



ECOLAND LEADER promoting ecological and traditional building in Vakka-Suomi area

WORKSHOP IN FINLAND Reconstruction of a traditional stone foundation

LAITILA, WALON TALO 15. – 16.4.2011

The Ecoland Leader group in Vakka-Suomi Finland is organizing an international workshop 15 - 16.4.2011 in Laitila, about 20 kilometres northeast from Uusikaupunki. The theme of the workshop will be traditional building foundations made with natural stones.

In the old traditional buildings in Finland natural stones were used to construct foundations, until in 1950es concrete started to replace stones as a foundation material, and nowadays only few constructors master the proper technique.

The workshop will take place in an old working class meeting house named "Walo". The building was under fire a couple of years ago and at the moment it is under reconstruction. The constructor responsible for the work has speciality in stone foundation techniques. He will share his knowledge with the participants, and they will get a hand on experience of the technique since part of the foundation of the "Walo" house will be repaired and part of it will be rebuilt during the workshop. It will also be possible to observe and study traditional wood building techniques applied in the building.

Enrollmenta at the latest on 4.4.2011 by an e-mail to Ukipolis, ulla.kallio@ukipolis.fi. We will ask more details from registered persons.

Participation fee: 50 €, includes teaching.

Transportation: Turku airport and Turku harbour are nearest to Laitila. If needed, we will arrange transportation from there.

Food and lodging: Laitilan Kievari Hostell single and double rooms, price per person 30 – 40 € per night or in Hotel 50 – 70 € per person. Read more www.laitilankievari.fi. Dining at everyone's own costs, there are different options.

After the workshop there is a possibility to visit interesting companies and historically valuable traditional wooden town Uusikaupunki.

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