

Foundation Worldtree



The community of "Groendomein Wassen", Eindhoven, connected with each other and their Worldtree.



What can you do

Worldtree foundation is a young organisation that so far has been running on the voluntary efforts of experts on many subjects. To continue and improve our work, financial support is crucial. But we also need resolute ambassadors and enthusiastic sympathizers.

Where can you find us?

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Connecting people and trees

Worldtrees as standard bearer for long time green management

When the tree is over its top, the crown will start to decline. But the trunk continues to grow. A veteran tree is a paragon of strength. Every year in spring, fresh leaves sprout from the old wood. A tree can have a lifespan of even a thousand years, with a never ending cycle of decay and powerful regrowth. With its cracks and fissures a tree gives shelter to bats and birds among many others. A veteran tree is full of life.

What is a Worldtree ?

A Worldtree is a tree that has the ability and the admittance to get ancient. The place where a Worldtree grows, is protected by a band of people that are connected with the tree.

Unfortunately, there are relatively few old trees. Furthermore, the growing environment is usually inappropriate to give the tree the opportunity to grow old.

Worldtree Foundation is aiming for the realisation and conservation of Worldtrees. It develops activities around the tree and its environment that are meant to guarantee the long lasting survival of the tree and to improve the internal solidarity. The aim is to develop the tree site in a way the tree can develop itself unimpeded to a full grown tree and become ancient. For Worldtree Foundation the tree is the central element of a growing place for everybody.

Worldtrees bridge cultures, generations and nature.

A Worldtree in Nonington (England). This English oak is called "Majesty". He is about 1000 years old and has a circumference of 18,4 m. (at the foot).



Worldtree communities

People and trees are connected since ages. Under the shelter of the branches of veteran trees, joys and sorrows like secret gatherings, litigations, dance festivals and wars were passed.

Veteran trees have irregular shapes and gnarled scars that tell their history, like lightnings, storms and fires. This history can extend as far as the lives of 100 people.

A veteran tree always indicates an ancient spot. These give a city or village an identity, anchored in the past. Where people gather to take care for a tree that forms the centre of a hood, the tree will give integration and social cohesion. Not all special trees are clearly visible. Even a tree on a forgotten estate can become a Worldtree with a tight community, that is more or less silently connected to the tree.

There is still only limited enjoyment of the trees that previous generations have planted and maintained. Worldtree Foundation wants to take care that the oncoming generations till the next millennium can experience the connection with each other and with the past.

What does Foundation Worldtree do?

Due to Urban development, lots of trees had to move. Growing conditions, the primary condition for trees to survive, have been decreasing. Most trees in an urban area will not survive this century. Furthermore, the number of monumental trees is declining.

But as people tend less and less to stay for life in the village where they have been born, the local stories and legends are getting slowly forgotten. Trees very often are connected with those stories and are mostly planted on special spots, indicating a heritage or are even connected to popular belief.

For a number of remarkable trees on special places, we will make a tree-ecotope. Worldtree Foundation will make a deep analysis and the conditions of its growing environment and explain how it can be improved and/or protected. Worldtree will also anticipate on the future developments of the area.

Worldtree will also inventarise the cultural history, the current meaning of the tree and the location where it is growing, so people in the local community can learn to know the stories involved with the tree.

The ambition of Worldtree is to realise and protect a Worldtree for as many villages as possible.

In short, Foundation Worldtree indicates what is necessary to let a tree grow age-old. Therefore the foundation has to raise money, raise awareness, and support the people who are committed to the tree. Worldtree is aiming for the next millennium for its trees.



Planting and blessing of the Millennium Walnut