

UK National Gathering 2001

The English National Gathering of the Rainbow Family of Living Light

Hello Rainbow Family, Welcome to Spring! A great year ahead, let's celebrate & work together again. The Rainbow Tribes are a family of peaceful folk who gather together periodically.

For those new to Rainbow Gatherings everyone is welcome in our circles, our visions and our family sharings.

Vision Circle - To have a shared vision we 'circle' together. The 'vision circle' can be called to decide the next gathering location or any personal or family future plans and aims. We can vision an alternative path of life and sharing, healthy, happy children growing to be respected, wise elders.

Talking Stick - A sacred object (traditionally a stick/staff/feather) which is passed around a circle of people, clockwise. He/she who hold's the 'talking stick' has freedom to speak and communicate without interruption/interjection unless they have arranged otherwise. When the talking stick (listening stick) completes the circle everyone has had a chance to communicate and be heard. The talking stick and consensus help us to be fair, practical and help us to practice respect in loving tolerance. The talking stick is a tool, it is we that must learn to be sacred!

ONE LOVE, ONE WORLD AND ONE FAMILY!

Consensus - All communal issues or decisions which come up at a gathering are resolved by coming together in a circle to discuss the issue, until consensus is reached. This means that every single person in that talking circle consents to the proposed resolution or decision. Usually the Magic happens and everybody agrees!

Scouting - After the vision and consensus, the act of 'scouting', the scouting party goes to the visioned location area and discovers the suitability, practicality and receptivity of land, local people and resources. A lot depends on communication skills and practical understanding, then come the local legal requirements and so on! Until it is time, when the right location has been found and accepted to have the 'seed camp'.

Seed Camp - Approximately 2 weeks before the 'gathering' the seed camp group go to the location and set-up and generally prepare essential and functional equipment, water supply, kitchens, kids area, wood for main sacred fire, compost/pits, showers, cleaning areas etc.

Magic Hat - magic hat is the magic pot that provides all of the family's monetary needs, it is passed around the circle at meal times, to gather everyone's donations, (there is no set amount) 'Sharing creates Abundance'. The money collected is used to buy all the food and provide for other basic necessities such as cooking pots, tarps, sign materials etc. Once again when everyone puts in their little bit we experience abundance.

The Gathering - Rainbow Gatherings are Not Festivals; they are entirely Non Commercial. You must be prepared to walk into the Gathering leaving your sound systems, cars, vans, motor driven anything, dogs, misconceptions etc. behind you, and you will be Welcomed Home to a simpler

way of things. We wholeheartedly encourage you to support this gathering by bringing kitchens, tepees, marquees, first aid supplies, things for the kids, workshops etc. also for yourself, bring knife, fork, cup, spoon and bowl, favourite clothes, rain gear, shelter, sleeping bag, tent etc. and an open heart, mind and arms! Learn to share and be accepted in a safe, loving, growing truth inspired family. Be supported, believe in your dreams, help each other and be blessed in nature!

Clean Up - Clean up can last approx. two weeks, making sure that the place of gathering is left respectfully clear. All communal structures need dismantling, kitchens, ovens, sweat lodges are taken down, scatter the rocks from the fire pit and fill it in, taking garbage off site etc. Any participation is greatly appreciated.

There are always familiar faces to those who choose to stay and work.

Information on GATHERINGS (The Rainbow Family)

GREECE - Website: www.geocities.com/greekrainbow

ENGLAND. <http://rainbow.spiralwave.co.uk>

AFRICA / USA - www.welcomehome.org & www.worldgathering.org

CROATIA - www.fly.srk.fer.hr/~dajovan.