

Stepping Into Belonging

Pico Community Autumn Gathering 🍁

Dearest Friend,

It's our delight to invite you to the Pico Autumn Gathering, **30 October - 1 November 2021** (Saturday to Monday) in Ginjeira.

The theme of the gathering is: *Stepping Into Belonging*.

We have been talking about our different visions for how community life in Pico could look like for a while now. It's time to take the next step: **bring our visions together and define a clear next step.**

The main intention of this Gathering is to discover together what are our individual roles in the process of shaping a thriving local community (or a network of communities) in our very special context: Pico island, with all it's blessings and challenges.

You have an essential role to play in this process, and we sincerely hope that you can be there with us.



Practical Details

We're designing this event with the intention of creating a beautiful and fulfilling space for us to be together. There are a few important pieces of information we'd like to share with you before we begin. **Please read them carefully.**

- **This is an invitation-only event. Let us know by 15 October if you're coming.**
- We ask you to **arrive anytime from Friday 10.30 am to 9am on Saturday. After that, the Gathering doors will close and you won't be able to join.**
- **The gathering is a full-time commitment. You're welcome to hop-off for a quick errand during the gathering** (eg. feed the animals), but we're expecting you to spend most of the time with us, as well as sleep there.
- **The Gathering will end on Monday afternoon** (it's a national holiday, so a day off). You're welcome to leave straight after or stay for the farewell party, and/or the following day.
- **Bring a tent to camp.** The campsite has access to showers and bathrooms, as well as a weather-sheltered area for activities.
- The cooking team will provide us with **delicious, plant-based food** for everyone. We're aiming for most of the food to be local and organic.
- **The gathering is children and animal friendly**, and we're designing it so the kids can participate in most activities. However, please note that **some activities will not be open to children**. We're hoping to provide volunteers to help look after the kids at certain times to give you more space to engage, but that's not guaranteed. **You'll be expected to care for your little ones.**
- **The Gathering is free to attend**, but we will ask for your financial contribution to help us cover the costs. We'll place a Magic Hat, where you can contribute as much as you feel. All the proceeds will go towards funding our future community events and gatherings.
- **We'd like this Gathering to be substances-free** in order to experiment with a different type of being together. Of course, we won't police you, but we'd be grateful if you could refrain from bringing weed, booze and other stuff of that sort to the space.

Program

The program will be finalised over the next weeks. Here's a rough idea:

Time	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
8 - 8.45		Arrivals & Onboarding Deadline for arrival: 9am			
9 - 10		Breakfast (for people who camped the night before) / Onboarding	Breakfast		
10.30 - 12	Site prep	Opening & Connecting	To be confirmed	To be confirmed	Clean up / Departures

13 - 14	Lunch				
15 - 18	Site prep	Stepping into Belonging (core activity)	Stepping into Belonging (core activity)	Closing	Clean up / Departures
19 - 20	Dinner				
20.30 - ...	Chillout	Evening activity	Evening Activity	Farewell Party	

Volunteering & Contribution

We need your help to make this Gathering happen. You'll find a few options in the participation form below.

Note, that we'll have an extra prep day on Friday 29 Oct and a clean-up day on Tuesday 2 Nov. It'd be wonderful if you could help.

You can also contribute with local food, wood, building materials etc. If there's something you'd like to offer, please let us know in the participation form.



Confirm Your Spot

Let us know that you're coming before 15 October using the form below:

[FORM LINK]

Note for couples: we kindly ask you to fill in the form once per each adult participant. No need to fill separate forms for children.

We'll send you more details closer to the Gathering.

Not coming? That's okay too, but we'd appreciate it if you can let us know and not keep us hanging.

The Core Hosting Team

Michal - program | **[contact details]**

Daniel - site logistics | **[contact details]**

Bruno - food | **[contact details]**

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See you soon ❤️