

Economic Democracy Training
Organizers & Presenters
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Shriraksha Mohan

Motivated by the social and spiritual philosophies of P.R. Sarkar, she embarked on a Prout journey, first as a student and then as an activist, who realized there is a dire need for systemic changes in the social, economic and cultural spheres of existence to create an equitable and sustainable world. Born and raised in India, she now lives in the United States.

She has a Master's Degree in Computer Science and works as a software professional. As an active member of Prout Alliance and Proutist Universal, she is invested in Prout advocacy to raise socio-economic awareness through Prout education, writing, and outreach efforts on Prout social media. She is the co-author of a chapter in the book, *Climate Adaptation: Accounts of Resilience, Self-Sufficiency and Systems Change*. The book collates numerous case studies from around the world on alternative socio-economic models, climate adaptation, systems change and resilience. She co-authored a chapter to present Prout as a socio-economic alternative to build robust and self-reliant systems which are resilient to climate change.



Howard Nemon

He is the Co-Founder and Director of the Prama Institute & Wellness Center, a holistic conference and retreat center located in Marshall, NC (USA). Howard received his PhD in Social Welfare from the University of Pennsylvania and has taught community practice and international sustainable development at George Mason University and Warren Wilson College. From 2012 to 2020, he was the Director of the Center for Local Economies, a community-based research and advocacy organization that developed new economic solutions. He is an active member of the Prout Alliance, a US-based collaborative which promotes Prout policies and activism.



Wilder Nicholson

Wilder Nicholson is a documentary storyteller and activist based in Wabanakik, Midcoast Maine, and works with nonprofits and cooperatives to share stories of social change. Wilder began directing short documentaries with a Community Matters Grant with Bowdoin College in 2013 and has since worked with community initiatives locally and internationally as an editor and director. In 2020 Wilder worked with Cooperative Development Institute to produce a series of documentaries on employee and member owned businesses in Maine's local food system. Wilder enjoys celebrating indigenous heritage as part Haudenosaunee, and is a RYT-200 certified yoga teacher and holds a Permaculture Design Certificate.



Alex Jackimovicz

Alex Jackimovicz is the co-founder of the Alliance for Economic Democracy, and an activist, spiritualist, and small businessman in Boothbay, Maine, who has been involved in various local, state, and national social and economic justice campaigns. He has worked on numerous initiatives connected to the international movement for Prout, for three decades. Alex has worked with the Maine People's Alliance, the Maine Small Business Coalition, and the Maine Fair Trade Campaign. He partners with others to generate connections among those engaged in various spheres of the economic democracy movement organizing. Alex writes and speaks extensively on economic democracy and alternative economics, advocating for a societal shift where community needs, sustainability, and human and environmental well-being take precedence over maximizing profits.



Arthur Pacheco

Between an undergrad in Social Sciences and a long formation in Tantric Yoga, Arthur has been making his life very much about synthesizing the pursuit of ecological bliss and socially dynamic equality. His early experiences were with the agro-ecology movement, then cooperative projects and all throughout that time with the PROUT movement in Brazil. Nowadays being on the *Global PROUT Advisory Board*. His interests, inspirations come from Non-Violent Communication, Popular Education, Sociocracy, PROUT, Permaculture, and Agroecology.