

Dear friends,

We're writing to you to invite you to join our Pilgrim Host Map. This is a map of hosts around the country who would welcome pilgrims on their learning journeys. As a host you can be a destination in yourself, or host along the way to other destinations.

A pilgrimage in this context is a journey that any individual or group can embark on with the intention of being open to learning through walking and being present for what the world brings your way. For this community, pilgrims are invited to walk without mobile phones or money, with the expectation that freedom from these assets will enable openness to see what is obscure, to trust in oneself and others, and lean into the wild. It is also an invitation for the pilgrim hosts to lean into the unexpected by opening doors of hospitality and curiosity towards the strange.

As a host you can choose whether people can show up at your doorstep unexpected, or ask to be contacted in advance through your preferred means of contact. On your profile you may include a little bit about who you are and your hosting capacity (numbers of days, floor space, couch, room, numbers you're willing to host). If there are tasks or activities which pilgrims can aid you with in exchange for accommodation, then please mention them as well. Take a look at existing profiles for examples and inspiration.

This initiative has been brought together by a community of practitioners interested in rewilding the way we learn and tuning into vernacular learning technologies. It is inspired by the Ped Yatra and and Cycle Yatras as practiced via the Shikshantar Andolan network and the Indian Multiversities Alliance. In embarking on this initiative we are also aware that it is a privilege to be able to choose to travel with no money and no phones with the assurance of returning to the comfort of our homes and that for many today that is not a privilege they share. Many travel in such conditions out of desperation rather than choice. Others have traveled for generations but find the world less hospitable today. We invite anyone who embarks on this journey to hold that tenderly in mind and be open to learning through empathetic experience. We invite hosts to be open to hosting pilgrims and walkers of all walks of life with openness and reciprocal curiosity to learn.

We are starting to populate this map by inviting friends who live in the West Country, and especially in Devon. This is so that we can focus on one area ahead of a planned pilgrimage taking place from the 14-17th of July 2022. We are looking to visit places and people who are engaging with learning and the land. As the map grows, we hope to extend the geographic reach. If you know someone who lives in the area who would love to be on the map and for

whom these ideas resonate, please share this letter with them. If you're interested in walking yourself during those dates, get in touch and we may be able to accommodate you, or use the map and organize your own pilgrimage.

Please also note that this map may develop a life of its own and that sharing your name and contact details on it may mean that it becomes accessible publicly. With this in mind please ensure that you only share what you are happy to share. Once the map exists, it is the idea that anyone can then use it to plan a route. You can move from host to pilgrim.

In order to track the map, we ask you to include on your profile the name of the person who invited you to join.

Thank you for considering joining the pilgrim hosts' map! See you on the path!

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