

TRAVELLERS' UNIVERSITY

ALIVELIHOODS & SEAILVNHETV IN A WORLD OF C R I S E S



- Understand "**Metacrisis**" — the interconnected nature of overlapping global crises.
- Explore "**Alivelihoods**" — livelihoods centered on nurturing the self, community, and Earth.
- Discuss "**Alternatives**" to dominant exploitative and extractive economic systems.
- Apply "**The Hero's Journey**" as a framework for introspection on personal and collective paths.
- Design your "**Personalised Learning Journey**" to align growth with values and purpose.



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FARMER'S SHARE, SHORANUR, KERALA



Are you driven to create meaningful change in a world grappling with intersecting crises? Do you question whether justice, sustainability, and fulfillment are truly possible—or dismissed as utopian dreams? Today's societal frameworks often leave us disillusioned, funneling us into systems that prioritise extraction over equity, consumption over connection, and survival over purpose. **From ecological collapse and entrenched inequality to hollow education and fractured relationships, our challenges are interconnected, urgent, and deeply personal.**

Yet, what if alternatives exist? What if we can reimagine livelihoods that nourish both people and the planet, or redesign systems that harmonise technology with ecological balance? How might we cultivate learning that fosters critical thinkers, not just job-seekers, or relationships rooted in empathy rather than conflict? The post-industrial era has amplified these dilemmas, trapping even the privileged in cycles of materialism and existential emptiness.

But the hunger for solutions grows louder.

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This workshop, “Alivelihoods & Alternatives in a World of Crises,” invites you to **explore pathways beyond despair**. Together, we will dissect the metacrisis—the tangled web of global emergencies—and envision alivelihoods that sustain individuals, communities, and ecosystems. We will critique exploitative models and map alternatives grounded in justice and regeneration. Through introspection inspired by The Hero’s Journey and collaborative design, you will craft a personal learning journey that aligns with your enquiry and values.

Join us to confront hard questions, rediscover agency, and co-create a future where meaning and sustainability are not ideals—but lived realities. **Let us move from “what is” to “what could be.”**

Register here:

<https://www.travellersuniversity.org/aaiawoc>



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About the Host

At **Travellers' University**, we empower learners to delve into the intricate relationships between themselves, the interconnected systems they inhabit, and the rest of nature. Our mission is to broaden perspectives and deepen awareness, guiding learners to recognise their role within a dynamic, interdependent planet.

We immerse our community in a pluriverse of coexisting realities—diverse worldviews, cultures, and ecological wisdom—sparking curiosity and challenging assumptions. Through experiential programmes, learners engage with transformative knowledge and cross-disciplinary tools, nurturing critical thinking and reflection.

At Travellers' University, education is not just a journey—it is a catalyst for reimagining and reshaping our shared futures.



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About the Facilitator

Ashik Krishnan is an educator, venture socialist, and weaver of people, communities and stories. Ashik is the co-creator of *Travellers' University*, where he designs and facilitates various experiential learning programmes oriented towards imagining an inclusive and just world.

Ashik is also the co-creator of *Learning City Thrissur*, which promotes an active citizenry in Thrissur, Kerala, and of *Keeday*, a micro-solidarity forum for youth working on socio-environmental projects. Ashik is associated with *Vikalp Sangam*, a platform to bring together movements, groups and individuals working on pathways to human and ecological well-being.

A proponent of democratising knowledge, he actively works on curation and documentation of knowledge. Working on new ideas and weaving youth networks make him feel alive and present.



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About the Venue

Farmer's Share is a permaculture and crafts learning space located near the banks of river Nila in Shoranur, Kerala. As part of moving towards the dream of a self-sustaining community, Farmer's Share is a home to various crafts and livelihoods. Based on Gandhi's vision of *Gram Swaraj*, the space offers short-term and long-term learning opportunities on crafts such as hand spinning, handloom weaving, natural dyeing, pottery, building and architecture, paper making, soap making, food processing, baking and more.

Read more on:

<https://vikalpsangam.org/article/farmers-share-towards-dignified-rural-livelihoods/>



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Logistical details

- The programme commences on May 1st, 2025, Thursday at 5:00 p.m. and concludes on May 4th, 2025, Sunday, at 5:00 p.m.
- The medium of communication will be English.
- The contribution towards the programme is Rs. 4500, which includes the programme fees, facilitation charges and food and accommodation. We have a discounted pricing for students, which is Rs. 3300 and for educators/facilitators, which is Rs. 3900.
- The food will be nutritious, healthy, and mostly organic. Accommodation will be either shared dormitories or double sharing huts.
- We will be taking a maximum of 25 participants, and hope to have a good mix of students, educators/facilitators and other learners/seekers.



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