

CFF

Community founder festival

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Cervera del Maestre, Castellon, Spain

It is time for an international open platform to discover new initiatives to create and develop community life.

CFF 2020 address community founders (those who already founded a community and those you will do this in 2020).

On one side there are a lot of people looking for communities, on the other side there are many communities suffering from not having more members.

CFF 2020 is designed to identify existing en emerging communities looking for members and to strengthen the links between them.

CFF 2020 will be hosted by FamiliaFeliz in eastern Spain in late August 2020 (if no further travel restrictions in Europe occurring).

Join the **core team** of CFF 2020.

<https://www.familiafeliz.eu/cff/>

Please have a look on our apply page and write us a mail. Please also share the link in your social networks.

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Why we publish this paper in English?

We are open minded people and we hosted between 20 and 200 guests per year before the lock down was implemented in early 2020 in Spain. We are interested in an international community event because we experienced the richness of international and multi-cultural projects. Also we know that international teams and groups are more robust and creative to face new challenges and able to set up sustainable solutions.

We are connected to the United Nations Charter of human rights and we are embedded in European culture and full of respect to our neighbors. Even in this times we are respecting those who think and feel different from us.

We talk French, Castellano, Catalan, English and German and we use English on a daily bases and switch of the other languages whenever useful. We have not the resources to translate this paper in different languages, so we decided to use English.

Why we invite you to such an event?

Since 2014 we published information about our own community. We experienced a huge amount of “living community tourism”. A lot of other communities experiencing the same. People are driven by expectation, imagination and – sometimes – illusion. We do not want to judge here. We are just pointing on a bigger tension between the reality in a community and the expectation of visitors and people who see themselves as possible members of a living community.

We think that every person is unique, therefor every community as well. This makes it difficult to generalize something. But some pattern are seen again and again.

Most communities are founded by a few people in a core group. Sometimes they are surrounded by followers even in the process of setting up the community. A lot of very little communities are searching for new members to join. A lot of people are visiting a lot of communities but they are not willing or able to commit themselves to one of them.

If a community is founded by a little core group it seems to be difficult to enter the team. If the community is bigger as well but for other reasons.

A lot of people in social media is discussing about life in communities but they are not part of a community. People inside of communities are not willing to spend so much screen time per day and therefor some visitors have difficulties to identify community offers.

In this living community tourism “industry” we identify three mayor player groups. One group are special communities who see these visitors as clients and they charge them for visits, they offer a lot of alternative workshops and they use their fees as money to stabilize their own living. Another group are people who want to “dive” into community life for a certain time and see this opportunity as a re-treatment to return more powerful to their classical life. The third group are intermediates who want to communicate between these first two groups. This could be a worldwide operating database with community directories, a business to publish books about communities including

addresses and further information or traveling single visitors who like to enter rural communities and offer to write and comment about their explorations to “help the visited community”. Another group is fast growing, we name them community consultants. Their business model is giving service to little communities, maybe suffering of not having enough members (team building workshops, sociocracy...).

Again, we do not want to judge! All this happening only, if there is a seller, a buyer and a kind of product and an agreement about a transfer of resources to move the product from seller to buyer.

This type of tourism exist but it doesn't help to expand existing communities nor it leads to more communities.

Here by planning the CFF we like to address the founders, all this people on the way to set up a community soon or even those who already are working in the field and searching for new members. We think that a gathering of realistic and powerful people could benefit their community projects and maybe establish a social network between these founders. We see a similar advantage in Cecosesola in Venezuela and in “los-gehts” in Germany on a national level.

To make it clear. We see ourselves not as a community consultant or somebody who want to sell something to groups or individuals. The CFF is designed as a powerful gathering of community founders and co-founders. You can not buy a ticket for this event, nor we charge you with fees for workshops or lectures. Everything will be donated without expectation.

If you still reading this paper, you might be the right one to join this event and to discover the power of a group build by powerful people.

Why it makes sense after lock down and CORONA to come together?

Before Corona changed the view on the world, we get daily requests for visits. A lot of single mothers had knocked on our door and the received again and again the same questions: How many members, do you have a living space for me and my kid(s), do you have an “inside-job” for me, how many other mothers with kids are living in your community...

In the time of lock down we where embedded in a lot of online talks, video conferences and chatting platforms. We saw the living community tourists locked in their flats, we saw the founders struggling with facility exploration and the communication platforms with loosing their products...

Also we saw new people entering the field.

After Corona we can divide the population into three groups. The first group did something before, something else in between and they return to the same after the lock down. The second group did something before, they do the same in between, and they will continue to do the same after the lock down. And there is a third group, they did something before, nothing in between and for sure something else after the lock down.

Some people related to the third group have never thought about community life before, but they get inspired by the lock down and they are sure to change their habits and objectives in the time

after the lock down. Some of these might think in a fundamental change. And this is a chance for sustainable living community life.

Every crisis is a chance. We all will have to pay the prize of this crisis, we should harvest the chance as well.

In writing these version (2020-05-18) we are not sure about the legal implications of a gathering in August 2020. So we think positive and continue this. Below you will find more information about our strategies, if a physical gathering in Spain in August 2020 is not possible.

What we will do if a gathering of personal invited people is limited or prohibited in August 2020 in Spain?

We act like a guest on the planet, therefor we are also a guest in a country, a guest in a village in the mountains and guests in the nature between our friends and neighbors. We do not want to discuss social or other consequences of this crisis here, and the focus of the gathering is not a political approach, it is just a peace in the process of growing community life, because we already – and even in this crisis – the huge advantage of living inside a community.

If there are limitations we will respect them. If these limitations will flip the value of a gathering to a downside we will skip this event as a physical gathering. If a gathering is still prohibited we will skip the event as well.

We do not really see a substitution online of something which gather people physically, even those who want to life together like family clans. But we will identify some people on the way and we will “hold the line of contact” and we will look for dates and places where such a gathering might be allowed.

What you can do now and independent of this event to meet us and to discover if FamiliaFeliz is the right community for you?

Beside the idea of this CFF in 2020 FamiliaFeliz is an open decentralized living community with shared economy and with locations in Germany and Spain and we are looking for new member as well. If you like to visit us – according to the actual law – you could apply in a mail for a visit.

If you are really independent and looking for a community RIGHT NOW... give us a hint and lets start communication.

What you should do now to join CFF?

First of all you should ask yourself: Do I want to found or co-found a community in a short time (2020)? Do I want to donate time and labor to such a festival? If your answer to one of these questions is a clear and strong YES, please contact us now (see more on page one).

Who we address with this festival?

We address two types of people. It is up to you to read the explanation of each group and decide by yourself to which group you might belong. Based on your decision you might apply for a visit for the first and second part of the festival or just for the second part.

CFF 2020 is a community founder festival. The main reason for this festival is to gather founders and co-founders. If you already started a community, if you have a location, houses, land, if you are already invested in realizing your project and if you are looking for people to join your existing or very soon upcoming project, you might belong to the first group, we will name it group of founders.

If you are sure you want to join an existing project and add your skills, your knowledge, your resources to such a project and if you are free to move now (!) to another location to live there, then you might belong to the second group, we will name this group co-founders.

The basic idea of CFF is to gather the founders, to develop a social network between them and discuss possible ways of collaboration between them (in the first part of the festival) and to figure out workshops for co-founders (for the second part of the festival).

What you should do if you belong to the founder group?

If you belong to the first group, start to think about what you could achieve from the CCF. If it makes sense for you to participate because you see necessity in networking with other projects and if you want to see the founders of similar projects like yours, you should announce your participation here. We will publish a short description of your project right here. So please send us an email with this information:

1. Your name, location, your contact details, the name of your project
2. A photo from your location(s)
3. A short description of your community project (2-6 sentences)
4. Your favorite channel to start communication with you (web, mail, phone, social media)
5. Your ideas of content to address co-founders, you would like to offer at the festival (workshops, lectures)
6. Your ideas to co-organize or support the CFF itself (organization, management, communication)

Send this mail to welcome (a t) familiafeliz.eu

Important: we will publish this data online (as part of this PDF in one of the next updates) and we will publish this information on an information board visible for all visitors of the CFF. You agree in this handling of your personal data by sending your application to participate.

List of founders

FamiliaFeliz – decentralized living community with shared economy



Description:

familiafeliz is a decentralized living community with common economy. Decentralized means those people live together who want it. The community does not dictate where a member should live or that all members have to live in one place at all times. We start in Spain and Germany as these are the countries we already live and call our homes. Our community life is based on a shared economy, decisions by consensus, veto for each and solidarity with each member. We respect and develop private property and focus on life in peace and freedom.

We are 3 members, 30 close friends and more than 300 supporters and contributors and we host between 50 and 100 guests per year. We are looking for more open-minded and creative people to join us!

Contact:

Contact: Juan Petry, welcome (a t) familiafeliz.eu , 0049 160 99131933 (WhatsApp)

... More founders in the next update of this PDF...

What you should do if you belong to the co-founder group?

Please send us a mail with these information:

1. Your name, your contact details
2. A photo of yourself
3. A short description why you would like to join a community right now and what are pros and cons for you to decide whether a community is right or wrong for you.
4. A short description of what you would like to realize as a co-founder embedded in a community (running a bakery, a garden, lectures...).
5. A short description of what you could contribute to the CFF to help in managing the festival itself
6. A short description of what you could contribute to all visitors of the CFF (workshops, lectures...)

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Time-line for the CFF 2020

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU
20.08.	21.08.	22.08.	23.08.	24.08.	25.08.	26.08.	27.08.	28.08.	29.08.	30.08.	31.08.	01.09.	02.09.	03.09.
Phase 1							Phase 2							

20.08.2020 will be the day for all helpers to arrive to the CFF. In the evening we will organize a guided tour to show the team the location and its facilities. In phase 1 we will welcome the community founders and we will explore the options for networking between us. Also we will figure out some workshops for phase 2. In phase 2 we will welcome the co-founders and we will realize the workshops and lectures.

To handle the event in a good way, we are focused on some important days:

20.08.2020 – Latest 7pm every guest of the founder group should be in place and ready for a first introduction into the location, the infrastructure and other resources.

23.08.2020 – We will keep this day as a milestone to come together and talk about the status of the event preparation and organization.

30.08.2020 – We will organize a nice gathering for all – including locals from the village (!) - to celebrate the end of this CFF.

Why we are not publishing a more detailed list of workshops and activities right now?

There is a simple reason for that. It is YOUR festival. YOU should design and realize it in YOUR best way to reach your own objectives. We as the group of initiators of this CFF establish only the platform to meet other founders and co-founders.

We will donate to use the space (finca rustica 1000 m to the village of Cervera del Maestre in Castellon / Spain). We will donate to use the infrastructure (dry toilets, sinks, open kitchen).

Design, preparation and organization and managing the event will be the task for the group of founders.

We will add more information soon here and expand this PDF.