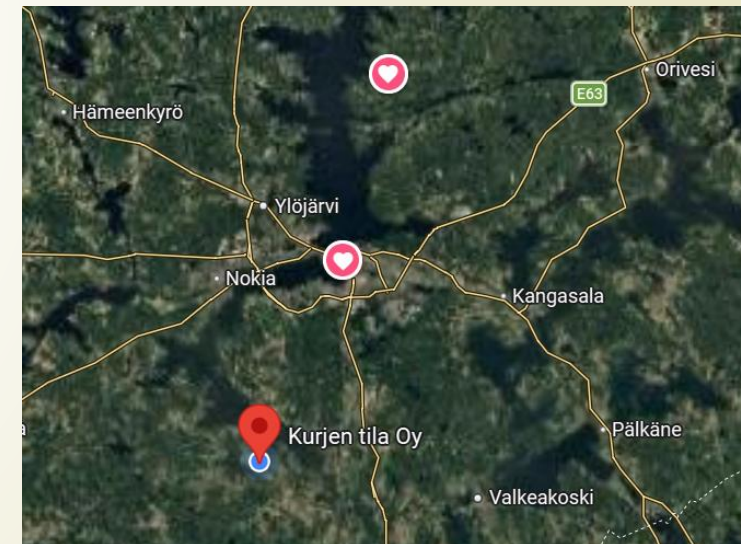
Kurki Ecovillage and the Association

Kurki ecovillage is located in Vesilahti, Pirkanmaa, almost on the shore of Lake Pyhäjärvi. It was established in 2012 on an old farm.

Our aim is to find, work on and implement sustainable solutions in all areas of life. Together with others, we want to enliven the countryside and promote its diversity.

Currently on average 40 people live in the village. Every year 6 ESC (European Solidarity Corps) volunteers from other European countries become part of the community for about 8 months.

The ecovillage is open to visitors!



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- ▶ The project has received **EU rural development funding from the Economic Development Centre of Inland Finland (October 2025 - December 2027)**
 - ▶ Pirkanmaa region
- ▶ Cooperation project of **Kurki Ecovillage Association** and **Teisko Salonsaari Support Association**



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Objectives and implementation

- ▶ Developing sustainable food production method (edible forest garden) and increasing awareness of this method.
- ▶ Communication, information sharing and the creation of cooperation networks are central part of the project.
 - ▶ **We organize events that are open to everyone (courses, workshops, study trips, webinars)**
- ▶ Kurki Ecovillage and Teisko Salonsaari are living examples of forest gardening from which others can learn.



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**Study trip:
Edible forest gardens
in Southern Sweden
and Denmark
21.-24.8.2026**

**Holma skogsträdgård, Rydeholm
food forest, SLU Alnarp,
Solby ecovillage, Rönnsåker
skogsträdgård, Naturplanteskolen**

**Price: 490€/person (incl. flights,
transportation, accommodation, lunches and
guided visits)**

**Pre-book your seat now!
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The study trip is organised by the project Forest gardens for all which is funded by the EU through Economic Development Centre.



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**Study trip
also in
Finland in
autumn
2026!**



Courses and workshops

| Date | Event | Location |
|--------------|----------|-------------------|
| 26 April | workshop | Kurki Ecovillage |
| 12-13 June | course | Kurki Ecovillage |
| 4-5 August | course | Teisko Salonsaari |
| 26 September | workshop | Teisko Salonsaari |

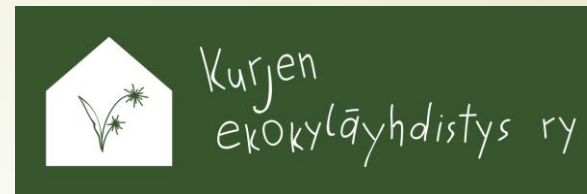
Planning the program is under progress!

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Haluan saada tietoa: yleisestä toiminnasta ECS toiminnasta

More information



<https://maaseutuverkosto.fi/hankkeet/metsapuutarhoja-kaikille-alueellisen-metsapuutarhaverkoston-kehittaminen/>

► Kurki Ecovillage Association

<https://kurkiecovillage.fi/syotava-metsapuutarha/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/kurjen.ekokylayhdistys/>

IG: https://www.instagram.com/kurki_ecovillage/

► Teisko Salonsaari Support Association

<https://salonsaareen.fi/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/Salonsaari/>

IG: https://www.instagram.com/teiskon_salonsaari/



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