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## Politicians' blurb taunted by Climate Change undeniable consequences

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Five politicians can't explain why they find no solution to all this!  
Climate change is a pending syllabus to them



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EU ERASMUS entrusts young trainees to ARC•PEACE in Palma.  
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**Marmalade Lane**, the first UK developer-led cohousing scheme, was designed by **Mole Architects**. Town & Trivselhus developers build it. At a time when cohousing begins to be recognised as a viable urban approach, two UK Local Authorities worked in close collaboration with Cambridge residents.  
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## Politicians vs. Climate Change

*It is practically impossible not to be astonished at the declarations of the leaders of some of the countries affected by the recent disastrous consequences of climate change. They have generated all kinds of reactions after worldwide published with different humour by the media industry.*

*This Editor does not know of any colleague identified with the vision and mission of ARC•PEACE who defends a single one of them. Our association has been acting in the opposite direction to these rulers, for 32 years. Not only do we not see ourselves as masters of the truth; but we rather work to prevent that any national public administrator like Bolsonaro, Fattah, Ramaphosa, Putin or Trump, succeeds at convincing us with their nonsense.*

*Such government leaders intend to justify disasters with blurbs. They ominously signed the 17 Sustainable Development Goals which they keep failing to meet; while passionately accuse NGOs of trading with the 'non-existent' climate change.*

*They argue that, behind the NGOs, there are commercial interests seeking for the end of democracy. Not denying the existence of organizations that imitate the bad practices of these politicians, this NL brings enough material to dismiss such generalization.*

***The human desire for huge profits has already denatured the truth.***

*The rise of deceptive advertising results in shameful benefits for industrialists who launch scheduled obsolescence items into the market. The multimedia fights to be first in the ranking of best spreaders of a series of semi-truths (the most pernicious of all lies).*

*In this growing global chaos, once politicians are buckled in public power, they brag with solutions to problems they previously created; in order to increase their own profits.*

*The majorities react complaining; the typical social psychological catharsis. Other taxpayers become disillusioned with the foolery of their chosen candidates.*

*At the other extreme, there are increasing minorities creating synergies to improve the quality of urban and rural life. The NL readers are encouraged to be part of the latter group; showing a better reality built by people of good will.*

*The valuable material we share on this issue comes from India, Mexico, Spain, Kenya, the United Kingdom and Uruguay; in contrast with the ambitious selfish dominants.*

*With them we try to demonstrate that it is possible to work together with colleagues, students, neighbours, public administrators and entrepreneurs. Their good deeds are neither echoed nor encouraged by the media; since the communication tycoons think 'the good news does not sell'.*

*Let's show what we do worldwide through social networks; let's print this newsletter and give a copy to colleagues, family and friends.*

*Let's continue to think globally, and act locally with social responsibility.*

*[The Editor](#)*

### Faster pace of climate change is 'scary'

*"Extreme events linked to climate change, such as the heat wave in Europe this year, are occurring sooner than expected, an ex-chief scientist says. Prof Sir David King says he's been scared by the number of extreme events, and he called for the UK to advance its climate targets by 10 years.*

*But the UN's weather chief said using words like "scared" could make young people depressed and anxious.*

***Campaigners argue that people won't act unless they feel fearful.***

*The BBC, Prof King, a former chief scientific adviser to the government, said: 'It's appropriate to be scared.*

*We predicted temperatures would rise, but we didn't foresee these sorts of extreme events we're getting so soon.'*

*He said the world had changed faster than generally predicted in the fifth assessment report from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in 2014.*

*He referred especially to the loss of land ice and sea ice, and to the weather extremes in which he said warming probably played a role.*

*Several other scientists contacted by the BBC supported his emotive language. The physicist Prof Jo Haigh from Imperial College London said:*



*'David King is right to be scared – I'm scared too. We do the analysis, we think what's going to happen, then publish in a very scientific way. Then we have a human response to that... and it is scary.'*

**Source:BBC NEWS (16/09/2019)**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-49689018>

*Above pic: Swedish activist Greta Thunberg sailed the Atlantic in 2 weeks to continue campaigning in New York.*

## WALK WITH US!

This is the call to action by the **EUROPEAN MOBILITY WEEK**. It takes place each year. From 16-22 September at almost 3,000 towns and cities from about 50 countries many activities are held to promote safe walking and cycling.

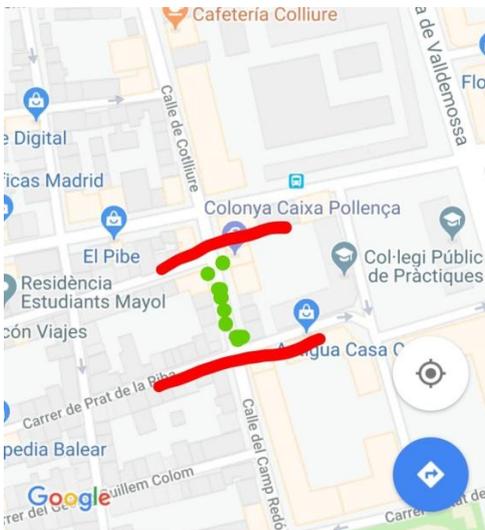
The City of Palma celebrated the 'Car Free Day' under the motto 'Parking Day' on Friday 20. For the first time in history one part of Camp Redó Street was seen closed to the traffic and opened to people!

EU Transport Commissioner Violeta Bulc said: "we would like to remind EU citizens that walking is enjoyable, healthy and completely free of charge. Many times it's also a connecting mode for a smooth multimodal journey. So put on your walking shoes and walk with us!" Karmenu Vella, EU Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, said: "Local governments can do a lot to encourage walking in urban areas, pedestrianising streets, creating low-emission zones, and allocating more space to walkers. It's great for your health, but walking also means doing your bit for your city's air quality, one step at a time."

Palma Municipality made significant efforts to promote sustainable urban mobility during the campaign; thus qualifying to the 2019 Award for cities achieving excellence in sustainable urban mobility planning.

In 2018, Portuguese capital Lisbon received the 'larger cities' award; and the German city of Lindau won in the category for towns and cities with less than 50,000 inhabitants.

One of the 19 City of Palma streets selected for the exercise is below:



Down: Dr. Arch. Gabriel Horrach Estarellas (General Director of Urban Planning of the City of Palma), at right, introduces the Project; on his right is Miquel Angel Barceló, Director of the Municipal Northern District, coordinator of the planned intervention.



ARC • PEACE Int. was invited to be part of this project transforming streets into pedestrian zones, based on an ordinance dated in 1973.



Above: Alejandra Cerutti Jacob, ARC•PEACE Ibero America Secretary explains 'El Rollo de Palma' (Palma's Scroll). To her right Oscar Margenet Nadal, Secretary of the NGO, and Aldo Cammara from Italy, coordinator of the EU ERASMUS + Program.

Alejandra pointed at the importance of listening to the children when planning public open spaces.

On Friday September 6, five public primary and secondary schools located within the area sent representatives to plan their participation in activities promoted and coordinated by ARC•PEACE.

In spite of the fact they were just beginning the 2019-2020 school periods, the educational bodies were quite receptive and accepted to participate in September 20.



Above: ARC•PEACE members and two ERASMUS + Slovakian internees talk with teachers on the planned event.



Far left above: ARC•PEACE Secretary with trainees; and local members Ale, Teco, & Marcelo at the back; Michel, Sebastian and Kenny at front Below: school children and teachers from 'CEIP de Pràctiques', Dr. Arch. Gabriel Horrach Estarellas (City of Palma General Director of Urbanism), Erasmus trainees and ARC•PEACE team. The street: hours before 'Car Free Day' (centre); and starting the first of eight 'Palma's Scrolls' (Rollo de Palma, close left), with Teco, Horrach Estarellas, and the Secretary of ARC•PEACE.

Photos by ARC•PEACE



## ANYWAY THERE IS HOPE IN YOUTH!

"For happy people all countries are their homeland." Erasmus

Franziska and Saskia (left) come from Germany; Samuel and Gabriela (right), from Slovakia; they are four ERASMUS Program trainees happily working in ARC•PEACE at Palma.



Above, pic 1: Franziska and Saskia, at the centre, are being led by Alejandra Cerutti Jacob (Secretary of ARC•PEACE Ibero America), and assisted by Marcelo Morales. Pic 2: both German trainees and Joan Margenet (ARC•PEACE bilingual young volunteer) are interviewed by Federico Marotta at FM Radio Sputnik. Pic 3, left to right: Michel Margenet, origami artist of ARC•PEACE's logo, Alejandra, and Slovaks Gabriela Gulášová and Samuel Sauer, prepare the art materials for the school children to perform 'El Rollo de Palma' on Camp Redó St. then closed to traffic during the EU Mobility Week, September 20. Pic 4: Oscar Margenet Nadal and Prof. Teresa Ruiz de Lobera, analyse a training work produced by Samuel and Gabriela.



## ERASMUS + = e-Ducation InProgress



The Editor of ARC•PEACE Newsletter interviewed in Palma the Consultant Freelance on Erasmus Programs, Aldo Cammara, from Messina, Sicilia, Italy.

**NL:** We understand you have a great experience with ERASMUS Programs for youth around Europe. Is it right?  
**Aldo Cammara:** Yes, I'm actually in Palma coordinating a group of trainees from Slovakia (His photo at the bottom).

**NL:** Do you work individually, or from an organization?

**AC:** In fact I operate from a training centre called 'e-Ducation InProgress', to promote innovative educational pathways and tools for Youth, School, VET, HEI and Adult education.

**NL:** Which are the centre's main tasks?

**AC:** Tasks are those related to Erasmus Programme; aiming at promotion of mobility and educational opportunities; to enhance skills of young people, teachers, students, university professors, trainers, etc. **e-Ducation InProgress** specializes in projects related to school and university education, vocational and educational training and intercultural learning.

**NL:** So, trainees engage in.....

**AC:** many practical exercises. Let me share some few examples with you.

We develop the 8 Key competence for group targets through traineeship, study visits, job-shadowing and similar activities to achieve planned goals.



Above: working session at Blanquerna pedestrian street, Palma. Karin Callipo, chair of e-Ducation inProgress (centre) and Aldo Cammara (right) receive information from ARC•PEACE Secretary. (Photo by NL Editor, at 'Las Sicilias' Pizza Bar).

**NL:** Do you create synergies with other associations?

**AC:** Yes; **e-ducation InProgress** is member of the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition. It also provides ICT services within KA1, KA2 and KA3 Erasmus plus projects.

**NL:** What EU connections have you got?

**CA:** We subscribe innovative European validation keys like ECVET.

We also deliver Europass Documents for a better recognition of the mobility experience. Since International Mobility encourages economic and social development of the countries, by stimulating and implementing their relationships. There is a strong belief that currently the best instrument EU has is Erasmus Plus Programme.

**NL:** Do you think that in the near future the Spanish youth will have a chance to enter e-Ducation inProgress Programs and visit other countries?

**CA:** Of course. We would be only too happy to see this happening soon in Palma.

**NL:** Thank you Aldo for your valuable time and for designing and building so good experiences for our golden young people. We wish all best!



[The Editor](#)

# Brave Neighbours Prevent Sea Pollution

Ten months after the tragedy of the flood of Sant Llorenç with a toll of 13 dead people, including five years old boy Arthur, 'Es Forti' (The Fortress) Neighbourhood Association of Palma mobilizes to avoid a new tragedy. (See NL#58 December 2018)



The NL Editor was invited by Salvador Maimó Barceló, President of Es Forti, to attend an urgent meeting, held on late August (above picture), to continue with their claim to the City of Palma Local Authority for the immediate cleaning of Sa Riera stream before 'cold drop' annual heavy rains.

Oscar Margenet Nadal was present accompanied with Alejandra Cerutti Jacob (Secretary of ARC•PEACE Ibero America) and the ERASMUS German trainee Franziska Luong Thu Bin.

(All of them pictured at the row bottom, below photo)

"If Sa Riera overflows there will be a tragedy" was their persistent warning message. Their concern was not unjustified, because a spontaneous settlement was fastly growing on the careless edge of the stream; and also under the bridge, without the expected intervention of the municipal authorities (Extreme right pictures).



The local media paid attention to the neighbour's brave actions and informed almost daily on the situation development. Finally, the Municipality cleaned up the whole area from the junk accumulated over the years. (Right photos show the 'before' and 'after'). **DANA rains poured all over Mallorca the following day!**



The 'cold drop' or DANA meteor is seen from the Palma beach. Season's heavy rains drag all the plastics and trash out to the Mediterranean. "With what has happened in Llevant, they should be more aware of what can happen in sa Riera," recalls Maimó to a local journalist. This NL congratulates the Es Forti Association for this successful experience. [The Editor](#)

# 'The Palma Scroll' is in Uruguay with 'El Rollo de Treinta y Tres'

As advanced on NL#60 the Rollo de Palma (Palma Scroll) is beginning to grow in Uruguay. The Yacaré Kids Football Club, from the City of Treinta y Tres, adapted this activity to raise awareness of adults in defence of children's rights.



Marcelo Morales, from Uruguay, lives in Palma. As ARC•PEACE volunteer, he did all that he could to see the 'Rollo de Palma' replicated in his own country. Now an enthusiastic group of his friends convoqued the parents of Yacaré Football Club to experience this drawing and painting activity.

They achieved the first 'Scroll of Treinta y Tres', which can be seen at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKFBQzk1SY>



## Marmalade Lane is a co-housing exemplar that could spread

*"Communal space, resident input to the design, and sacrosanct private space – Mole Architects' Marmalade Lane scheme in Cambridge is a model of developer co-housing."*

If good fences make good neighbours, then what happens when there are no fences at all? The terraced houses on Marmalade Lane are packed together cheek by jowl. Yet each brickwork property marks its territory not with a wall, but with an outward-facing bench.

'People have to figure out what level of privacy suits them,' says Meredith Bowles, founder of Mole Architects.

'My hope is that people make their houses their own.' Privacy, it seems, is over-rated. Six months into this radical Cambridge experiment in co-housing, there is not a screen, hedge or fence in sight. In fact, the toys on the pocket-sized lawns spill out into the pedestrianised street. Goalposts, cricket bats, coloured chalk — a whole trail of life links the front doors to the cobble.

A fearsome bundle of energy called Oscar demands every newcomer's name. He scoots past at a joyous pace.

**'We put kids into all the CGIs as a hope,'** says Bowles. **'It's amazing to see it actually occupied in this way.'**

Marmalade Lane is a product of chance. Following the recession in 2008, Cambridge City Council found itself short of developers. But the city was still growing, and a belt of land on its northern fringe needed filling. With no buyers keen to take on the risk, a plot of land known as K1 became a petri dish, which the council would fill with an entirely new culture in the vague hope that something different might grow. There were plenty of co-housing groups who wanted the opportunity to put their beliefs into practice.

What was to be lost by giving them a go? 'It was the far-sightedness of Cambridge City Council that made it happen,' says Jonny Anstead, head of developer TOWN.



'They were determined to do something more progressive with the land.' So began a truly collaborative effort. The K1 co-housing group worked with developers TOWN and Trivselhus, who in turn appointed Mole Architects to create something that went beyond the old mantra of buy, build, sell.

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From the beautiful Querétaro, our colleague, **María Sandra Sosa Castro**, President of ARC•PEACE Mexico shares her views on this energy saving approach to Sustainable Design. This is the first of a series of three slide docs Sandra shared in Spanish language on ARC•PEACE Mexico Facebook page.

The NL Editor recommends bilingual readers to enjoy Sandra's pedagogical style, by entering at:

<https://www.facebook.com/arcpmex/photos/a.1565147150222419/2843407422396379/?type=3&theater>

*The Editor*

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## ARC•PEACE International XXI<sup>o</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At the end of the month, the Executive Committee held an online meeting in which various topics related to the institutional life of ARC•PEACE were addressed. One of them is of great interest to current members (those having voice and vote at the GA), since it has to do with the meeting of our highest decision-making body, due on July 2020.

The Survey carried out by the Secretariat a few months ago, was meant to check the membership and sympathizers' reaction to a possible joint celebration of the ARC•PEACE XXI GA, the XXXIII Anniversary, and the XXVI UIA Congress at Río de Janeiro, city elected by UNESCO and UIA as the 'World Capital of Architecture 2020'.



The response to the Survey is still scarce; so, due to this and the situation of those colleagues having diverse difficulties to mobilize from their countries to Brazil, the EC decided that, for the first time in ARC•PEACE history, the next GA will be celebrated online.

The NL will keep informed the members on this issue, in due course.

*The Editor*

### From page 6 Cohousing: Socially Responsible Planning

'Where we lived before it was hard to connect with people,' says Wright. 'Here it's just designed to facilitate interaction. TOWN is really thinking back to Victorian streets.' Marmalade Lane is much bigger than the name suggests. Think of a horseshoe wrapped around a wild flower meadow. A three-storey block of flats runs along one side of the common land. The two other sides are filled with the pitched roofs of terraces of cream, ochre and orange brick houses. One of these terraces backs onto the estate's lively jumble of bird feeders and potted plants, displaying all the signs of a well-loved and well lived space.

The 'common house' is at the end of Marmalade Lane, incidentally sounding as a Beatles lyric. It stands in for a traditional village hall, like the estate's beating heart. All residents are welcome here at any time to stew teas, to rent a guest room or to peruse the notice board advertising curry nights and craft afternoons. In the main hall of the common house, the zinc roof has been sliced open by a skylight which, situated directly above the electric piano. Surrounded by ample cycle lanes and displaying a healthy disregard for residents' cars, the estate has an inherent ecological advantage.

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This is one of my favorite 100% alpaca 'ruanas' @manduaknitwear in burgundy. It has pockets and is soft, light and warm at the same time! It can also be used as a scarf. Ideal for use in fall it has handmade crochet embroidery all around with darker tone ... open, closed or around the neck. It's your decision! Get your alpaca 'ruana' the color you like and with the design you prefer (fringes, pockets, or plain).



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<https://www.ribaj.com/buildings/co-housing-marmalade-lane-cambridge-mole-architects-george-grylls>

By initiative of Prof. Bijayanand Misra (above right), Emeritus Member of ARC•PEACE International and founder of the Indian Chapter, many Indian colleagues wish to create a Book In Memoriam of the late Prof. Dick Urban Vestbro (right), who died on June.

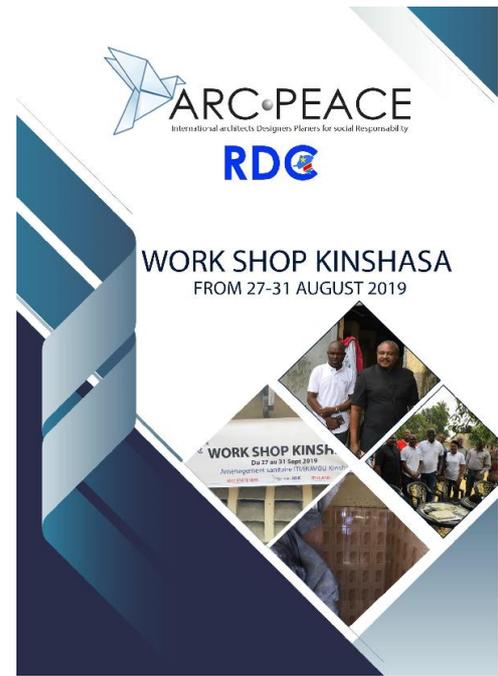
Those interested to support this homage to our dear Swedish friend should email the Secretary of the Indian Chapter: Dr. Ruma Shukla (right) to: [shuklaruma@gmail.com](mailto:shuklaruma@gmail.com)



## ARC•PEACE Republique Democratique du CONGO

Our colleagues from the RD du Congo, sent to the NL Editor the cover of a well designed presentation to the Workshop held by this growing group.

The event took place by the end of August, at Kinshasa (right photo) and it was coordinated by Apollinaire (Apo) Salumu Kitemge M'ba



(right), President of the RD Congo ARC•PEACE International chapter. More information on this initiative:



[apokit2001@yahoo.fr](mailto:apokit2001@yahoo.fr)



### ARC•PEACE will receive more Erasmus + Trainees

Our 32 years old organization is in urgent need of new generations, to change the effects of a historical shrinking tendency. As a opportunity to change this situation ARC•PEACE Secretariat has been approached by Executive Coordinators of EU ERASMUS Plus Program to evaluate the possibility of receiving new groups of trainees from Slovakia, Germany and Sweden. **This good news sets a series of urgent issues to be solved.**

As stated in the 2017-2020 Budget, an operational place was to be found for the Secretariat. When found, it must have sufficient capacity to receive and train boys and girls coming to a Spanish province for the first time of their lives. This issue was in the Agenda of the recent EC Online Meeting; the decision is that all ARC•PEACE Members should be informed and encouraged to help.

**Would you like to cooperate? Please right to the Secretary with no delay!**



Above: ARC•PEACE Ibero America's members with the Secretary and the two German Erasmus trainee girls (front) on last August.



Above: ARC•PEACE Secretary with Ibero America work team and Slovakian trainees Gabriela and Samuel, the Palma's Mobility Week (no cars day), on September 20.

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Above: Art Prof. Teresa Ruiz de Lobera, with volunteers Emilio Pin Gaitán and Marcelo Morales at the Kiosk.

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