

BEN REID-HOWELLS

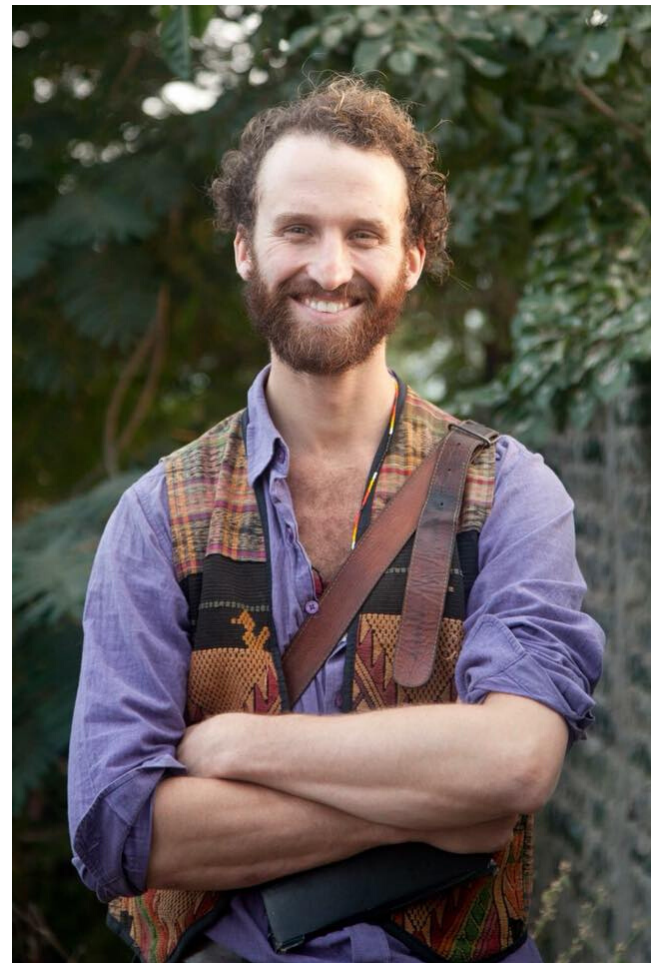
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ORGANISER

I am an international educator and community organiser with a degree in Interdisciplinary Sustainability and a background as a trainer, wilderness guide and educational program designer. I have have trained youth, teachers, community groups and government officials in community-led processes in the nation-states of Canada, Guatemala, India, Nepal, Kyrgyzstan, Greece and Scotland. I have also worked with displaced communities and Indigenous communities working towards their own justice, wellbeing and sovereignty. On the Vasudhaiva Ride I coordinated training projects, communications and the global network-building that made this transnational project-series a success. I currently serve as CoFounder and International Director of the Centre of Resilience in Bihar, India.

I believe we need to bring about systemic change if we are to heal the planet, each other and ourselves. I work to bring together intersecting forces to work towards such change in ways that are tangible, accessible and regenerative. I am skilled in connecting people and causes with needs and resources, across local, regional and transnational levels.

My family are British settlers in Turtle Island (modern-day Canada, USA and Mexico). In my work I strive to both leverage my privilege and make myself unnecessary, by sharing my skills and building the capacity of others.

After five years of solidarity work internationally, I am now based in Ontario, seeking to collaborate with regional initiatives to bring about resilience and regeneration: ecologically, socially, culturally, economically and politically.





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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

ABOUT ME

I strive to bring together and build the capacities of communities working towards social/ecological regeneration and positive systemic change..

I offer trainings, program design, management; models for effective, meaningful operations; and transnational organising.

EDUCATION

College of Sustainability
Dalhousie University
2011-2015

Combined Honours with Distinction:
Sustainability & Social Anthropology
-GPA avg.: 4.0; Dean's List.
-Certification in International Communication

UWC Pearson College
2007-2009
- IB Score: 41
-CAS student leader

CoFounder - Vasudhaiva Ride | June 2016 - Present

www.vasudhaivaride.com | Fb | IG

Coordination of award winning transnational project-series of community capacity building, train-the-trainer programs, social bridge-building, NGO trainings and resilient design work.
- South & Central Asia, Europe, UK.

International Director - Centre of Resilience (COR) Foundation May 2017 - Present

Co-Founding Director of COR: Creation of organisational framework; program design; global outreach & fundraising.
COR is a grassroots training and innovation centre that provides pathways towards resilient livelihood, sustainable living and inclusive wellbeing, for a regenerative future in Bihar, India.

Program Design and Coordination - Mahindra United World College, India | Oct. 2014 - May 2016 | www.uwc.org

Founding Director of Mindfulness Program & UPYF Festival.
Assistant Program Coordinator for IB CAS Experiential Edu. Dept.;
Head of Peace & Justice, and Outdoor CAS Learning Streams.

SKILLS

INT. NETWORK BUILDING & PROJECT MGMT.

Networking, Communications, Team Formation & Training;
Project: Design, Coordination & Evaluation; Artistic Direction;
Storysharing; Direction of direct-action, community projects.
- Canada, Guatemala, India, Nepal, Kyrgyzstan, Greece, UK.

LANGUAGES

English, French, Spanish - Fluent Spoken & Written
Hindi, Portuguese, Italian - Intermediary Conversational

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PREVIOUS WORK

Migrant & Refugee Training: Program Design & Pilot Program Coordination

Nov 2018 - Jan 2019. Mosaik Community Support Centre. Lesvos, Greece.

www.lesvosmosaik.org Lesvos Solidarity: Mosaik | Fb | IG

Design, Pilot Program and Handover of "Next Step Personal & Professional Development Program", now "IT & Computer" Program: skills, knowledge, awareness and practice for people-on-the-move to prepare for the next step of settlement post refugee-camps.

Bihar Project: International Team Formation, Community Engagement

May 2017 - April 2018. Bihar, India.

Outreach, communications, logistics and management of international volunteer teams; Needs-assessment, program design, train-the-trainer program and direction of local community programs during 12 month "Bihar Project", creation of the Bihar House, model of resilient design: Vasudhaiva Ride.

Previous Events

- Resilient Design, Social Change and Climate Justice. Three Day Seminar. BIT Architectural College, Patna, Bihar. India. September, 2017.
- Environment Sustainability and Societies Lecture Series. Keynote Speaker, Graduate Showcase: College of Sustainability. Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada. K'jipuktuk, Mi'kmaq Territory. November, 2017.
- Reflective Education as a Force for Peace. Student and Teacher Trainings. Mahindra United World College of India. Pune, India. October, 2017.
- Building Resilient Futures from Waste. The Natural Homes Conference 2018. Prague, Czech Republic. March, 2018.
- Peace, Community and Resilient Designs. TEDx Jacobs University. Germany. March, 2018.
- Beyond Resilience: Grassroots Direct-Action Workshop. University of Guelph. February, 2020.

Previous Co-Collaborators, Work Partners and Clients

United World Colleges | Greenpeace India | Ellen Macarthur Foundation | University of London | Immigrant Services Ontario | Maya Universe Academy | College of Sustainability, Dalhousie Uni.

Previous Work Media Coverage

The Guardian | The Times | The Economic Times | The Outdoor Journal | RadiOPIRG Canada

