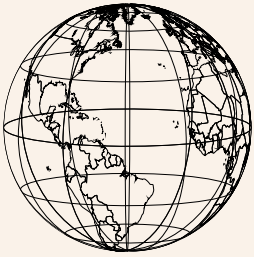




# EcoJam 2022

30TH JAN TO 05TH FEB 2022  
FIREFLIES ASHRAM, BENGALURU





# ECOJAM 2022

“We cannot experience our own magic without experiencing the world’s. Each requires the other. Conversely, the world becomes disenchanted when we no longer feel and act on our deep and innate belonging to it. To reenchanted the world requires us to rediscover, reclaim, and embody our sacred and interdependent relationships with all things.”

----Bill Plotkin



We invite you to join us!

The EcoJam brings together 25-30 environmental change-makers from diverse backgrounds for six days of transformative experiences. We gather to know ourselves more deeply, build a community together, reconnect with Nature in a profound way, and find renewed vision, purpose, and support in our work in the world.

In a field that is often filled with burnout and division, the EcoJam is a space for us to be real and share all of ourselves - our struggles, frustrations, and joys alike. It is a space to learn from each other, especially across differences including gender, class and religion. It is a space to connect the dots between personal change and our work to create a sustainable and just world.

Our Earth and the EcoJam welcomes people from many fields connected to the environment: social entrepreneurs, environmental activists, organic farmers, conservationists, high-tech wizards, food advocates, those affected by environmental problems, and anyone passionate about Nature and sustainable living. You need not be an expert-- there will be some with more experience and others new in their journey.

We invite you to come with us to this fertile ground, link your roots with others to co-create an ecosystem of love and strength that can help shape a world where all beings thrive, now and for generations to come.

# Why EcoJam?

As we write this invite, the 26th Conference of Parties, or the global climate meetings are happening in Glasgow, Scotland right now, where countries and governments are negotiating who is responsible for the climate crisis and what solutions are possible. But while they are doing that, large parts of India are experiencing erratic weather, many lack clean drinking water, and sea levels are rising. Add to that biodiversity loss, indigenous lands being taken away for mining, and cities filling to the brim, the state of the environment is in peril. Yet, no action is taken.

This is a time when many people, especially young people, are realising and experiencing that we are interconnected with each other and all life. The time is ripe for change. And yet by ourselves, working for change can be frustrating. Even changing ourselves can be hard enough. The EcoJam is a space to slow-down together with others on a similar path, and to work on our own inner sustainability as we work towards building a sustainable world. It is a space to celebrate the Earth and remember our sacred ecology.



# WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE ECOJAM?

The EcoJam aims to address three interconnected levels of transformation: the personal, the interpersonal, and the social/systemic. It is NOT a typical environmental conference. We do not have panels. We do not have speakers. We are all participants.

We will be looking within at our own healing and growth, as well our interpersonal relationships, in addition to healing our relationship to Nature at the systemic level. Through activities like facilitated dialogues, sharing circles, artistic expression, games, movement, participant-led workshops, outdoor adventure, and lots of free time for spontaneous interactions amongst the participants, we will together explore our own experiences, questions and dynamics.

Through conversations, exchanges and just plain hanging out together, we get a chance to see things from new perspectives. To activate our imaginations, creativity and curiosity. To align our vision and values. To face our fears and overcome our blocks. We get to heal and to find new friends and partners in our journey.

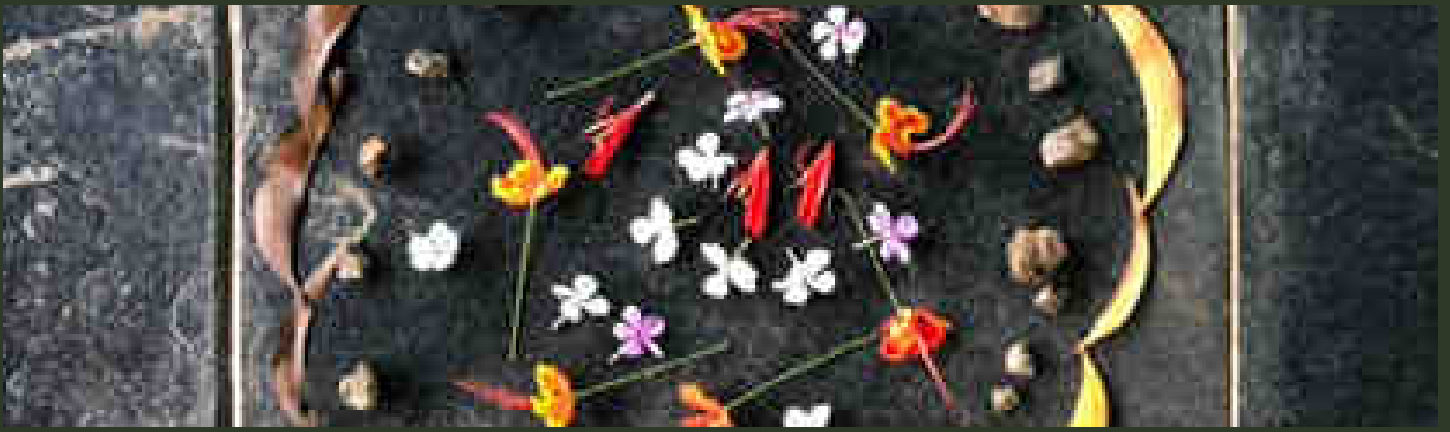
Note that the Ecojam will be primarily in English, however partial translations will be available in Hindi.

# WHAT'S A 'JAM'?

In music, a jam is a creative, live gathering of musicians who together, spontaneously create a new sound, where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Similarly, Jams are places where diverse leaders and visionaries bring together their passion, openness, and unique perspectives. In spontaneous connection, we weave layers of experience, wisdom, heart and spirit to create some real magic. The Jam asks that all the players are present and ready to listen deeply to each other.

To date, more than 185 Jams have been held on six continents, bringing together young and intergenerational leaders from more than 85 countries. The EcoJam is being co-organised by a diverse group of leaders, with the support of YES! based in the U.S. (see [www.yesworld.org](http://www.yesworld.org)).





# Financial Contribution

The actual cost of the EcoJam per participant is Rs 20,000 for the duration of 6 days (including food, accommodation, materials & modest stipends for organizers and facilitators). However, we recognize that not everyone can afford this, and so we have done some fundraising to be able to offer a sliding-scale contribution of Rs 8,000 to Rs 20,000. This means that you can contribute anywhere between these amounts, according to your unique financial situation. We request that you contribute a little beyond what is comfortable. We appreciate your efforts to find the money even if it is a little difficult (we can help you in asking for support from family, friends, your organization, etc).

If the minimum Rs 8,000 is not possible for you, please mention that in the form. We may be able to provide a work-trade, or find some other solution. Please do not let money get in the way of you participating.

This contribution covers food, lodging and facilitation for 6 days of the Jam. We ask participants to make their own travel arrangements to the venue.






## Venue

Jams are usually held in a naturally beautiful place, away from the hustle-bustle of modern life, so that it is both inspiring and rejuvenating.

Fireflies Intercultural Center is a pristine 10 acre estate, nestled among trees, on a land that slopes towards a lake. It is ideal for spending a relaxing time, away from the noises of city life, immersed in majestic isolation and sheltered by Mother Nature' healing embrace.



## Accommodation and food



We have shared rooms and will aim to have as much tasty, healthy, vegetarian and natural food as possible during our stay. Please let us know well in advance if you have any special dietary needs.



## Location

FIREFLIES INTERCULTURAL CENTRE

Dinnepalya, Kaggalipura Post, Bangalore - 560082

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Web: <https://www.fireflies.org.in/>

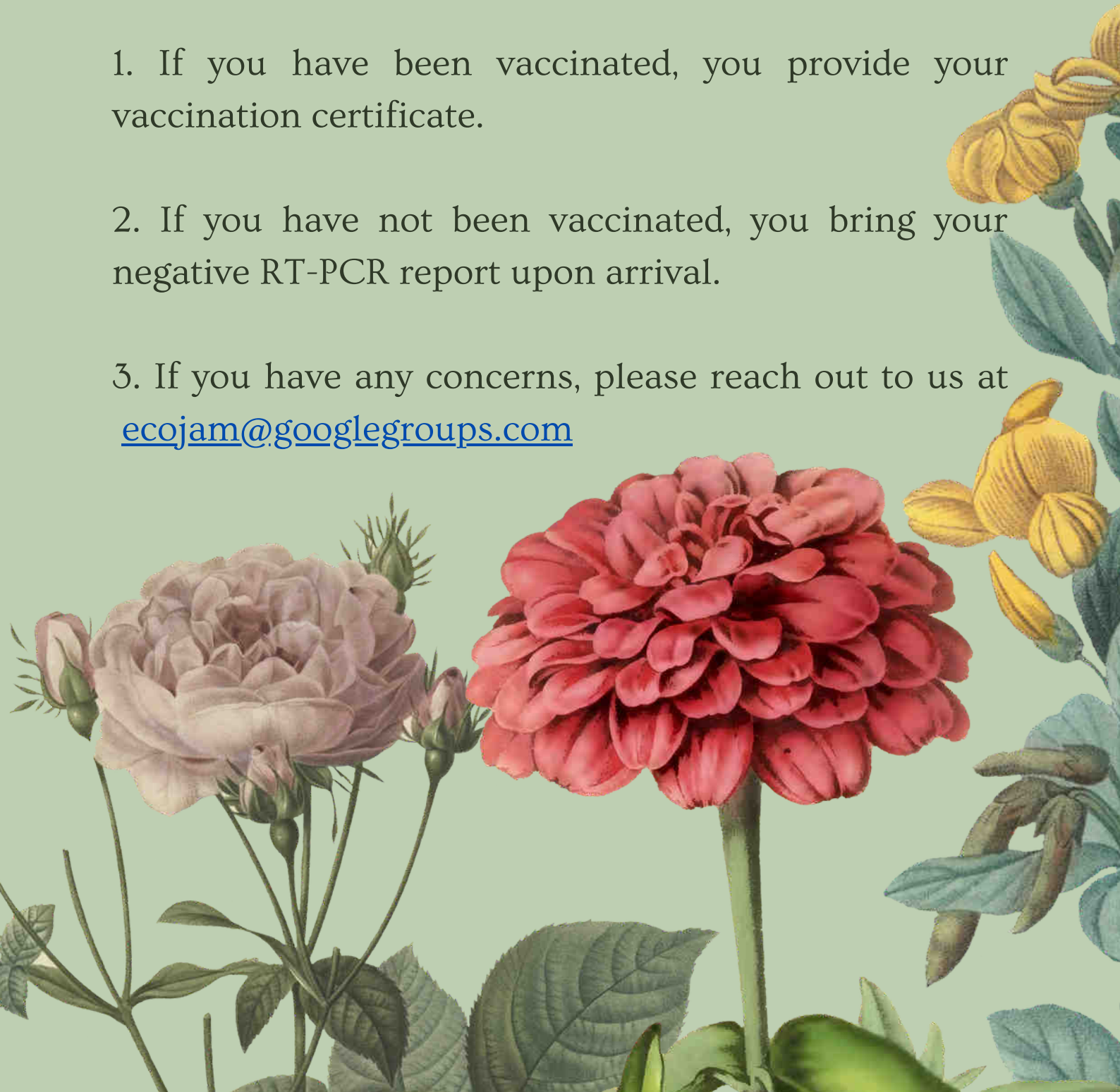
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# A Post Covid World

We want to keep everyone's safety in mind when we host the EcoJam. We will be sitting together, eating together, and while we respect everyone's personal boundaries, it will be difficult to maintain the required social distance so we ask that:

1. If you have been vaccinated, you provide your vaccination certificate.
2. If you have not been vaccinated, you bring your negative RT-PCR report upon arrival.
3. If you have any concerns, please reach out to us at [ecojam@googlegroups.com](mailto:ecojam@googlegroups.com)



# Testimonials

Binaifer, Freelance Photographer

“Thank you for being a generous container where I felt safe, seen and heard. To be able to bring my vulnerability to the table and not to be afraid of being judged is so empowering. To feel deeply, to sit with discomfort and do the hard work on self is so beautiful.”

Shub, Illustrator

“I have laughed and cried and felt a shift within me and this is absolutely one of the best decisions I’ve taken and totally worth the time investment”.

Varun Venugopal Gupta, Course Leader

“I'm feeling assured that I have tools and people to rely on as I move forward! I guess my real payback to this space would be to take my work forward – I feel ready and real to start.”





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## Application

You can apply for the EcoJam here:

<http://bit.ly/EcoJam2022App>



## Deadlines to apply:

Priority Deadline: 30th November

Final Deadline: 20th December



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