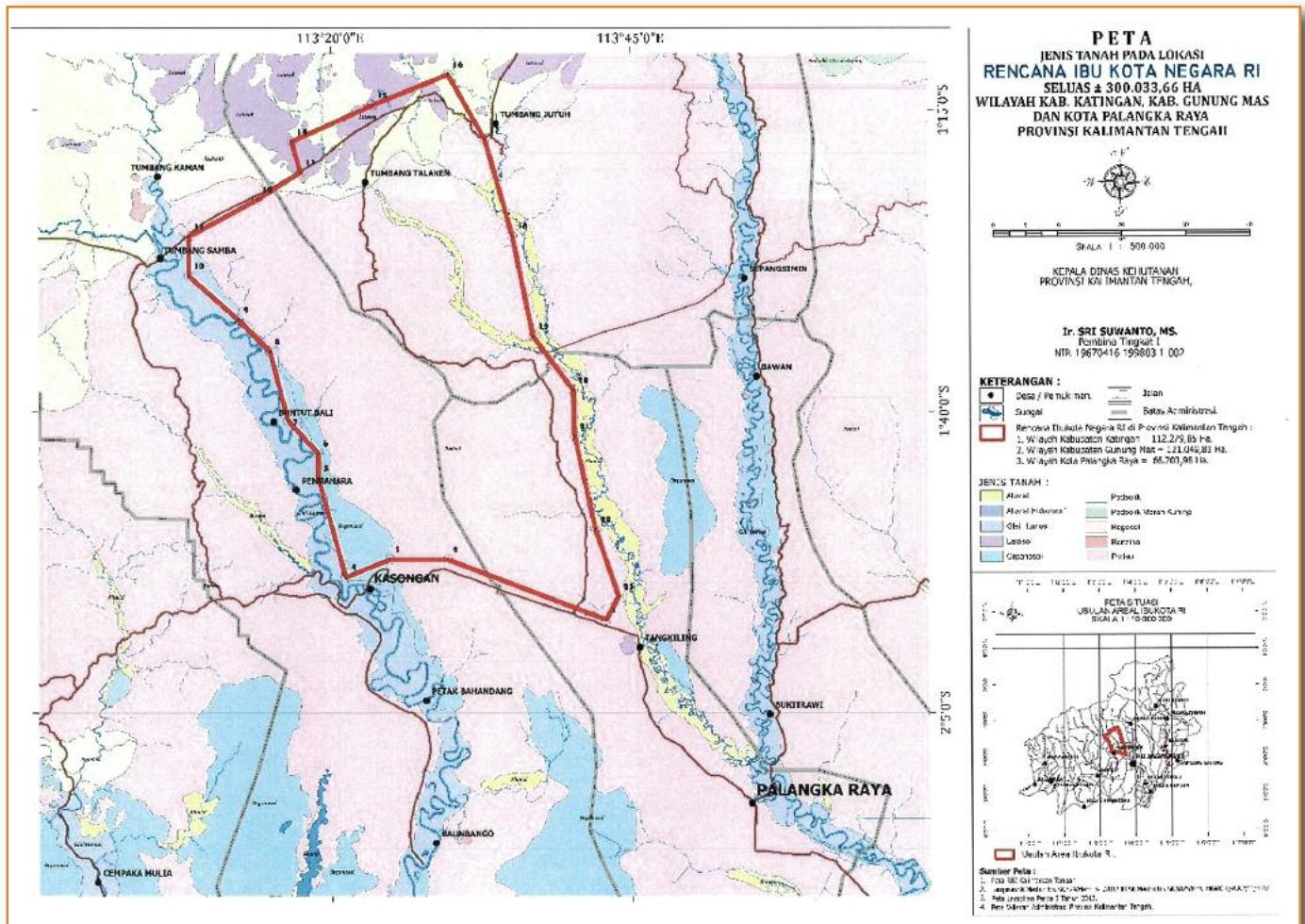




A NEW CAPITAL FOR INDONESIA?



Map of possible location for a new capital for Indonesia should the decision be taken to move the capital to Central Kalimantan. The outline in red of the proposed capital site is about 36 kms from Palangka Raya and only a couple of kilometres from the village of Tankiling which adjoins the Subud land at Rungan Sari.

Map supplied courtesy of Rachmadi Diasmono, longtime Subud member, now director of Kalteng Bank,

Indonesia is planning to move its capital away from Jakarta, which is suffering from severe congestion and is rapidly sinking. The country's president, Joko Widodo, has decided to relocate the capital to outside of the crowded main island of Java, saying that the island's infrastructure has been strained to the point that a move is necessary.

One of the locations that is often mentioned as a leading contender for the new capital is Central Kalimantan. This map shows a proposed location for a new capital should the decision be made to move it to Central Kalimantan. The location is very near the Subud land at Rungan Sari.

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BRINGING BAPAK'S VISION FOR SICA INTO THE WORLD

by Rusydah Ziesel, Chair of the Subud International Cultural Association (SICA)

“Brothers and sisters, the word kabudajan or kebudajaan (culture) comes from budi and daja. You know the word budi already from the symbolic name of our Brotherhood, Susila Budhi Dharma. Daja is the force of movement or action, the working force. Hence kebudajaan or kabudajan is really a force, a force of life expressing itself and manifesting outwardly, but originating in the djiwa.”

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Since becoming the SICA chair, I feel very clearly that our mission is to bring Bapak's vision for SICA into the world. Different to what I have experienced in my previous function in the Subud organization as national helper, I now see myself standing on the threshold of the door into the world: where the task for us is to become alive through bringing the power of God into action. That's what the Wings of Subud are for.

The SICA vision: **“A world where every human has awakened to express their talents emanating from their soul (culture)”**.

With this vision, our job becomes pretty clear. This is what we go for and the best of it is, we just start with ourselves! We bring our talents into the world and help others develop their own talents. So, as one humanity, we are able to make the world a better place. This vision also brings clarity that SICA is not just for artists and musicians, but for all of us - whether your talent lies in science or in sports, in business or elsewhere.

The soul is awakened through the power of God, and with this awakening, the talents emerge. The soul thrives by expressing itself in the world, shaping the world. Awakening our talents is a very lively process that is not always easy to grasp. It is like the seed in which everything is already contained, also has to face its growth process. What we want to do through SICA is to provide a rich and nurturing environment for this seed. Earth, water and light! Only in a suitable environment, can this seed develop successfully, to blossom in full splendor and produce the most wondrous fruits.

So our purpose is: **SICA encourages and supports the development of programs, projects, events ... that allow people to connect with and express their true inner talents in the world.**

Imagine what we could give the world and receive ourselves, if we are who we really are. Bright, radiant beings! Wonderful, talented beings! Imagine what it would be like to show yourself with all that you are, without fear, without guilt and without shame. Bold and free! Imagine that you yourself could be looking in a loving way at yourself; you would feel connected, safe and secure. Imagine everyone could lovingly and kindly support you, and see who you really and truly are. What could we all create, if that becomes true?

SICA is now launching a vibrant process to which everyone can contribute.

We are cooperating increasingly with all the other Subud Wings, to join forces in supporting Subud members – in particular the young people. We work closely with the helpers within the zones and their countries. For example we are currently supporting the Zone 4 team to organize and prepare for lively and joyful plenary sessions at the Zone 4 gathering in Kaliningrad, in August 2019.

SICA and The Quest

What kind of human culture would we like to live? What



Rusydah Ziesel.
(Photo Eliah Schulze-Voberg)

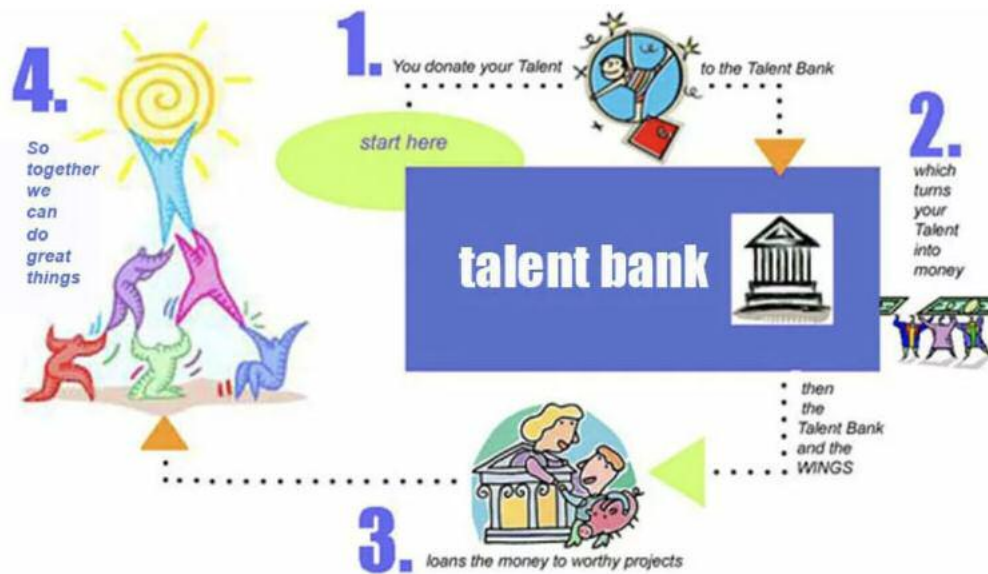
“ The soul thrives by expressing itself in the world, in shaping the world... ”

SICA Services

Marketing, Networking and Communications: Eugenia Stark and Susannah Rosenthal are working on our new website, which will reflect our richness. In Salobrena we agreed to start a joint Wings communication working group.

TalentBank by Susannah Rosenthal:

How TalentBanking works:



Workshops, Grants & Project support: we organize periodic creative and capacity building workshops. Grant submission guidelines can be downloaded from the SICA website. Projects must serve the public benefit and require SICA Board approval.

Fiscal Sponsorship: A formal arrangement whereby SICA can umbrella a member's startup project, so that it can benefit from SICA's nonprofit status. "The women worldwide initiative" is an example of a 'fiscally sponsored by SICA' (in the USA only).

Fundraising: On 13th October 2019 in Bangalore (India), Gururaja Budhya, SICA India Chair and Board member for SICA Asia, will run a full Marathon (42.2kms) for "awakened talents". He has already registered see more at:

<http://www.bengalurumarathon.in>

Amazing!!! We will start to organize for this event in July.

We welcome you to join the journey of SICA into the World.

Rusydah Ziesel SICA chair on behalf of the SICA Board: Ismanah Schulze-Vorberg for SICA Europe, Peter Jenkins (The Quest), Paloma Munoz (SICA Latin America), Eugenia Stark (Communication), Gururaja Budhya (SICA Asia), Abigail Tourle (Development Manager), Nahum Harlap (WSA Chair), Office: Rita Oakford, Admin: Amelia Williams, Talentbank: Susannah Rosenthal.



Susannah Rosenthal and Paloma Muñoz.

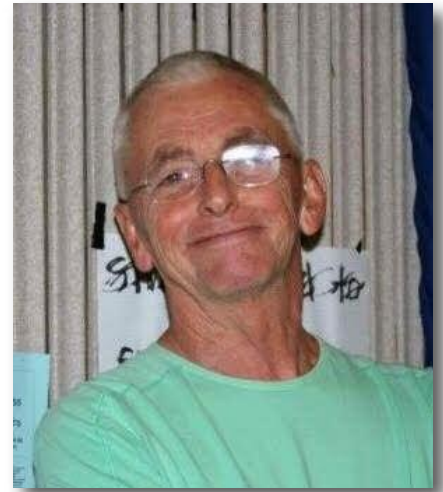
THE QUEST EXPERIMENT

Peter Jenkins writes...

The previous WSA invited the Yes Quest team to experiment and develop new forms of the Quest, and if possible, to integrate these activities with the Wings.

Experiment No 1 happened at Basara in 2017, with 150 young Subud members at Rungan Sari, involving three major workshops designed by the Quest team – My Basara – My Subud – My Life. There were ‘stations’ for each of the Wings, and both WSA and the IHs were represented. Young members were able to follow a shared journey which led to the presentation of some 12 projects, 10 of which received funding provided by SESI.

Experiment No 2 happened at the Freiburg World Congress, when the Quest team were asked to provide three workshops for the development of projects; which could then be presented to a panel that allocated grants from a, once again, SESI fund; but this time amounting to \$100,000. The Quest Communiversity project was presented and received a grant towards the cost of a development meeting in Spain, the results of which are described below.



Peter Jenkins, founder of the Yes Quest, and initiator of the communiversity concept.

Quest Communiversity – a New Initiative of Yes Quest and SICA

The central idea of this joint venture is to use Subud Centres around the world as pop-up campuses which will offer a range of events based on the Yes Quest model. This model supports the discovery and development of an individual’s true nature and true talent, together with a plan to put that talent into action in the world.

To date Yes Quests have supported young Subud members. However, the model is applicable to all life and career transitions, from education to work, change of career, from employment to entrepreneurship, and even preparation for death.

SICA has newly defined its purpose

“SICA supports and encourages the development of programs, projects and events that allow people to connect to and express their true inner talent in the world”.

This new statement of SICA’s purpose, embraces all talents that may arise from within, including science, business, social welfare and education for instance, as well as the arts, which previously was their focus.

You will notice the use of the word “people”. These programs are not just for Subud members and this new definition makes SICA and Yes Quest perfect partners to take this project beyond Subud, and out into the world.

How this will all unfold was explored at a series of meetings this April, at the Subud Centre in Orgiva, Spain. Starting with a Facilitators Training, followed by three days of project planning.

We were fortunate in having a wonderful range of talents at these meetings, as well as at the SICAAGM, the SDI AGM and the Zone 3 Meeting which followed at a nearby hotel at Salobrena.

The emerging Quest Communiversity venture has expanded the original Quest team (Marlena Bassar, Marcus Mackay, Peter Jenkins, Rhyanna Blakley, Roland Fraval and Guillaume Sanchez) to include all the SICA board members (including the SICA Chair

“ Using Subud Centres around the world as pop-up campuses for a range of Quest events...”

Rusydah Ziesel), plus:

Oliver Haitzmann, Raymond Aitken and some seven other members from Orgiva, who undertook the Facilitator Training.

Andrew Holloway (UK), Susannah Rosenthal (US), Elisha Schulze-Voberg (Germany), Felix Prieto (Chair SYAI), Gururajah Budhya (SICA India) and Bachrun Bustillo (Rungan Sari, Kalimantan).

The entire board of Dharma Care (was Morningside CARE) in Australia (CEO Irwan Wyllie), that can offer Sine Cera Rainforest Retreat, a wonderful facility with meeting rooms, commercial kitchen and beds for 100 adjacent to a National Park.

Other campuses have been offered by SDIA, and by Hadrian Michell (Loudwater Farm and a new property in the Black Forest, Germany) Susannah Rosenthal (US) and Eco Camp Retreat, Australia.

Family Quests, Subud Group Quests and a Gap Year Quest were also discussed.

The Next Steps

There will be a Steering Group, which will include representatives from the SICA board and the Quest Team, responsible for Accreditation, Quality Control, Facilitator Training, Intellectual Property, Financial Oversight and the criteria that campuses, content creators and other partners must meet.

The roll-out of campuses and modules will take place, somewhat gently, over a period of time. Here are some examples of initial Quest Community roll-out activity:

ORGIVA now has a committed team and plans to offer a Quest for the Orgiva Group, and one for the local community as first steps and in the near future.

We are in discussions with Dharma Care in Australia to pilot Gap Year Quests which will offer those in transition from school, or to/from university, a range of modules to prepare them for the fast-changing world in which eight or ten career changes will not be unusual. Quests will include people from disadvantaged backgrounds. The initial module will be similar to a Yes Quest in that by the end of the quest participants will have prepared a plan for their gap year. They will then have the opportunity to undertake additional modules such as Entrepreneurship, Creativity, Sustainability, Peace Studies at other campuses around the world. We believe that more and more people of all ages and stages will be considering a gap year experience.



Participants in the Community Quest partners meeting (Orgiva, April 2019), including SICA board members, Orgiva group members, Peter Jenkins (Quest), Felix Prieto (SYIA Chair), plus Susannah Rosenthal (US), and Andrew Holloway (UK). (Photo Elisha Schulze-Voberg)



Australian Community Quest partners; clockwise from top, Marlena Bassler, Stephen Armytage, Roland Fraval, and Irwan Wyllie. (Collage by Raymond Aitken)



Community Quest planning session. (Photo Ismanah Schulze-Voberg)

Rungan Sari Bachrun Bustillo who runs the Borneo Football project and other YUM projects will investigate government funded Yes Programs to support local school leavers in transition to work and other Quests, which meet the needs of the local community; as well as for high school pupils from Jakarta and Singapore.

Many of us believe that the real content of the Quest (true human culture) will reveal itself through the interaction between SICA and the Quest project.

A Subud Quest: from Historical Materialism to an awakening of Human Culture

Raymond Aitken, a member of Subud Orgiva in Spain, witnesses his experience as a trainee facilitator in the Quest process...

“... the level gained by most people is the material level. This has now become a way of thinking, a philosophy; it is called Historical Materialism. This is what prevails today. We must not let ourselves sink into historical materialism. [...] Hopefully God will give us a grace, so that we – all of you – can break through the walls that are preventing us from climbing, from ascending.”

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An unexpected journey

A Quest is an adventurous journey in search of something of great ennobling importance. The path of the Quest is not predetermined, but made by each step forward into unknown territories, where challenges await, that transform oneself both inwardly and outwardly. The goal of the Quest is the realisation of one's true nature and ability.

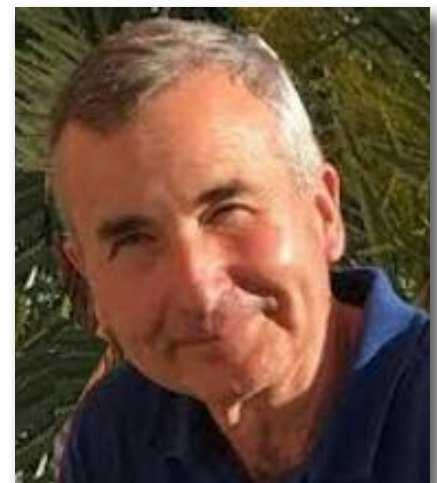
It began with a solemn candlelit commitment by all of us, to journey together as trustworthy companions, along the unforeseeable path of realising our true human potential. The commonality of our Quest was to become more conscious and capable of connecting with the God-given capacities of our authentic self, so that our work and existence in this world can become closer to being a manifestation of “putting our Latihan into practice”.

We bonded together to form a “safe space” where we could confidentially expose and liberate ourselves from the legacy of our “programmed selves”, from an inheritance of subconscious impostors and usurpers, who fear to tread the wider dimension of our true human potential; who therefore want to keep us within the confines of their “comfort zone”.

Freeing ourselves from these subconscious automatons means that our future is no longer determined by our past. We can rise beyond the pull of past-determined fate towards the future of our original destiny. Perhaps the Quest is a grace from God mentioned above by Bapak, which can help us as Humanity, to breakthrough the walls of the Historical Materialism, so that we, and all the levels of life we are connected with, can ascend back to God.

After introducing ourselves, and declaring our individual intention for the Quest, we stood in a circle, and ceremonially bound ourselves together, by winding a woollen ball of knitting yarn around each person's wrist. The yarn was then cut between each of us, so that we could tie the loose ends together as a wristband - a symbolic reminder of our bond to one another during the whole Quest experience. None could foresee the unfolding adventure of challenges and gifts that lay ahead. We had answered a call, and looking back, it seems as if we were led serendipitously, on an unexpected journey which nobody could have planned.

For some this intense experience culminated within the 3 days of Quest facilitator training, at the Spanish Subud centre in Orgiva. For others (both trainees and trainers), the unleashed momentum of flow from the Quest process continued, firstly at Orgiva during 3 days of exploration with representatives from the Subud International >



Raymond Aitken, member of Subud Orgiva and Quest Facilitator trainee.

Cultural Association (SICA), as well as from the international Youth association (SYAI); about how the Quest process could be applied more widely, both within and beyond Subud. And secondly, at a nearby coastal hotel at Salobrena, where we questors were invited to participate as catalysts for an emerging cooperation between the international Subud Wings.

By working together in the inner atmosphere of the Quest process, a new understanding arose, about how the Wings together represent an holistic process of human development, which is located and awakened within each individual by the Latihan. This renewed understanding and cooperative momentum continued, as a contribution to a subsequent meeting of all the Zone 3 countries of western Europe.

The Wings as a human development process, which puts our Latihan into practice

In summary, the human development process of the Subud Wings originates when the Latihan awakens our true human soul. As our soul begins to develop, certain talents begin to emerge and need to be expressed. The development of these talents is a discovery process initiated within the domain of Culture (SICA). Once these talents have been developed to the level that they can be applied as our livelihood, we enter the domain of Enterprise (SES). Our self-realisation through the application of our God-given talents as our right work, reconnects us with the spiritual meaning and purpose of our lives. We are thereby filled with gratitude and love towards God, towards our fellow human beings, and towards the natural world we depend on. This motivates us to care for others and Nature, and we therefore lovingly share the fruit of our applied talents, so that others can also realise their full human potential, including both the present and future generations (SD).

Each generation of humanity is endowed with new qualities and abilities that correspond to the challenges and opportunities of the emerging age. We therefore need to include the participation of young people at the heart of this holistic human development process, both as actors and as beneficiaries – so that this spiritually inspired developmental process, can be reproduced in a way that always corresponds to the constantly changing conditions for human life in the world (SYA).

The legacy of past attachment and error that we inherit and add to, not only presents a potential sabotage to our self-realisation, but it can also manifest as a hindering dysfunction within one or more aspects of our worldly embodiment (physical, mental, emotional). Our genuine self-realisation therefore needs to include a process of healing (SIHA). In essence, all true healing is a coming into right relationship; a connective tissue that unifies the diversity of Creation.

The guidance of the Subud Latihan can be said to manifest in two successive stages. Firstly as movements that purify and correct our being, because we are enabled to put aside our heart and mind; and secondly as practical human action, where we are meant to worship God by using our worldly faculties for the well-being of ourselves and humanity.



Elich Schulze-Voberg, one of the Quest facilitator trainees, and the originator of the "Family Quest" project, to be piloted in Germany.



Two Quest trainee facilitators, working together during the SICA AGM at Salobrena: Raymond Aitken of the Orgiva group and SICA Chair Rusydah Ziesel. (Photo Ismanah Schulze-Voberg)

The latihan kejiwaan is first of all the awakening of the human soul according to the will of God Almighty, and second, it is the awakening of human culture. . .

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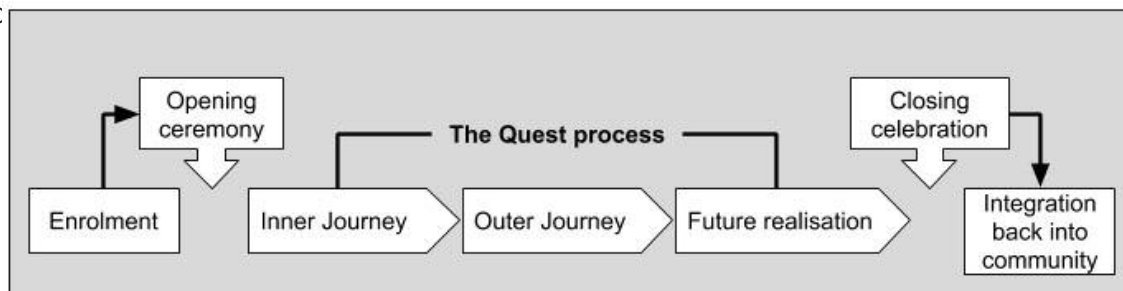


Our Latihan as practical action in the world is equivalent to “putting our Latihan into practice”. It represents the potential of the Subud Wings to catalyse a renaissance of true human culture, based on the talents that emanate from our awakened souls.

The Quest: a personal transformation that frees us from the trap of Historical Materialism

It seems that the Quest process is a way to breakthrough the walls of Historical Materialism, so that the full potential of the Subud Wings can be realised, as a holistic and Divinely inspired human development process, located and awakened within each individual by the Latihan.

YesQuest was the first expression of the Quest process. It was born 18 years ago in Kalimantan, when 17 young people from 6 countries participated in a process of intense self-discovery, followed by a challenging adventure, and culminating in practical action-planning that empowered them to realise their innate human potential beyond their expectations. An excellent film of this first Quest in 2001 was made by one of the participants, David van Noortwijk, (which can be seen on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/JTuTk8-WU1k>). At the end



The core of the Quest process comprises the three stages illustrated above, which can be briefly described as follows:

AN INNER JOURNEY:

1. Bonding together to form a “safe space” where we can confidentially expose and liberate ourselves from the legacy of our “programmed selves”.
2. Telling through creative means and bodily movements the story of how we got to where we are now.
3. Discovering through various creative means, our talents, beliefs, dreams, and sabotages.

AN OUTER JOURNEY:

1. A challenging outer adventure, which maintains the group bonding, so that inner transformations can continue to process undisturbed in the subconscious background.

PREPARING FOR OUR FUTURE REALISATION:

1. The above inner and outer journeys result in the emergence of our authentic nature and capacities, together with a vision of what we want to accomplish in the future.
2. SMART goals, with corresponding action-plans and mentoring support are developed and refined.
3. We prepare ourselves inwardly and outwardly for “re-entry” back into our home and work conditions and relationships, so that they do not overwhelm nor sabotage the realisation of our potential.



Map showing locations where the Quest events and contributions took place: the facilitator training and Quest partners meetings at Orgiva, and the Wings and Zone 3 meetings

Planting seeds for the emergence of a renewed Quest process

It seems that the Quest process is now meant to develop beyond its initial YesQuest format. Others are reporting in more detail about this evolution, including Peter Jenkins, Oliver Haitzmann and Rusydah Ziesel. Peter, who is a co-founder of the Quest process, will report on the overall international potential. Oliver will report on the potential for the Subud Centre at Orgiva Spain, to become a European-wide pilot site for the development of a range of Quest applications, including “Subud Group Quests”, Project Quests, and Quests for non-Subud partners and people in the local community. Rusydah as chair of SICA, will report on how SICA will incorporate the Quest process, not only within its own activities, but also as a means for enhancing cooperation between the Wings, as an integrated process of human development.

At this stage, all of us recognise that the real potential of the Quest process has yet to emerge. Testing indicates that God is providing us, on behalf of humanity, with a delicate seed, which we need to plant within the soil of our being, and to water it with the life force of the latihan.

Cultivating the emergence of a renewed Quest process will be a Quest in itself. We have no choice but to step together into the unknown with faith, and to have the courage to make mistakes from which we can learn; by maintaining the process of our own transformation, through staying in contact with God’s guidance, and being trustworthy companions for one another.

To paraphrase Gandhi, the Quest process is about us being the change we want to see in the world. ●

Subud Alpujarra – A Perfect Place for a Quest Centre

Oliver Haitzmann writes...

The steady development of Subud Alpujarra over 25 years, makes it the perfect place for a Quest Centre.

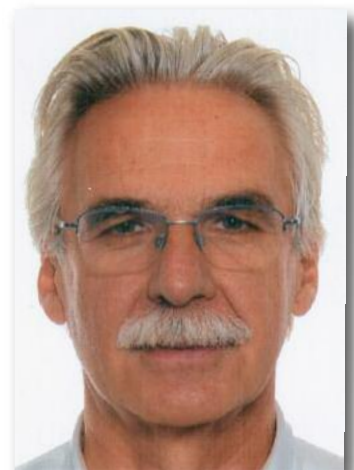
The first stage was the Jaramuza compound of 8 casitas (cottages) created by pioneers who believed this was a place with a special quality, ideal for both inner and outer growth. Visitors came, new members were opened and activities flourished. There was a clear intention to serve both the local community as well as the worldwide Subud community, and to foster the business, cultural and social welfare initiatives of the growing membership.

This ever-growing Subud Centre is nestled south of the village of Orgiva in the Alpujarra valley between the Sierra Nevada and Contraviesa Mountains. The area has been cultivated for thousands of years thanks to a plentiful supply of melt water from the mountains and wonderful sunshine. The Appujarras are a natural delight and a place of peace and tranquility.

Here you can sit in the sun and look at the snow-capped peaks, or drive to one of the many fascinating



*Subud centre, Orgiva, Spain: outside view looking towards the Sierra Nevada mountains.
(Photo Oliver Haitzmann)*



Oliver Haitzmann, Organiser of Orgiva Quest facilitator training and Quest partner meetings.

mountain villages to enjoy a very reasonably priced lunch. The more adventurous can climb a mountain, cycle, hike or ski.

In 2016 the group, now with some 45 members, saw the opening of the new centre, designed by architect Marc Vouga with two beautiful latihan halls, social area and kitchen. This Centre hosts music festivals, and a range of workshops promoted both by the group and the local community.

In Autumn 2018, some 25 members of the group met to discuss and develop new and existing proj- >

ects. These included: Music and Cultural Events – Youth Camp – Cultural Café in the Town – Vacation Rentals – Health Retreats – Retirement Support for the Elderly – IT support, both for the above ventures and as a stand-alone.



A photo of the Sierra Nevada mountains, taken from the Contraviesa mountains, situated on the opposite side of the Alpujarra valley, where the town of Orgiva is located.

A Quest Campus

Some 7 members of the group were among the participants in the Quest Facilitator Training and the three-day Partners' Meeting this April, and observed the SICA, SDIA and Zone 3 meetings which followed in nearby Salobrena. These people will form the Core Team to launch the Quest Campus in Orgiva.

Our Centre, the mountains and rivers and the inspired members are a given. The coming phase will focus on providing additional affordable accommodation. Already, we can accommodate some 15 participants and there is additional accommodation within walking distance. However, to keep the unity of the groups, we will build wooden yurts or tiny houses.

We are now planning a Group Quest in September/October as a pilot for Subud Group Quests, and then our first step out into the world with a Quest for the local community. We feel we have the capability and the commitment for many more.

SUSILA DHARMA AGM

Solen Lees writes...

Every year Susila Dharma International Association (SDIA) meets for its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and makes the most of its members being together to catch up and take stock. In the words of WSA Chair Nahum Harlap, "It is like a Mini world Congress that takes place each year!"

This year was no exception, although the gathering happened slightly earlier than usual – in April instead of July/August. This was because SDIA proposed to take advantage of two other Subud meetings happening in Órgiva and Salobreña in Spain in mid-April in order to draw closer to the other wings and emerging initiatives to find ways to help and support each other. One was series of discussions and workshops on a proposed 'Gap Year Quest' and it was followed by the International Cultural Association (SICA) AGM.

The aim of overlapping with the SICA meeting was to explore a closer working relationship with SICA and the other Wings and this morphed into a Joint Wings Day which considered how the Wings would like to work together and support each other over the coming 4 years. Strong connections were (re)forged and there was a great sense of closeness – especially between SDIA and SIHA (Subud International Health Association) whose commitment to improving healthcare and expanding access and options for healthy communities overlaps in so many countries, making close collaboration a value to be worked towards.

SDIA will also work more closely with SYAI (Subud Youth Activities International) in order to provide more diverse opportunities for young people and encourage

“ A Joint Wings Day considered how the Wings can work together... ”



Most of the new SDIA Board. From left to right: Ethan Harris, Stephanie Holloway, Bardolf Paul, Hamida Thomas, Evan Padilla, Nahum Harlap, Viktor Boehm, Hilmann Kaeser. Two board members: Vincent Mount and Aminah Herrman were missing when the photo was taken. (Photo Viktor Boehm)

presentation on the current situation of the Amanecer Centre in Colombia. Other activities included workshops on Theory of Change and Youth Engagement and a discussion about fundraising for projects.

SDIA's AGM was held on the last day of the event and involved the usual approval of the annual report and finances as well as a process to elect new directors. We are happy to say that four new Directors were elected to the Board: Aminah Ulmer Herrman, currently also chair of SD USA; Ethan Harris from the USA/Argentina; Hilmann Kaeser from Germany (also on the board of SD Germany) and Vincent Mount (currently chair of SD Britain).

As always, it was a blessing to have the opportunity to meet, share, discuss, laugh (and sometimes cry) together and we would like to thank Subud Órgiva, Subud Spain and SD Spain for all their help in organising this event.

At a meeting with the International Helpers during her recent 87th birthday celebrations, Ibu Rahayu announced that she will no longer be giving names, saying that we should, by now be able to ask and receive for ourselves. The following prescient article was written by Lucas Augustine Adamson in 2006, updated for a second article in 2013, and here finally! updated in 2019.

CHOOSING NAMES FOR SUBUD CHILDREN

Lucas Augustine Adamson, UK, writes...

Reading (on Facebook) a new member's questions about Subud name changes has reminded me to share my experience of choosing my three sons' names, in the hope that it might encourage people to test for themselves what their child's name should be.

It is well known that Bapak left Ibu Rahayu in charge of name changes in Subud, and although she received my name for me soon after I joined in 1997, by the time my first son was born, it felt like a huge imposition to ask her to test my son's name on my behalf. Also, I felt that, if I hadn't developed enough in my latihan to receive such a critical thing for myself, then I'm certainly not standing on my own two feet.

I have learned that, as the father, you are the perfect person to test the child's name, being afforded a certain grace to receive the answer.

Just before my first son was born, I was at Loudwater Farm during a visit from a party of national and international helpers. It seemed like an obvious time to test a name and so I grabbed half a dozen or so of

them, threw them in a room, and we all tested for a letter.

Let me tell you, it was an eye opener on testing! The helpers received every letter and sound under the sun, and no two were alike. Some helpers were pretty sure they were right, too - after all, a lot of Ibu's responsibilities had been passed over to them by now, so I guess they must have felt competent to do this kind of work.

Spiritually Connected to the Situation

I received an EEEEEEEEEEEE if it was a boy, and a UUUUUUUUUU if a girl. In the face of a whole host of received options, I went with what I had personally received, not out of arrogance, but because I felt that if anybody in that room was spiritually connected to the situation, and qualified to receive such things, then it was most likely to be me.

Unlike personal testing, where we might be subject to a whole host of forces acting upon us to confuse the receiving, I felt quite guided during this session, and able to receive cleanly and clearly, as though testing something abstract, upon which I had neither opinion nor motive. After running through some E names, my son's name was settled as Eli. I wussed out and asked Ibu Rahayu, who confirmed that it was the right name. He's 12 now and it certainly still feels right.

It was that testing session that really cemented for me how important it is to place greater emphasis on one's own receiving than that of other helpers, no matter how great their experience in the kejiwaan.

No doubt it was very helpful to have helpers to test with, broadening the channel through which we can receive, but it feels very important (to me) to receive for myself, and not to "go with the helpers" on things. I was very bold in asserting that I would go with my own receiving, because I guess sometimes you just know, and the helpers were very supportive with that, as it should be.

Six years later, in 2012, Susannah gave birth to our other boy, and this time I tested with Marcus Bolt, Susannah's dad. He was super supportive and lovely, insisting that it was his role as a helper to support me in my receiving, as he felt that was the key thing. I happen to agree. Testing is an incredible tool for all of us to receive for ourselves. What others receive "for us" is often compelling, but hardly the point of our training. We asked for a letter. I received dee, dee, dee, dee, dee, dee, dee, dee, dee, dee, dee. It was not ambiguous.

Looking for the Name beginning with D

I went away and looked for D names that began with not just a letter D, but a DEE sound. They are few and far between, mostly Indian and on my desperate list of about 8 names, I even had Dilraj, until Susannah noted that it was not actually a child's name but an Indian restaurant in Lewes!

Among the options was Dylan, which was about 85% right when we tested it (and a name Susannah had independently intuited for the child). Dhillip and Dilshan were also 85%-ish. Dilbert was also OK (but that was never going to happen.) I was looking for a name that, upon testing, would be a "100% correct" receiving, not an 85% also-ran.

I got quite confused afterwards, and then, realising that the D-L___ names were almost right, 85%ers, returned for a second session with Marcus the next day despite having run out of names. Idly chatting before the latihan, I considered that maybe I'd been mistaken in my thinking that it was a DEEL__ sound. I came out with, "Bloody hell, wouldn't it be a Subud conspiracy if it was yet another Subud Dahlan!"

My eyes widened, and that wave of revelation came over me as I said the name, and I realised that it was the right name for my son, the one we'd been looking for, and said so to Marcus.

We tested it immediately: it was 100%! So now we have a little Dahlan. I know of 10 of them; all in Subud. The name isn't even a real name out in Muggles world! Good though. I love it!

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It's 2019 and Dahlan is 6 years old now, and Susannah and I have just welcomed our third, AND FINAL!!! son together into our family. On the day he was born, our little baby was rushed into the special measures intensive care unit of Hayward's Heath hospital, as he had been born a month premature and by Caesarian section, with both mother and baby having had a rather aggressive fever brought about from sepsis (blood poisoning), the biggest killer of infants and mothers-to-be in pre-industrial times. So, he was born by the surgeon's knife to a life of intravenous antibiotics, a UV light bed, oxygenated breathing assistance and a very worried mother and father that could neither pick him up, console him, nor help in any way beyond our prayers.

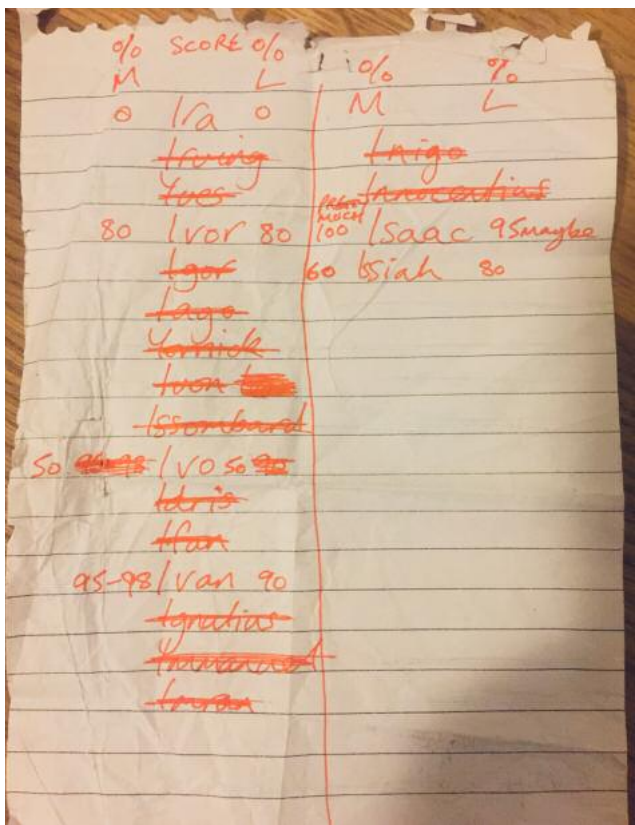
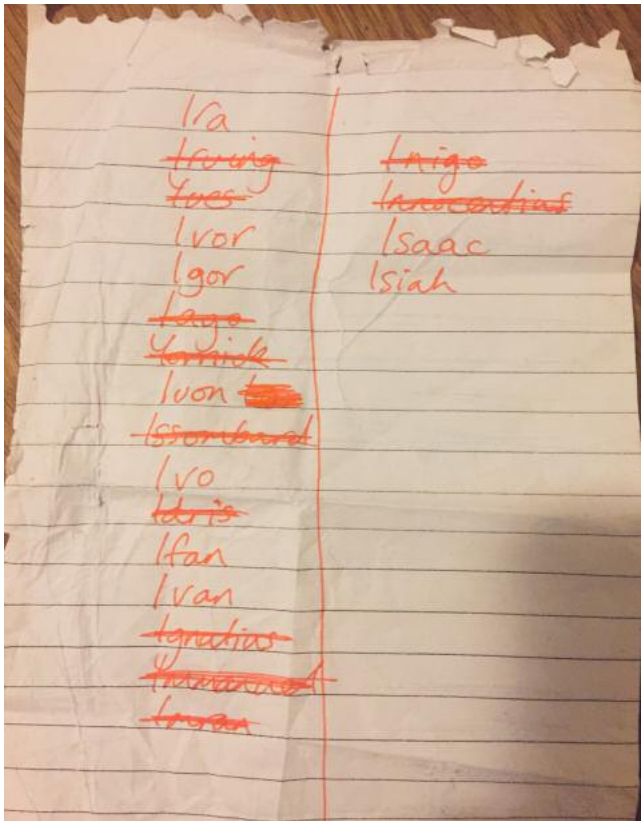
I was reminded of the story of how Bapak himself had been in a touch and go medical situation as a child, and how his mother had been instructed to change his name as a matter of urgency in order to save his life. It's with that in mind that Grandad Marcus and I set about to find the right name for the baby on the day he was born.

We asked first of all for an initial letter. I received I, I. Reassuringly unambiguous and clear, yes, but certainly in my mind it was hard to trust that I really could receive it that simply and clearly, so aware am I of the influence of my constantly chattering, egotistically driven mind. I guess that's why it's so important to really saturate oneself in the latihan for a good solid half hour before any such testing. I also remember now that we did do a few tests prior to the asking of the letter:

1. How I receive a "yes/ positive response/ light feeling/ the will of God."
2. How I receive a "no/ negative response/ heavy feeling/ not the will of God."
3. Whether it is appropriate to do testing about the name of the baby at this time.
4. To receive the state of inner quiet required to receive properly and clearly.

This preparation is actually really important, and actually saves time, avoids confusion, and leads to the testing being really effective, I've found.

Marcus and I (and Susannah by phone) went about writing a list of as many I names as we could think of. I've included a photo of that scrappy list, written on the back of a shopping list. From there it was simply a case of going through the list, testing each one. But first, a shortcut: We tested how it was if the name began with an "EYE" sound, and how it was if the name began with a short "i" sound. This allowed us to cross off all of the names beginning with "i" such as lago, lain, Inigo, Idris, Ignatias, Immanuel, Imron, Irving etc.



From there, we had 8 names to test and after each one, we would each give a percentage score to them: Ira, Ivor, Igor, Ivon, Ifan, Ivan, Isaiah and Isaac. Here's how it turned out:

In the end it was a toss up between Isaac and Ivan, but a second confirmation test clarified that it should be Isaac, and we left feeling confident that in just 1 and a half hours, and on the day of his birth, we had found the right name.

Whether it is true or not that this helped little Isaac we can never know, but it was quite remarkable how fast he healed, each day bringing new positive milestones in his recovery, and within a week he was brought home and is now a happy and healthy bouncing baby boy.

So really, I just want to encourage fathers (and mothers, grandparents!) to

test the name of your children for yourselves. It's a really great "rite of passage" venture into fatherhood, and greatly adds to the amazing spiritual experience of parenthood. I feel sure that all parents in Subud can do this for themselves with a little help from Subud family and friends experienced in the kejiwaan. ●



Left to Right: Dahlan, Eli and Isaac Adamson.

Small Group with a Great Centerprise Story

From an interview with Harman and Mirabelle Viviana Scott in Perth, Scotland, this article by Hanafi Fraval shows how a small Subud group is able to operate as a centerprise – and make a profit...

After the end of the lease of Bankhead Farm, Scotland, in 2000 and the sale of a Subud apartment in Glasgow a couple of years before, a strong feeling began to emerge from members around the region to acquire a new property as a centerprise. Harman Scott tells how he was in Manchester at the time, practicing as an architect privately and property manager for Subud Britain.



The Scottish Regional Subud Centre in Perth.

Led by Conrad Aldridge, Latif Horton and the Hoepners, a number of Subud members were in support of purchasing an old building in Perth – in the center of Perth, in the center of Scotland. Used by the Army since 1940, the building needed a lot of repair, but it was large and located close to the railway station in Perth.

About that time, Subud Britain presided over the sale for £45,000 of a Subud house in Paignton, Devon, England. Another in Glasgow sold for £70,000. The missing £120,000 of the £230,000 needed for the Perth purchase was financed by an informal loan from Subud Britain, from a healthy cash balance of reserves >

that it held at the time. The idea was that the group would repay the sum from the profits of the enterprise. An additional £100,000 for renovation costs was covered by Subud Britain and donations by the Scottish members. Typically the group now pays £5,000-£12,000 annually from profits from the enterprise to Subud Britain, as a combination of capital repayment and interest.

Conrad Aldridge, working as a volunteer, got the business running in 2005, following renovations to the property. Branded as the Perth Subud Centre, its income is now around £35,000, from which salaries and all costs are deducted before ending up with a net profit.



Hadrian keeps a garden to delight guests.

The centerprise rented space to quality clients, such as local authorities and related entities. They provided good catering, which Conrad and Michelle Aldridge took care of, and Conrad focused on a myriad of other tasks to develop the centerprise. In 2011, the couple decided to move closer to their family in England and handed the flourishing centerprise to Harman and Mirabelle Viviana Scott.

With their young children still needing care, Mirabelle Viviana started out doing only the invoicing from home before eventually taking care of all of the main centerprise operations. As an architect, Harman was ideally placed to take care of the work of maintenance. In his role as property manager for Subud Britain, he also had written the Subud Properties Management Manual, which has been loaded onto the Subud-Spaces Slack site.

“We usually like to have a minimum of £5,000 per year for maintenance in the centerprise account,” says Harman. “The continued need for maintenance is such that we always spend the money rather than have a reserve fund.” A maintenance assessment is carried out every five years and forms the basis for what Harman presents as a series of items to tackle. Then the House Committee comments and decides. Sometimes items are obviously not optional, such as blocked drains or leaking radiators. Health and safety and statutory maintenance are diligently carried out.

The enterprise promotes through its website, Facebook, leaflets, cards, banner, networking, and word of mouth. Mirabelle Viviana is self-employed, and although she does her own accounting, the receipts and invoicing are sent on to Subud Britain to consolidate with all the other accounts that must be shared with the Charities Commission. She is paid 30% of room hire and 85% of catering, for which she provides the food and beverage. Their contract was drawn up about twelve or so years ago. They inherited it from the Aldridges, with some changes. They are about to get a new contract that will be valid for all of Subud Britain.



Great for meetings requiring catering.

Mirabelle Viviana relates how critically important it is to have the solid support of the whole group, which in this case is only 8-10 active members at Tayside group. They all live a good distance away, between 10 and 70 miles. A house committee has been formed for the centerprise and meets every three months. This involvement makes all the difference. Not only does Mirabelle Viviana feel >

supported, but the committee takes possession of the centerprise as well. She also feels that the new centerprise Zoom calls are a real help because, among other things, she gets to be part of a bigger community with its inherent support.

She also emphasizes how important it is that they are paid. It is almost a full-time job, yet the salaries are extremely modest. Nevertheless, they feel valued. Mirabelle Viviana shares that she really enjoys her work and benefits greatly from the relationships and support within the house committee, the group, and the region.



Lots of space, with two halls and more...

“We have four, regular room hirers; self-catering; and then many one-off groups who we partly cater for. Since people so enjoy having their meetings here, it is starting to get too busy for one person, so we are pondering over developing the centerprise,” she explains. They can’t hire more people, because there is not enough money to pay them. With 25% growth in income this past year, they have the classic conundrum.

Most of the business is for meetings of up to thirty people; i.e., business people, government-related meetings, and charities. These groups often turn out to be repeat business; they come back again and again. They have experienced the Subud environment and the personal touch and service that Mirabelle Viviana gives them, and they know that they won't find this level of commitment and service elsewhere.

Clients also like the atmosphere in the building, with its historic background and beautiful views. The property’s garden is maintained for free by group member Hadrian, a retired civil servant who simply enjoys the work and so is very happy to contribute.

The building overlooks a park and is in a fantastic location for its purpose. At the entrance to the building, on the left, is the Subud symbol with the word SUBUD. They don't overdo Subud materials at the center, although they do leave brochures in the entrance area and a framed, general explanation about Subud, which many hirers do read. They try to make the place feel as nice, attractive and comfortable as they can. That's why people come back. The idea is to provide a neutral atmosphere that is peaceful and enables a group to feel at home and productive.

Up to twelve beds in three rooms are used in the summer; only six of these in the winter that are let on a low-cost, bed-and-breakfast basis to Subud members and their families only. Visitors from abroad are always welcome. Scotland’s members often stay overnight after travelling long distances to latihan.

Mirabelle Viviana says that the group does have differences and difficulties from time to time, that “to work harmoniously together doesn’t mean it’s easy. We are all very different types of people,” she explains. “We each face each other as mirrors of ourselves. We must be willing to look at our defects as well as our strengths. It needs work and focus to get things solved. We have also been very lucky with regional and other chairs who have done a great job and work with us in a positive and helpful way.

“We strive to be as transparent as possible by regularly reporting and inviting the group and region to give feedback. I guess everybody is so glad that someone is dealing with the centerprise that they are content. I would love to have more feedback and input, but with so few members so far apart I’m glad we are in general working well together. The house committee is essential so as not to not have the burden on my own shoulders. It is what makes it possible to run it on my own, though I would love more involvement.”

Towards the end of the interview, Harman, having visited a number of groups around the country as Subud Britain property officer, tells of having posed three test questions to groups. “I never told them what the an- >

swers were before we did the testing,” he confides, “but those answers were always the same.” And the questions?

- How is it for our individual spiritual development if we do latihan in premises that are rented? (quite happy).

- How is it for our spiritual development if we do latihan in premises that are owned by Subud, but not used for an enterprise, just the latihan? (burdensome for the members).

- How is it for our spiritual development if we do latihan in premises that are owned by Subud but are also used for enterprise? (fantastic).

Mirabelle Viviana adds that without their centerprise Perth Subud Centre would not exist.

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HUMAN FORCE VOLUNTEERING

How Human Force volunteering changed my idea of volunteerism – By Davida Paul...

Human Force, and Susila Dharma International Association - Youth mentorship programme - BC Council for International Cooperation United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Bootcamper

The idea (or what I had thought at the time) of what volunteerism meant to me was spun on its head when I attended my first volunteer camp organized by the Human Force. Change isn't about “saving people”, but it's about being a great member of whatever community you belong to.

My name is Davida Paul, and like many other high school graduates I wanted to take a “gap year” to travel, and to unravel the layers of ordinary routine by diving head-first into our mysterious world. We have all been fortunate to have the connections, and networks within our Subud community to collaborate, and take part in the many projects around the world.

However, for many youth it almost feels as though we stand in the shadows amongst this. That's why when I stumbled across, and was told about the Human Force Camp there was a deep yearning within me to go. The Human Force Camp has provided volunteer programs for social change since 2009 in 5 different countries. Colombia, Mexico (2x), India, Indonesia (3x), and Germany.

In 2016, I participated in the Human Force Camp in Kalimantan, Indonesia, where I truly experienced a transformation that wiped away my Eurocentric lens, and opened my eyes to the realities of our planet.

I remember vividly when we were driving through Central Kalimantan for 2 hours through acres, upon acres, of monoculture palm oil plantations. Jayadi Paembonan (Yayasan Permakulture Kalimantan Co-founder) talked about the reality of the monopoly market, social-injustices, effects on the land, and how that reflects onto the work they are doing.



Davida Paul enjoys a coconut...

A valuable component of our time during the HF Camp was drawing upon these issues through the Global Awareness Program where the HF coordinators facilitated discussions, and spoke about the local and global contexts regarding Human Rights, Indigenous Rights, Conservation, and Sustainability. “Where there’s a problem, there’s a solution,” and two years after the camp I knew that I wanted to be one part of the piece to the puzzle of solutions, and joined The Human Force’s Youth Mentorship Program.

I have had the privilege to join and facilitate as a trainee in the 2018 HF camp in Kalimantan, with Yayasan Permaculture Kalimantan for the second time. This new perspective of a facilitator allowed me to see, feel, and understand how humbling, and truly rewarding this work is.

Not only for myself, but as a collective; and how positive, relevant, socially-conscience, and culturally sensitive work can evoke change within ourselves, communities, and develop into sustainable enterprises.

Through the opportunities with the Human Force Camp, and with the unwavering support of Susila Dharma Canada + International I will BE attending 3 retreats over the course of 2019 with the BC Council of International Cooperation UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Bootcamp.

I have been able share, and apply my knowledge alongside 19 other amazing youth as we develop our personal-story for social change, be mentored, partake in public engagement initiatives, travel to New York for the High-Level Political Forum meeting, and learn how to implement the Sustainable Development Goals to become active SDG changemakers.

Through these various opportunities I have been able to foster my growth, and knowledge in social awareness, climate action, education, BIPOC (Black Indigenous People of Color) rights movements, sustainable agriculture, and regenerative land practices.

This year we will be adding country #6, with the next Human Force camp in Colorado, USA from July 9th-19th, 2019. We are joining together to be a part of one piece to the puzzle of solutions in our upcoming 2019 Human Force Camp in Crestone, Colorado.

Where we’ll join together to immerse ourselves in the beautiful landscape of Crestone and bridge our voluntary work with The Atalanta Association through our Global Awareness Program. Intertwined with our Global Awareness Program, which is aimed to take a deep look at relevant global, and regional issues + solutions, we will navigate our ‘self’ through personal, and group reflective activities.

Further to this the Human Force are offering a subsidy for participants who will be attending the National USA Gathering in Albuquerque, New Mexico (July 4th-8th).

If you’d like to learn about The Human Force, or about our upcoming camp email us at: hellohumanforce@gmail.com or visit our facebook, and instagram page for more details.

The Human Force Team is holding it’s 8th volunteer camp on July 9th-19th 2019 in Colorado, USA. We are also offering a subsidy to participants who will be attending the National USA Gathering in Albuquerque, New Mexico.



Evoke change within ourselves and develop sustainable enterprises...



Human Force volunteers in Kalimantan.



AID FOR VENEZUELA

Solen Lees of Susila Dharma International writes...

We are raising money to help people in Venezuela access needed food and medicines that are not available.

Since the crisis in Venezuela began, more than three million Venezuelans have fled to other countries, and those who can't afford to leave have seen their quality of life deteriorate to previously unthinkable levels—almost ninety per cent of the country now lives below the poverty line.

Deaths from malnutrition are on the rise, and buying staples such as flour, milk, or rice has become a choice between waiting in supermarket lines that can stretch for whole city blocks or paying exorbitant prices. Medicines are not available, so children and those with chronic health problems are at particular risk.

SDIA is working with Subud members in Venezuela who do not themselves have access to food and needed medicines, to identify ways to reach the most needy. Your donations, in any amount, will help us help people access basic food and medical supplies.

Please send them to the website to make a donation to our Emergency Fund:

<https://www.susiladharma.org/donate-now/>



Celebrating the life of Halimah Armytage – a lifelong supporter of Susila Dharma

Lydia Sturton, Halimah's daughter, writes...

My parents met at an art school in London called the Slade, were married in 1949 and opened in the early 1960s in the Canterbury group in UK, then we quite quickly moved to Australia where my paternal grandfather had spent his early years before moving to England.

In Australia we lived for a long time in Melbourne. Dad went to the Tokyo World Congress as the Melbourne delegate and got "lost" in Jakarta on the way home for a month or more, and so by the time the Cilandak World Congress rolled around, it was clearly Mum's turn.

I have two older brothers and one younger, who is the only one of us four kids born in Australia. In 1974 we two younger siblings accompanied our parents to Cilandak for a two week stay just before Ramadan. Dad (Sofyan) was an art teacher, my brother Stephen was still at school and I was halfway through teacher college, so we went in the school holidays.

Mum at that time was working an office job but quite soon after that began to train as a potter which she really took a liking to, setting up her own pottery in their Melbourne home and again in Brisbane, Queensland, where they moved in 1985. The move north was prompted by his retirement from teaching and Dad's desire to work with challenging teens in the early days of Morningside Care, but that did not last very long.



Halimah Armytage.

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During our short stay in 1974 I remember Mum talking to Hasi-jah Rosefeld about her newly formed shoeshine boys enterprise and there was a day trip to Cipanas to see the fish farm and children's village that was in its early days at that time; I think Wilbert Verheyen [founding member of Yayasan Usaha Mulia (YUM)] was also around, someone my parents were very interested to meet and whom Mum greatly admired.

Around this time Halimah was the Australian SBIF chair (as SDIA was then called) and managed through sheer persistence to get local reps in every single group in Australia, all raising money for the various projects we were supporting.

She had her own SBIF committee which consisted of herself, Melissa Rolls - one of the very first Subud Melbourne members – and me, who she also roped in, although I was never particularly sure what I was doing.

The Vietnam war was coming to an end and our main fundraising effort during that time was the sponsorship of a Vietnamese Subud family who eventually moved to USA.

Another of our fundraising drives was to create a cookbook we called it the “Yum-my Cookbook” because it was for the YUM project in Indonesia, recipes collected on scraps of paper and typed by Halimah on her portable Olivetti typewriter, with the cover designed by Dad. I wish I still had a copy, but we moved in 2017 after 30 years in the same house and it was one of the casualties.

By then, Mum was 90 and moved in with us to a house by the river in northern New South Wales. We prepared the granny flat, moved her furniture from Canberra where she had been living since my father's death in 2005, but 10 days after she moved in, we had a flood of epic proportions, the like of which had not seen for over 100 years.

Her filing cabinet and many other things were only fit for the dump after that - otherwise I am sure I would have found much more detail of her involvement with SDI and her time as SBIF chair as well, including the name of the family we sponsored. I remember Mum and the family corresponded for several years.

I have tried but cannot find the corner of my mind where their name is lodged, which is a pity. I would love to know if any of them are connected to Subud USA. For years my parents supported Susila Dharma International, with the dollar a day club mainly, and this was continued until Halimah died last September.

She was 92 when she died and had led an interesting and varied life from joining up at the end of World War II to being evicted from her home by a flood in 2017, which I might say she took on the chin, living in a luxury caravan on our front lawn for several months until the repairs had been done.

At the time of her death she had 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Subud was the mainstay of my parents' life together, and many of their descendants also follow the latihan, including all four children and their partners.



Halimah signed up for active service in the Second World War.



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PATRICIA ARQUETTE PODCAST

Julia Hurd writes...

"Fresh Air" is a nationally popular public radio interview program and podcast that airs weekdays.

Patricia Arquette has won several acting awards, including an Academy Award in 2015 for her role as a single mother in the film "Boyhood", and she was interviewed last Monday.

This "Fresh Air" episode is 48 minutes and just after minute 26 Patricia Arquette talks about Subud. Terry Gross, the host, said she looked it up online, but found it "vague and confusing" and asks Patricia to explain it.

Go to:

www.npr.org/2019/04/29/718261622/actor-patricia-arquette

Patricia Arquette has won awards for her performances in 'Escape at Dannemora', 'Boyhood' and 'Medium.' Arquette talks about playing a series of complex roles in the past few years, and also tells Terry Gross about growing up on a commune, her father's conversion to Islam, and a time early in her career when she walked away from a project.



Patricia Arquette just won her second Golden Globe Award, this time for Best Performance by an Actress in a Limited Series or Motion Picture made for Television. ("Escape From Dannemora")

LATE SUMMER ON THE GREEK ISLAND OF AEGINA

Subud Greece writes...

Subud Greece is organizing a one-week vacation on the island of Aegina from August 31 to September 7, 2019. We have found a very nice hotel right on the beach, very close to the resort of Agia Marina.

Aegina is a small island located at only a 40 minute Flying Dolphin distance from the port of Piraeus. (The regular ferry takes around 75 minutes.) The best way to get to Aegina, if you fly to Athens, is to get on Bus X96 which will take you from the airport to the Port of Piraeus between 60 and 90 minutes. Boats are located a very short walk from where the bus stops and the ticket prices are low (8-14 euros).

Aegina is a very interesting small island with a picturesque central village with nice shops, bars and restaurants and an open-air cinema which shows film in their original language.

Aegina is a place of rich history. The Temple of Aphaia is certainly the most important site, but there are others, too. You can spend your Aegina holidays swimming, enjoying the beaches, sightseeing, discovering the island, sailing, walking, cycling, wining & dining. There are also several islands around Aegina which are worth a visit. Best of all, Hydra, where Leonard Cohen owned a house and spent time there with Marianne before he found the way to say "so long".

Last but not least, Aegina has a very light and relaxed feeling. We had a Subud camp there in the early 80s with around 70 people and we cleaned the place for generations to come!

Here are the full details: www.subudworldnews.com/userfiles/news/documents/2019/April/AEGINA.pdf



THE COMPUTER DOESN'T CARE

David Barker, UK, writes...

In 1959 I attended a Bapak talk at the Friends' Meeting House in London. Bapak explained that the latihan had been sent to mankind because of the rise in pressure from the material forces.

I have a clear memory of internally querying this as Bapak was speaking. Jobs were plentiful and we could run a car on a few shillings a week; it was easy to get by and to live well. The pound was strong wherever we travelled.

However, we all know how strong the pull of the material world is now. It is huge! Sit on a train to observe and witness the seduction of humankind by computers and mobile phones.

In recent times we have learned that two Boeing 737s have crashed when computer software over rode the pilots' commands. The computer registered that the planes were stalling when they were not and put them into a fatal nosedive in order to correct the stall. Tragically, all the passengers and crew in each plane were killed. (The Boeing 737 has been flown across the globe safely since the 1960s without the anti-stall device.)

We hear a lot in the press about driverless cars and how in a few years they will be our chosen form of transport. Would you travel in a driverless car? I wouldn't! If we do, are we putting ourselves in a subordinate position to artificial intelligence?

“ *Would you travel in a driverless car...?* ”

Bapak frequently reminded us that the Subud latihan could help human beings reduce the influence and pressure of the material world upon us and that we should be masters of it.

There is a paragraph that touches on this subject in Ramzi Winkler's book, *The Traveller's Companion*. In the late 1970s Ramzi returned to Cilandak from a visit to Germany. He showed Bapak an article in *Der Spiegel* on computers taking over jobs and causing unemployment. Bapak's comment was that this is how the gap between the rich and the poor widens.

He added "There is nothing to say against computers; however the application is wrong."

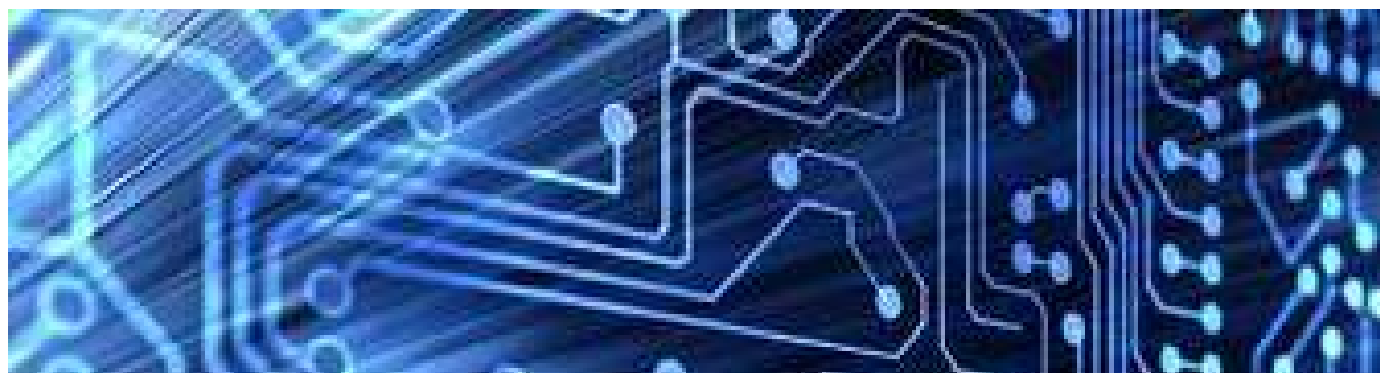
It seems to me the ultimate surrender to the material force is trusting AI and machines more than we trust ourselves and is this where we are heading?

The independent scientist, James Lovelock, says that "we should fear artificial intelligence far more than climate change."

Finally a quotation from Bapak's talk at Wendhausen on 29th July 1977 - 77 WEN1:

"Thus it is clear that God does not forbid human beings to advance and to make progress. God always has compassion upon them and always allows them to make progress. This is necessary for our descendants; however far we progress, we should always remain mindful of the One Almighty God, and remember that it is God who has created all things..."

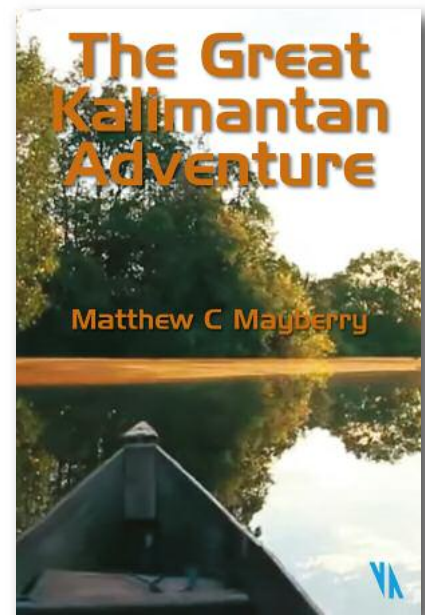
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The Great Kalimantan Adventure Matthew C Mayberry

“Bapak can tell you that there is gold, there is silver, there are diamonds, there are many precious stones, there are other things like oil and so on. Bapak went to Kalimantan and met people in authority like the Governor of Central Kalimantan, who was stunned, he couldn’t believe it. He said: ‘How does Bapak know that in this place there is that and in this place there is this and so on?’ And Bapak said ‘Oh. I didn’t learn it anywhere, I know it from myself’.” *Talk at Slough, UK, 4 June 1981*

“This book is about my impressions and personal experiences while leading six expeditions (June 1982 to July 1986) in exploring for gold and other minerals. These expeditions were the highlight of my professional life, and the area was legendary, especially in the villages known to the Dayak people as Data Hotap.” *Matthew C Juneberry*



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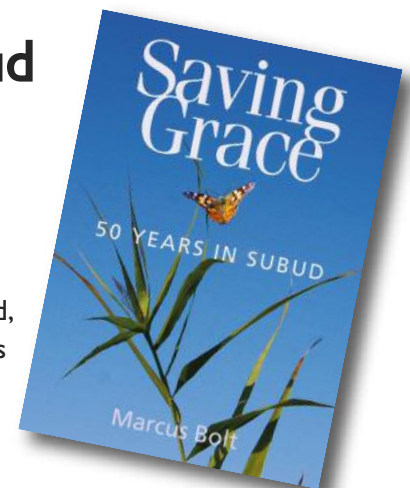
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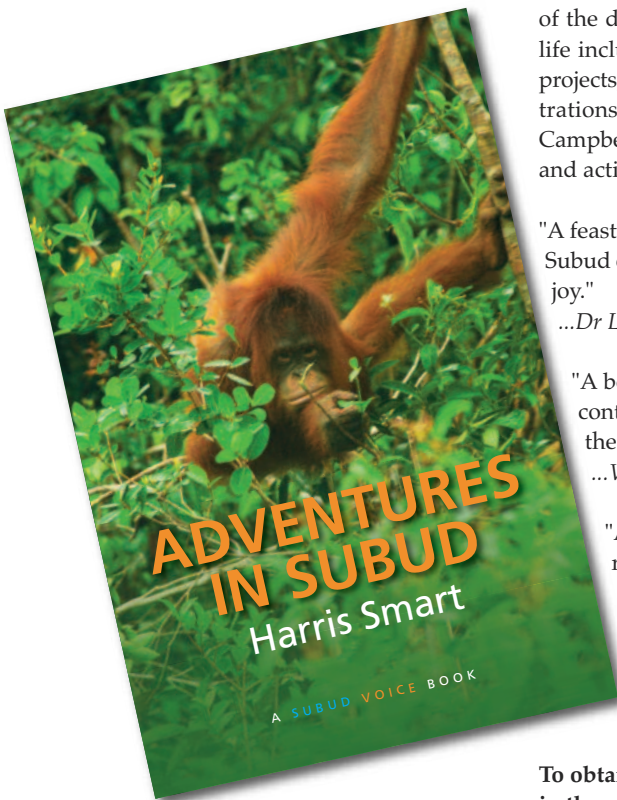
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