



Wild pedagogies gathering at Enaforsholm

Dear Colleague,

We are excited to invite you to a Wild pedagogies gathering at Enaforsholm, Sweden, 20–25, August 2023

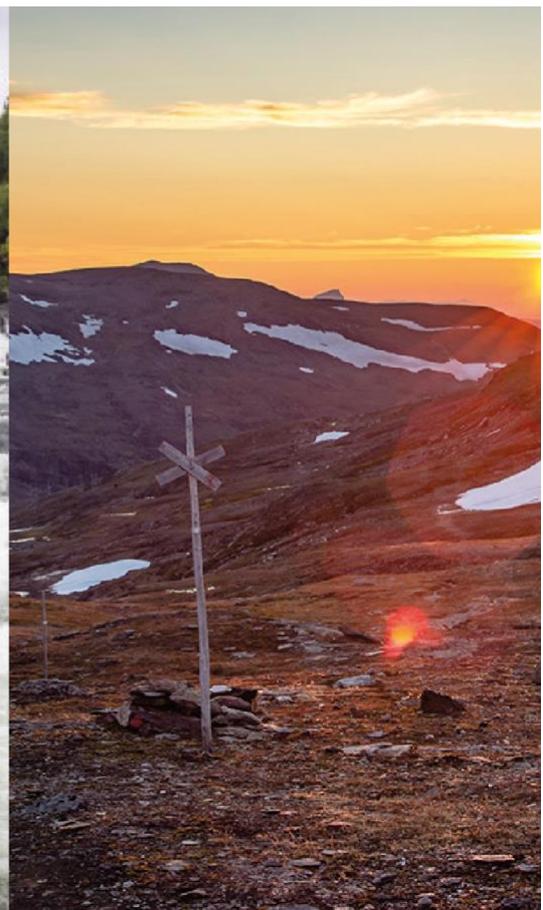
The plan is to assemble a group of a maximum of 30 adventurous scholars who wish to travel through the land, participate, talk, listen, be together and write.

We believe that education is richer, for all involved, if the natural world and the many denizens that co-constitute places, are actively engaged with, listened to, and taken seriously as part of the educative process. (Crex Crex Collective, 2018). Thus, the important aim of this gathering is to invite educators explore how “Nature as co-teacher” (The first out of six touchstones) can be understood and how it might work in educational settings. What is inviting you? How can it be adapted to your teacher settings? What would you like to add? What would you like to change? What will be needed?

The whole thing could be considered an adventure as we push boundaries of conventional thinking about conferences, collegial work, scholarship, wilderness, voice, pedagogy, education – and ultimately control, standardizing and conformity. We guess control, here, can be taken to mean both external and internal. There is a litany of external factors that threaten the things we care about. Achieving the aims of this project, or something wildly arising and just as worthwhile, will also require some internal control as everyone will have plenty of ideas and experience. You get the drift?

During the week together we will analyze, discuss, and criticize the idea of “Nature as co-teacher” by just asking these simple questions – What does it mean...? Why should we...? How could we ...? And Where could we? On Friday we will sum up and then have hugging time before we split up after lunch. We will organize daily seminars – one in the morning (after breakfast) and in the afternoon (before dinner). Between the seminars we encourage you in smaller groups to do hikes in the area or just ‘be there’ in the surroundings, sense and perhaps find inspirations from contact with more-than-human-world. All in all, we therefore have 9 seminars spread over the five days: 2 Monday, 2 Tuesday, 2 Wednesday, 2 Thursday and 1 Friday. Each day the groups are encouraged to take photos and make notes which should be the background for a photoshop book from the Enaforsholm gathering. During the gathering we will also discuss possibilities for publication of pedagogical and scholarly work.

Before the gathering we want to plan a preliminary program. We therefore invite and expect all participants to write a short abstract of something you (perhaps together with others) want to contribute with – it can be a short presentation of an idea; it can be a workshop; it can be an activity; something you want to share; what you like – in relation to “Nature as a co-teacher”. Send your abstract in mail to Michael (mpaulsen@sdu.dk). Please note in the mail expected time and format and what day you would prefer to contribute according to the indicated foci of what, why and how (mentioned above). Then we will try to make a good seminar- program out of it. Deadline for handing in your ideas will be 1st of April 2023. You will find the text about “Nature as co-teacher” and the other touchstones as well, on the Wild pedagogies website: www.wildpedagogies.com At the 1st of May, we will send you a more detailed program as well as inspiring texts.



Accommodation, food and how to get to Enaforsholm

We will be staying at Enaforsholm Mountain hotel (<https://enaforsholm.se/en/>) Enaforsholm is located at about 550 m above sea. It is not that high, but it is quite far north and close to the Atlantic. The weather can be everything from warm days to cold, wet and windy (even snowy). The temperatures can easily switch between + 20 C and 0 C. Be prepared for a lot of weather – at the same time.

We meet at Enaforsholm Sunday 20.08.23, 19.00 and close the gathering on Friday 25.08.23 at 12.00 (or at lunch). Those of you who want to stay in your tent, are free to do so. You can then bring your own food or have all your meals at the Enaforsholm. There are no stores at Enafors, but you will get everything you need at the Mountain hotel

By train to Enafors railway station (https://tagtidtabeller.resrobot.se/tidtabell/tag42_30051.pdf) From Enafors railway station it is about 700 m to walk to the Enaforsholm Mountain hotel.

Preparations

Having read the description of the first touchstone – Nature as co-teacher, and hopefully – some of the inspiring text we have sent you! Be prepared! And send an e-mail to Michael (mpaulsen@sdu.dk) indicating how you would like to contribute (see page 1) before 1st of April.

Registration and fee

This is a non-profit gathering. The registration must be done before March 1st, 2023. The registration fee is not refundable after 1st of May 2023.

The first 30 who have paid the registration, have a guarantee to get a place at our gathering. If more than 30 persons register, we will organize a “waiting list”. We will keep you informed!

The registration covers one bed (in either double or single rooms), breakfast, lunch packet and dinner. Those of you who want to stay in your own tent will pay for the meals at Enaforsholm, but opening dinner and closing lunch are included.

Prices:

- All included: 6000 SEK
- Student: 3000 SEK
- Tent: 1500 SEK

Registration all included: <https://www.trippus.net/wpgregistration>

Registration as a student/phD (all included): <https://www.trippus.net/wpgstudent>

Registration with tent (Opening dinner and closing lunch are included): <https://www.trippus.net/wpgregistrationtent>

Questions

We will help you with any question you might have: wpgathering@meetx.se