



Who We Are

We offer transformational experiences through nature immersion & ecological restoration to equip children and adults to deal with the mental, emotional and ecological challenges of the 21st century;

creating resilient, happier, healthier, empowered individuals

From ages 4 to 99

Supported by science and pedagogical research (see appendix)

Our Vision

Four Pillars

Holistic Health & Wellbeing

Care for people through mental/emotiona and social health & nature immersion

Education & Community Leadership

Self Development &
Environmental Stewardship
with tangible solutions

Ecological Restoration & Care

Care for the Earth through our permaculture demonstration site & tree planting restoration

Transformation and Capacity Building

Investing in Youth & Training the Trainers to multiply impact

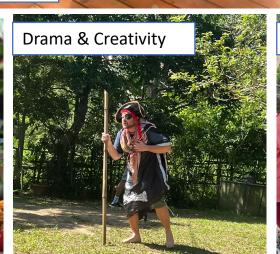
















Our Offerings

- 1. Ecological Restoration & Tree Planting for ESG Activities
- 2. Restorative Wellness & Nature Connection
- 3. Organic Farming & Zero Waste Living
- 4. Permaculture Solutions & Workshops
- 5. Forest School 'Family Days' for Employee Wellness
- 6. Cooperative Gaming for Community Building
- 7. Adventure Based Education for Team Building
- 8. Design Thinking Education

Book a Programme with us

Employee & Family Wellness

Family Wellness & Nature Adventure Play Days

Invest in your staffs mental and emotional well being focusing on a range of wholesome and fun activities for the family!

min. HKD\$30,000 and up*

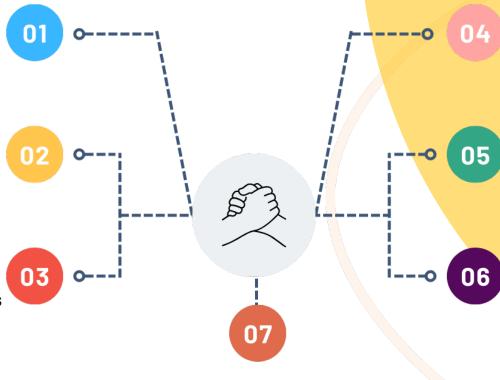
Wilderness Survival Challenge (Team Building)

Build staff camaraderie through emphasizing collaboration, empathy and fun min. HKD\$25,000 and up*

Restorative Wellness Workshops

Offer your staff a chance to destress and unwind and learn how to care for themselves and the planet better through our wellness and eco-care workshops

HKD\$25,000 and up*



Philanthropic Partners

Be a long term partner and help us raise the impact of our work starting at **HKD\$500,000** and up

ESG & CSR Opportunities

Ecological Care & Restoration Workshops

Sponsoring our 37,500+ Tree Planting activities, Beach Clean ups, Organic Farming, Zero Waste Offices & more **HKD\$25,000 and up***

Sponsor an Underprivileged Community

Sponsor underprivileged children to attend our flagship programmes & equip them with critical life skills

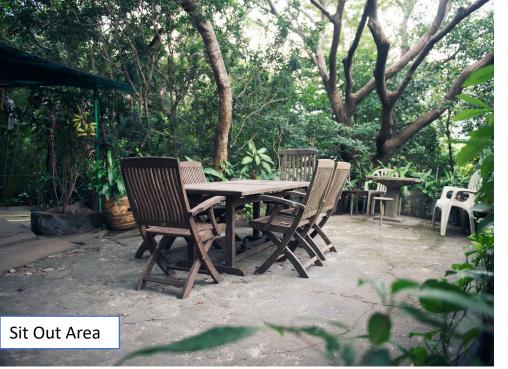
HKD\$750 per child (min. HKD\$30,000)

Sponsor & Volunteer for our

Site Development

Help sponsor our infrastructure on site to increase our event capacity & demonstrate sustainable living concepts effectively.

HKD \$75,000 -HKD\$350,000





Benefits of your Experience at Ark Eden



Nature
Immersion and
Employee/
Participant
Wellness;
Beneficial
Impacts on
Mental &
Emotional health



New Knowledge

& Skill Building;
Self
Development in
Environmental
Education,
Holistic Health &
more; Building
Resilience



ESG & CSR
Benefits;
Community
Engagement &
Giving back to
Hong Kong



Team Building; increasing Cooperation & Collaboration

Our Permaculture Education Site

Sustainable Systems

Food

- Organic Farm
- Kitchen
- Nursery
- Organic Fertilizer Station

Waste

- Hot & Cold Composts
- Compost Toilets
- Worm Farms
- Recycling & Waste Segregation Zone
- Upcycled Furniture

Water

- Filtered Stream Water
 Catchments
- Water Harvesting
- Natural Swimming Pool
- Mini Ponds

Energy

- Solar showers (proposed)

Ecosystems

- Wetlands
- Woodland Stream
- Forest



KEY

- **01** Wooden Deck
- **02** Mary Jane
- 03 The Jungle Gym
- **04** New Tarp
- 05 Woodfired Pizza Oven
- **06** Campfire Pit
- 07 Mud Kitchen
- **08** Compost Toilets
- **09** Shed
- 10 Forest Theatre
- 11 Worm Farm
- 12 Outdoor Canteen
- **13** Kitchen
- **14** Jerry Maine
- 15 Eden Rock Sustainable Demo House
- **16** Wet Area
- 17 Shower Area
- **18** Rice Fields
- **19** Lower Campsite
- 20 Nursery
- 21 Secret Garden
- 22 Organic Farm
- 23 Fertilizer Station
- **24** Office
- 25 Stream
- **26** Spa
- 27 Tool Shed
- 28 Composts
- 29 Jenny's Garden
- **30** Turtle Pond
- **31** Natural Swimming Pool
- 32 Jenny's House
- **33** New Grounds
- **34** Beach













Our Impact

850,000 students through our doors

37,500 trees planted of over 150 species in the Tung Hang Mei Valley

80 corporate
partners since 2006
partaking in various
ecological
restoration
activities



1 of Hong Kong's fully functional Permaculture demonstration sites for sustainable living



10 Hong Kong school wide conferences on Sustainability



150 Hong Kong youth mentored through our 'Service Learning' programme

- Affordable Education & Wellness Experiences around nature immersion from ages 4 to 99
- Working with Underprivileged communities
 - Christian Action, Chicken Soup Foundation, Rotary Foundation, Caritas and more
- Ecological Conservation & Restoration
 - Restoring in the ecology of the Tung Hang Mei valley (Lantau)
 - Planting and maintaining 37,500 trees with over 150+ native species over 15 years
 - Bringing back the biodiversity index of the valley to an all time high.
 - Engaging in conservation issues for Hong Kong

Our Experts

- Combined 80 years in Education
- Combined 14 years in Ecological Restoration
- Combined 28 years in the Experiential / **Outdoor Education**
- Unique to Hong Kong for 34 years and counting

Mastery in:

- Experiential Education for all ages (Diploma by ELI)
- Social, Emotional, Ethical Education (Emory University)
- Forest School Level 3 Accredited (Archimedes)
- Corporate Facilitation for CSR, Inclusion & Well Being
- Permaculture Design & Ecological Restoration Diploma (Green Warrior)
- Outdoor First Aid Certified
- Primary School Education ESF & IB
- Play for Peace Accredited Level 1 (Play for Peace USA)



Jenny Quinton | Founder &

35+ Years in Education (EX ESF coordinator & primary school teacher)

Permaculture Design Cert.

Forest School Level 3 Trainer

Diploma in Experiential Education

Practicing Buddhist



Sukriti Gupta | COO & Head of Partnerships

BA in Design & Sustainability 9+ Years running a social enterprise reaching over 1 million children across India Diploma in Experiential Ed. & Social Emotional Ed.

Permaculture Design Cert.



Angus Quinton Page | Site Manager

10+ years in adventure sports & event coordination including London Olympics, and Multistage Ultra Marathons in China & Iceland

8+ Years in construction & property management

Mountain Trail Biking Coach



Vanessa Staples I **Operations Head**

Degree in Hospitality Management

5+ Years in F&B and Events

Specialty in Client Management

English & Cantonese Speaker First Aid Certified



Danielle Fitzgerald | Head of Education

BF in Education **BA** in Psychology 10+ years Global Teaching Experience

Leadership Experience Forest School Level 3 Leader Outdoor First Aid Certified



Beniamin Powrie | Lead **Facilitator**

Degree in English Linguistics 4 years experience as a second language Teacher Forest School Level 3 Leader Play for Peace L1 Facilitator Outdoor First Aid Certified Top Rope Climbing Instructor



Ying Yin Liu | Accounts & Finance

Accredited CA

15+ years experience running accounts and financial operations

Nature Enthusiast

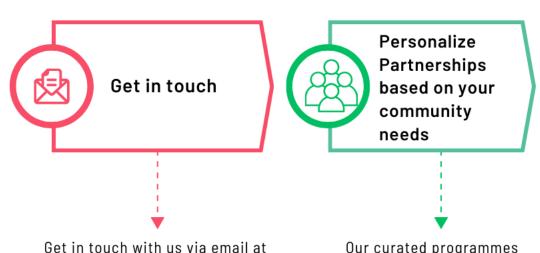


Jamie Chan | Researcher & **Facilitator**

BA in Anthropology focusing on Disaster Resilience, Enviro Justice

Resilience Research Assistant at Yale Office of Sustainability COP27 Delegate

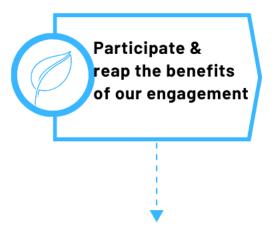
Next Steps



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Our curated programmes are supported by our 'Four Pillars' methodology and can meet your communities unique needs.



Engagements can be one or multi day, and can include visits to your community if applicable

Sponsorships will include photographic and video follow ups as well as project reports



Feedback & tracking impact is a vital way for us to understand our impact and what Hong Kong citizens need to be well.













thank you for guiding us through the week with such patrence and tolerance, and supporting us throughout this experience. I'll always be grateful for how you taught us so much, and for the visdom Jenny shared from her many years of accumulated knowledge. This has been on incred-thy insightful and unforgettable ELP, and I'm proud to my fear of aproless has kasened - Cheriann





Our Client List

Schools & Colleges

- Discovery College
- International School Foundation
- Shekou International
- KG5
- Renaissance College
- HKU
- English School Foundation
- Beacon Hill School
- DSC International School of Canada
- French International School
- South Island School
- Li Po Chun
- Mary Knoll
- Kennedy School
- Peak School
- Discovery Bay International School
- Chinese International School
- Malvern College
- ...and more

Corporates

- Boston Consulting Group
- Deutsche Bank
- Morgan Stanley
- Ovolo
- Marriot
- Bloomberg
- Li & Fung
- Rosewood Hotels
- Lloyds
- UBS
- SinoTech
- SunLife
- PWC
- ...and more

NGOs & Institutions

- Rotary Foundation
- Christian Action
- Chicken Soup Foundation
- Hands on Hong Kong
- Plastic Free Seas
- Asia Charity Services
- Caritas

Vision: More on Our Four Pillars

Our vision for the future is one where care for the planet and care for people are harmonized and in balance with one another.

We achieve this through our 'Four Pillars' methodology

Mental, Emotional & Physical Health

- Nature Connection Sensory Play Activities (Planting, Composting, Tree Planting & Maintenance, River and Stream Explorations)
- Mindfulness Activities (Meditation, Forest Bathing, Tree Connection, Sound Mapping, Nature Art)
- Navigating Risks and Fostering Creativity (Story Telling, Imaginative Play, Nature Adventure, Wood Working)

02 Ark Eden Curated **Experiences**

Ecological Restoration

- Permaculture Site Development
- Tree Planting & Tree Maintenance
- Biodiversity Tracking (City as Nature Challenge, Propagation and Cataloguing of Wild, Native Species)

Leadership for Community Building

- Building Diversity, Empathy & Inclusion (Play for Peace, Helping Hands & Forest School)
- Flagship '5 Elements Camp Youth Leadership Camp' (offered to high school and college going adults'
- Seasonal Community Wellness Days (Pay as you Feel - Breathwork, Meditation and Yoga)
- Providing Roadmaps for Engaged Community
 Citizenry (Greater Bay Area Green Blue Plan)

Transformation & Capacity Building

Training the Trainers in:

- Permaculture Design Courses
- Accredited Forest School trainings
- Accredited Play for Peace trainings (Cooperative Gaming) to build better communication and empathy
- Experiential Education Training

Testimonials

Ark Eden is an extraordinary outdoor centre offering a never to be forgotten outdoor experience. Challenging activities that push students to examine the environment and their place in our long-term sustainability.

Amazing food and superlative instructors whose expertise and passion create a never to be forgotten experience. I would recommend Ark Eden to all schools to build it into their education programme. A "must do" experience that students will never forget."

Ian Goff - Experiential Leader KGV School Hong Kong

"At Ark Eden, you will find yourself reconnecting with who you are, alongside all the amazing people you will meet along the way. I've gained so many new life and learning experiences here and discovered a new layer of my relationship with nature. I have also learned how to take a lot more responsibility, make decisions for the group, and to always think how I impact other people, especially my influence on children"

Logan So, - Ark Eden Student Leader

Pedagogical Research

- Children who spend more time playing adventurously have lower symptoms of anxiety and depression and have overall better mental health (Dodd et al., 2022)
- Connection to nature revealed significant positive associations with overall SEL (social emotional learning) skills, self-awareness, self-management, and relationship skills for children aged 2 18 (Lanza et al. 2022, U of T)
- More access, proximity to, and time spent in outdoor and green spaces is positively associated with higher concentration, greater self-control, and increased memory and academic success. (Chawla, 2009).
- Children who play and spend time in nature have increased concentration and cognitive skills, including mitigation of ADHD/ADD symptoms. (<u>Taylor, 2009</u>)
- Spontaneous, open-ended, play in natural surroundings offers unrivalled opportunities for early learners to classify, observe, explore, and interpret the phenomena around them.
 (Kellert, 2005) Through play, in the varied and less structured spaces of the outdoors, children encounter diverse opportunities for decision making that stimulate problem solving and creativity.
- Young people overall do not always perceive environmental issues as particularly pressing, and may be reluctant to acknowledge the need to change their own behaviour (e.g. <u>Goldman et al., 2015</u>; <u>Lehnert et al., 2020</u>). However, by increasing nature connectedness through guided interventions will not only benefit their wellbeing, but will bring a higher proportion of the adult population to the level at which pro-environmental and pro-conservation behaviours. This in turn will benefit global biodiversity and environmental health, and create a sustainable future for us all. (*Price et al, 2022*)
- There is growing evidence for developing public health interventions that attend to the psychological connection to nature of children, beyond simply exposing children to nature, for positive youth development (Lanza et al, 2022, U of T)
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- Opportunities for creative use of loose parts and child-led investigation set the ground work for cognitive processes and support scientific and aesthetic thinking. (Ernst, 2008)

There are many benefits to participating in nature.

Such outcomes from nature immersion include achievement, innovation, creativity, positive relationship development, skill development, self-awareness directly related to employability skills planning, organising, decision making, innovation, problem solving, communication and working with others. The connection between these skills and the skills that will contribute to success in life are clear to see.



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