

# Sustainable Community Apprenticeship

a 3-month immersion in sustainability at the village scale for those who believe that environmental stewardship, energy sovereignty, and healthy relationships are the most critical projects of our time.

Windward is a sustainability research cooperative and land-based community dedicated to preserving and developing cooperative social structures and land-based sustainable systems to support rural communities on marginal land.

The challenges of our time call for those with courageous hearts, inquiring minds, and skillful hands to build working models of a better way.

In place of despair and apathy, we at Windward have chosen to focus our life-work on building a more loving, sane and sustainable world right now. Apprentices work side-by-side with Stewards of the Windward community in this pursuit - combining fundamental theory and practical skills using resilient tools and techniques to help build a way of life in harmony with the natural world.

Apprentices pursue a course of general studies focusing on a whole systems approach to the creation of sustainable relationships between a group of people and the land they steward. In addition, Apprentices are encouraged to pick an area of focus that furthers their learning objectives.

Windward seeks self-motivated, community-minded individuals looking for an opportunity to help create an ecologically resilient and socially sustainable culture within the context of a rural cooperative community. No pre-requisites required, just an eagerness to learn, and a dedication to make the most of your Apprenticeship.

More information about the Apprenticeship is available at: [www.windward.org/apprenticeship](http://www.windward.org/apprenticeship)

## Areas of focus to explore include:

### **ECOLOGICAL FOOD SYSTEMS**

Permaculture & AgroEcology  
Organic Gardening  
Animal Husbandry  
Food Preservation  
Stewardship Forestry

### **COOPERATIVE COMMUNITY**

Representative Consensus  
Gift Economics  
Historical Communities  
Radical Self Responsibility  
Consent & Sustainable love

### **APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY**

Woody Biomass Energy Systems  
Solar Food Preservation  
Solar Steam Engine  
Energy Efficient Design  
Natural Building

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