

# “ELAV TARTU” KUUKIRI

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## UPDATES

### LAND PROJECT (Lauris)

The aim of the project will be to define the **permaculture network in Estonia**. We will evaluate what organisation is already existing and what need to be done to create a visible and effective network of permaculture in Estonia.

Spread the message to people who could be interested or concerned by the LAND PROJECT. At this stage of the project, the communication is mainly by emails. The contact person is Lauris Geurden: [lauris@maarjakyla.ee](mailto:lauris@maarjakyla.ee)

**Transmission of local gardening knowledges**

In Estonia the vegetable gardening culture is still strong among older generations. Hiinalinn is an interesting example where gardeners are using permaculture principles, without saying it. It is a knowledge to keep as a heritage. There could be done a **research** in Hiinalinn to list the local gardening knowledges adapted to the nordic climate.

The idea is in the air but it needs to find support or research program that could be interested by the project. One possibility could be that is supported by EMAL, landscape architect union of Estonia, during their seminar in Spring 2018.

### **A seminar about the biodiversity in the city: the urban garden** (Rea)

EMAL, the Landscape Architects Union of Estonia, is organising a **seminar** about sustainable urban development with the emphasis the urban gardens of Hiinalinn. In the seminar there will be involved municipality of Tartu, several NGOs, citizens of Tartu, experts of different disciplines. It will take place in April 2018, during the month of landscape architecture (3 days).

If you are interested to help and take part of the organisation of the seminar, the contact person is **Rea Sepping**: [rea@emys.ee](mailto:rea@emys.ee)

### **Network of community gardens in Tartu** (Anna)

Elav Tartu will organise a **bicycle tour** crossing the community gardens of Tartu: Aleksandri aed, Emajõe aed, community gardens of Supilinn, Tartu Maheaed (?). The aim of the event is mainly to get more and more people involved in the gardens and have a better visibility. Also, the council of Tartu has regulated the installation of community gardens by describing how should be organised and done a community garden. Any gardens has been consulted and the rules are not adapted to the reality and needs of a community garden. As a network of community gardens, we have decided that the tour will be focused on explaining what is a community garden, what needs a community garden, what are the motivations of the gardeners, how every citizen of Tartu can be active and show how it is positive for the life of the town (social, cultural, ecological aspects)... The tour will be before the municipal elections of Tartu to have a real political message for the municipality. A poll will be created on facebook Elav Tartu group to agree on a date.

The tour is also the occasion to celebrate the end of the season 2017. The communication of the event will be through diverse mediums to get a larger public: [tartu.ee/ postimees/](http://tartu.ee/postimees/) facebook pages/ mails/ etc. If you are interested to help and take part of the organisation of the tour, the contact person is Justin De Bondi: [justindebondi@gmail.com](mailto:justindebondi@gmail.com)

### **SRIK updates** (Lauris)

The renovation process of the building continues. For the next season 2018, SRIK and Aleksandri community garden will collaborate more together. SRIK will organise a **brainstorming** to find a new vision for the building that they are renovating. It will be organised during the next ELAV TARTU MEETING of October (03.10.2017). *The meeting might be at SRIK center.*

**IF YOU, DEAR TRANSITION TARTU HUMAN, WOULD LIKE TO ADD/CHANGE/PROPOSE SOMETHING - DO IT!**