



# SUBUD connect

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## WHAT IS THE WSA?

The World Subud Association (WSA) is the umbrella organisation for the worldwide Subud community, which includes 54 member countries. The WSA exists to support the practise and use of the latihan and the human actives that arise from it.

The responsibilities of the WSA chair is to ensure that the aims and mission of the WSA and congress resolutions are carried out. He or she also represents Subud in the world and is aware of membership concerns. The deputy supports the overall mission. The executive team maintains the day-to-day work of the WSA and helps to organise the congress. The WSA is assisted by an administrative team.

## WHAT IS THE WSC?

The World Subud Council (WSC) is made up of the WSA chair, the WSA Executive, the zone representatives, the international helpers, the MSF chair and the chairs of the two affiliates SDIA and SICA.

Every Subud member is represented on the World Subud Council by their national committee through their zone representatives.

The WSC works in coordination with the zone representatives and serves the worldwide Subud community through its subcommittees and services, which are coordinated by the WSA Executive team. Topics of interest and worldwide concern are discussed at World Subud Council meetings.

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Ibu Ismana and Ibu Rahayu  
at Disneyland, 1958



Area 3 International Helper visit to Bogota, Colombia, April 2023

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Welcome to Issue 2 of  
**SUBUD connect**

In this bumper issue you will find lots of news and information about activities within our **SUBUD** community, as well as an in-depth presentation about the upcoming world congress in Kalimantan.

Please take some time to go through the various sections we have prepared for you. It may be helpful to file this issue on your computer, or print out the printer-friendly version, so you can easily come back to it anytime.

We have a special feature on the Archives and the History of Subud, reminding us of the importance of preserving and connecting with our Subud roots. As such, this issue's cover photo of Ibu Ismana and Ibu Rahayu visiting Disneyland in 1958 comes from the archives collection.

A new section in the magazine is called 'latihan in action', where we witness how Subud members across the world are following their inner guidance. From a spontaneous Subud tour, to enterprises and social projects; these articles demonstrate how the Latihan Kejiwaan of Subud is moving members and touching people around them.

Of course we follow the travels of the International Helpers as they connect with members far and wide, and we are sharing the experience of members coming together at national and zonal gatherings.

WSA updates regarding Care Support and Translations are included, as well as reminders of international roles for the coming term.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to this issue.

And as we are heading towards the end of 2023, we wish all our readers a wonderful holiday season and blessed new year!

**Write to us at [connect@subud.org](mailto:connect@subud.org) with any comments or feedback, or to share your news.**



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**This magazine is intended to keep us connected as Subud members living in many different parts of the world. We are united through our practise of the Latihan Kejiwaan of Subud that was passed on to us, and which we aim to integrate into our daily lives, to the extent that others may be touched by it.**

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Disneyland, 1958

# THE WSA HISTORY OF SUBUD PROJECT HISTORY – OUR STORY

BY RASHIDA POPE, WSA HISTORY OF SUBUD PROJECT TEAM

Until now, the WSA History of Subud Project has focused on telling the story of Bapak's life and the initial spread of the latihan outside of Indonesia and around the world.

The three volumes Harlinah Longcroft worked on for nearly 40 years covered the period from Bapak's birth in 1901 through to the first Subud World Congress in England in 1959. This is just the very beginning.

**Bapak described the latihan kejiwaan of Subud as unique in the history of the world and that the way it came into the world and spread around the globe was not planned by humans but proceeded through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Subud exists today through a series of remarkable unplanned events. Our Subud history reminds us of this.**

It also reminds us that we belong to an international association, a truly global family that spans generations, cultures, religions, belief systems and ethnicity, and provides a living record



Marguerita Airport, 1959

**Daily Mail** MORNING SPECIAL 14 PAGES  
 NO. 18,150 TWOPENCE HALFPRY FOR GREAT BRITAIN AND COMMONWEALTH WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1957

**Hailsham clue to the riddle of the Bank Rate 'leak'**  
**The UNANSWERED QUESTION**

**Comment**  
**THE ARMY OF TODAY**  
 WE wonder whether enough letters have been sent to the Army to show that the Army is still the Army of today.

**Row over Poole's Treasury visit**  
 Mr. Poole is a former Minister of Finance. He visited the Treasury on the 11th and 12th of the month. It is said that he was in any case to discuss the Treasury's views on the subject of the Bank Rate.

**My miracle baby: By Eva Bartok**  
**DOCTORS SAID SHE WOULDN'T BE BORN**  
 From HAMBURG, GERMANY  
 MY MOTHER, EVA BARTOK, was told by her doctor that she would never have a child. I was born on the 11th of November, 1957.

**H-bomb planes still on alert**  
 AMERICAN H-bomb planes, headed for the Pacific, have been flying day and night missions since the beginning of last month, a U.S. commander revealed today.

**PICTURE MAIL**  
 Eva Bartok and her five-week-old baby, Quana.—Daily Mail exclusive picture.

3/4d off MEANS TEST FOR CHEAPER THAN

**I'm Eva Bartok's spiritual adviser**  
 SHE PASSED FROM HOLLYWOOD AND TOLD ME SHE WAS ALIVE

Sir Kenneth will bring art to life for TV

IT'S BARTOK'S baby daughter who provided the inspiration for the play 'The Servant' in a London production. It is said she was the only child of the actress who survived the war.

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J.G. BENNETT

... who is that? ... Bennett ...

MAN OVERBOARD

ATOM SHARING

GENERAL VIEW OF SUBUD

... who is that? ... Bennett ...

The History of Subud Project

of the "latihan in action." It develops our connections and empathy and helps us understand our personal and shared experiences. Our challenges, suffering, joy, failures and successes give us a sense of context for our lives and our existence by connecting with and honouring the experiences of those who came before us.

**Our history helps give us a shared perspective on where we are now, and where we might want to go.**

We can understand our present-day issues by asking deeper questions as to why things are the way they are. It seeks answers from inquiry and understanding what we have done in the past. It helps us reflect on the lessons learned and how we may use this understanding going forward.

**The WSA History of Subud Project started in 1983 when Harlinah Longcroft began interviewing Subud members and collecting Subud documents from all over the world.**

This became the basis for the "History of Subud Collection" in the WSA Canberra archives and resulted in the two History of Subud books Harlinah wrote and published in 1993 (Vol. 1) and 2000 (Vol. 2).

The third volume, covering 1958-1959, was around two-thirds complete when Harlinah passed away in December 2022.

The new WSA History of Subud Project team consists of Amalijah Thompson, Ridwan Lowther, Sandra Creemers and Rashidah Pope. They are working on revising, adapting, and publishing Volumes 1, 2 and 3 by July 2024, if not before.

After this aspect of the project is complete, a shorter "Concise History of Subud" covering 1901 – 2024 will be written and will be available for the public.

**FIND OUT MORE**

For more information about the WSA History of Subud Project, see this presentation:

WSA History of Subud Project  
 Update 2023

Volume 1 1901 - 1957  
 Volume 2 1954 - 1957  
 Volume 3 1958 - 1959

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# WSA CANBERRA ARCHIVE CENTRE

## HISTORY & PROJECT MILESTONES

BY MATTHEW MOIR, WSA ARCHIVES SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR

A tin trunk of archive material arrives in Sydney in 1979, marking the start of the archive collection in Australia

## HISTORY & COLLECTIONS OF WSA ARCHIVE CANBERRA

Canberra in south-eastern Australia became a major international locus of Subud Archives in 1993 with Harlinah Longcroft's decision to establish this as her base for the History of Subud project.

During the 2005-2010 ISC term the Subud archives in Cilandak and Canberra were designated as the two main WSA Archives, both being exclusively for international collections.

**WSA Archives Canberra is the only Subud international archive centre for which WSA has sole administrative, operational, and financial responsibility.**

The Canberra archive has served as the principal repository for the founding and corporate records of the international entities of the Subud organisation, including the WSA and its wings, affiliates, and major projects.

The collection generated by Harlinah's History of Subud project became very extensive over the years.

**The Canberra collections also include the WSA Film and Video archives, the WSA Sound Archives, and a WSA Photographic collection of 20,000 images. Records at risk globally have also been sent to Canberra.**

Despite their importance to Subud, these irreplaceable collections have never been stored in a facility meeting archival standards.

Initially the collections were kept in private homes, then in rented space in a school, and since 2006 they have been in a commercial storage centre, where the units have no lighting or working space, and the lack of climate control and environmental hazards heighten the rate and risks of degradation. An exception was the WSA Film collection that was housed in cold storage at the National Library of Australia until this resource became unavailable in 2020.

On completion of the Memnon project, the digital files of Bapak's talks were sent to Canberra in 2013, followed by the original analogue tape recordings of the talks. They were placed in a secure, climate-controlled studio of Artsound FM, a community-based radio station, which also served as working space for the WSA Archivist, Amalijah Thompson.

They remained there until mid-2020 when the circumstances of Artsound changed, and concerns about the safety of the collections and associated computer and audio-visual equipment, led to the decision to transfer them to the commercial storage facility. In this context Amalijah Thompson stepped down from her long-standing role as the WSA Archivist for the Canberra collections. Without archival working space it has not been feasible to hire an archivist since.

For the last few years no records have been added, and although these vital collections are well organised and 'secure' they have been unmanaged and effectively inaccessible.



# THE PROJECT: A PURPOSE-BUILT ARCHIVE FACILITY IN CANBERRA

**The construction of a purpose-built facility for the WSA Archive in Canberra has been a WSA intention for two decades.**



Visit to the Canberra Archives in January 2020 - Isti da Silva (Area 1 International Helper), Suyono Sumohadiwidjojo (WSA Executive Chair), Amalijah Thompson (archivist) and Hermina Flynn (Area 1 International Helper)

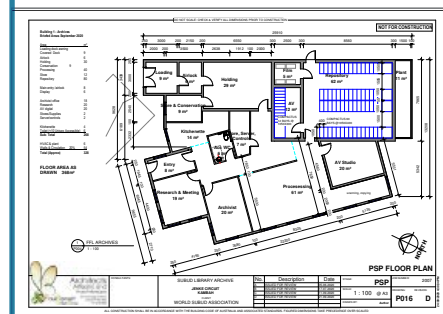
## PLANNING TIMELINE

### 2018

- ◆ A purpose-built facility in Canberra was identified as a critical priority at the start of this Council's term.

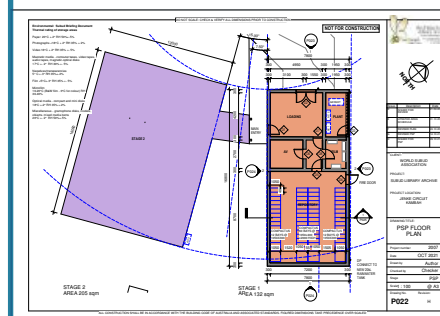
### 2020

- ◆ The first architectural plans were developed by September 2020, but the cost was beyond the resources of the WSA.



### 2021

- ◆ An architectural plan was then developed for a two-stage construction in October 2021, but this was also too costly.



### 2022

- ◆ A modular building was then investigated in mid-2022, but this did not offer significant savings over local construction.
- ◆ A concept plan of containers for the repositories was developed in December 2022. This evolved into three 12-metre insulated containers covered by a shed, with an office/archival workspace.

### 2023

#### FEBRUARY

- ◆ The concept plan, together with preliminary costings following consultation with the contractors - First Sheds and Canberra Containers - was presented at the WSC meeting in Rungan Sari. Provisional approval to proceed was granted.

#### MARCH

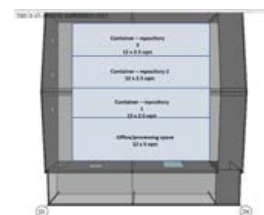
- ◆ Final plans and formal quotes totalling USD 482,041 were presented to the WSA Board of Directors and approved.
- ◆ Subud Canberra agreed to act as the local agent and the channel for contractor payments. Because of Subud Canberra's legal structure, this enables reimbursement of goods and services tax (GST).
- ◆ Formal legal agreements have been entered into between WSA and Subud Canberra and between Subud Canberra and the contractors.

#### MAY

- ◆ The plans were submitted to the Australian Capital Territory Planning Authority for Development Approval (DA) and Building Approval (BA).

#### NOVEMBER

- ◆ Written approval has been received for the DA. The BA is expected to take a few weeks.



First Shed (contractors) 3D drawings

Model of the new Archive Centre by Frances Kuhna, Subud Canberra Chair  
Viewed from the south-west



## CONSTRUCTION MILESTONES

The archive facility will be located on the Subud Canberra land, and comprise of three 12-metre insulated and climate-controlled high containers, together with an office and archival workspace.

### 2023

#### ✂ DECEMBER

- ◆ Site mobilisation
- ◆ Procurement of shed materials
- ◆ Procurement of containers

### 2024

#### ✂ JANUARY

- ◆ Containers fit out (off-site)
- ◆ Shed fabrication (off-site)

### 2024

#### ✂ FEBRUARY

- ◆ Containers on-site

#### ✂ MARCH

- ◆ Shed erection

#### ✂ APRIL

- ◆ Project handover by First Shed contractors

Examples from the Canberra photographic collection



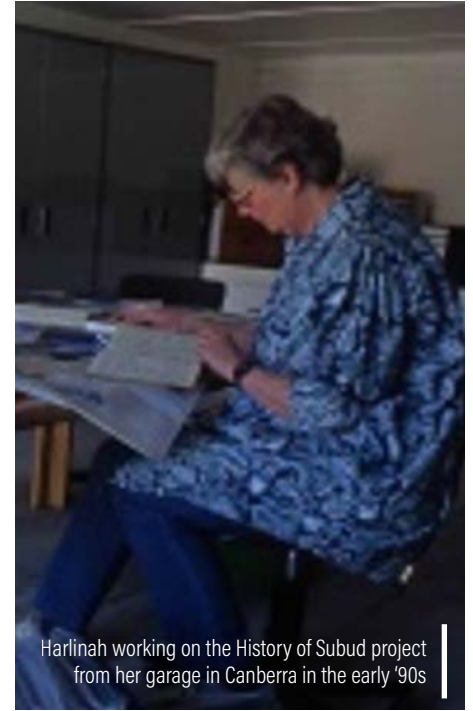
**A LASTING LEGACY**



**H**arlinah Longcroft passed away in December 2022, when the concept plan for the Canberra archives facility was being developed.

Harlinah had settled in Canberra 30 years earlier, in 1993, bringing with her the History of Subud collection. This formed the initial nucleus of what later became the WSA Archives collections in Canberra. It is quite likely that the WSA Archives would not have been located in Canberra had Harlinah not initiated this activity.

Poignantly, we were informed in February 2023, that Harlinah Longcroft had bequeathed approximately AUD \$220,000 (USD \$141,416) to MSF specifically designated for WSA Archives in Canberra.



Harlinah working on the History of Subud project from her garage in Canberra in the early '90s

**Subud archives are the tangible record of the coming of the latihan kejiwaan into the world in the 20th century. These records, comprised of paper documents, films, videos, audio tapes, and photographs, are slowly deteriorating over time. Most of these are the original items that can serve as undeniable proof to people in the future of how the Grace of Subud arrived and spread through humanity. Without archives, we have no historical reference point for those not yet in Subud.**

## FUNDING & FUNDRAISING

**Building a modest, cost-effective facility for the WSA Canberra Archives, together ...**

**T**he project funding had a strong foundation ...

- ◆ Subud Canberra has provided the land, and is assisting with the project.
- ◆ Subud Australia is also very supportive. Two years ago they generously provided WSA with funds to conduct a feasibility study and create an initial design.
- ◆ A large portion of the construction cost will be paid for with bequests from Lavinia Sinclair and Harlinah Longcroft, both from Australia.
- ◆ The Muhammad Subuh Foundation has provided a grant of USD 25,000 and disbursed earmarked funds.
- ◆ Five Subud members made generous donations.

By July 2023, 70% of the total project cost had been raised. The project cost is projected as USD 455,672.

The WSA launched a fundraising campaign for the remaining USD 105,238. Donations were received from:

- ◆ A further five individual Subud members (USD 44,500)
- ◆ Subud groups, nationals and zones, including:
  - ◆ Subud Australia (USD 27,448)
  - ◆ Subud Netherlands
  - ◆ Subud Sri Lanka
  - ◆ Subud Vancouver
  - ◆ Zone 3
  - ◆ Zone 8

**The project shortfall is now just USD 4,005.**

The support that has been shown by 'Friends of the Archives' is felt with deep gratitude.



- 49% **Bequests**
- 27% **Subud members**
- 8% **Estimated tax (GST) refund**
- MSF grant **6%**
- Subud groups / nationals / zones **10%**

**If you wish to make a donation visit [subud.org/donate-now/](https://subud.org/donate-now/)**



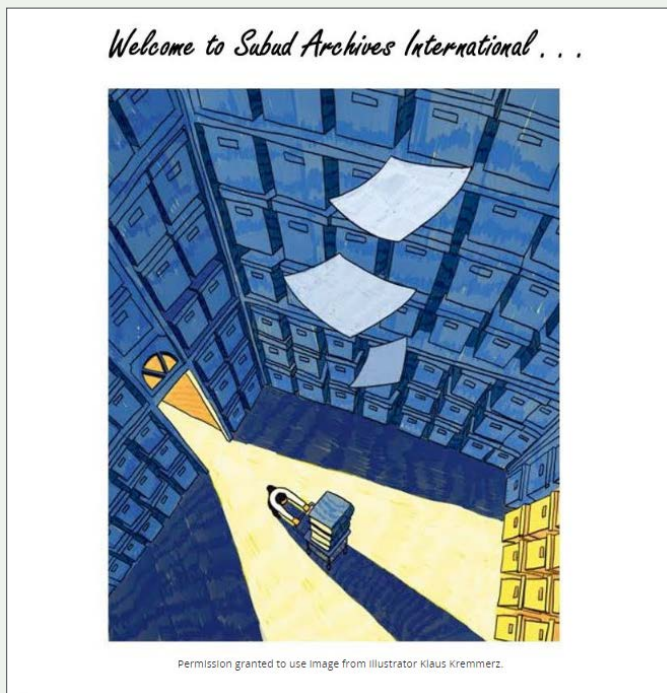
## A FEW MOMENTS WITH... A CERTAIN WOMAN

### IBU SITI RAHAYU WIRYOHUDOYO

This short segment video about Ibu Siti Rahayu was part of a CD entitled "Life is Movement; Let Us Move Together." The film was directed by Faustine (Hannah) Sfeir and edited by Javier Atlagic, Camera Lorenzo Music and Hannah Baerveldt, interviewer Henrietta Music; Facilities Web Networks, Toronto.

**The video can be viewed on the  
WSA Archives website here:**

[atom.wsaarchives.org/index.php/a-certain-woman](http://atom.wsaarchives.org/index.php/a-certain-woman)



Please note, if you do not already have an account you will need to register on the WSA Archives website, [www.wsaarchives.org](http://www.wsaarchives.org), to access this, and much more, archive material.

In September 2023, at its National Congress near Washington DC, Subud USA proudly showcased its national headquarters at the Amani Centre, the new home of the SUSA International Archives and the Amani centerprise. Two hundred-plus national and global members attended the Congress, including WSA Chair Nahum Harlap, WSA Executive Suyono, and Matthew Moir, WSA Archives Subcommittee Chair. This event commemorated nearly 10 years of successful operation since Amani's public unveiling in Fall 2014.

Amani sits on a peaceful green two-acre campus in residential Beltsville, Maryland, near the U.S. Department of Agriculture HQ and Archives, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre, and the University of Maryland, with 40,000 students, a "Top 5" U.S. College in Archives and Library Science. While still being finalised, the U.S. Government and the Governor of Maryland recently announced plans to relocate the FBI headquarters, with 12,000 employees, to a 60-acre site less than 10 minutes away.

**In Summer 2021, after 25 years in storage in Phoenix, AZ, SUSA's vast archive collection was moved to its new Amani home. Fifty years ago, Bapak designated the USA as one of five locations for an international archive.**

**Now, at long last, the collection is accessible; it goes back to 1957 and is truly international in scope, with nearly 1,000 boxes of documents and audio-visual materials.**

The Archives facility includes:

- ◆ A state-of-the-art climate-controlled vault
- ◆ A spacious open area for sorting and video-conferencing
- ◆ A comfy lounge for reading and video-viewing
- ◆ A Media Centre for filming and video productions
- ◆ A separate office and photographic room
- ◆ A handicapped lift made possible by MSF

More than 1,000 items have been digitized and are available online through the WSA Archives website [www.wsaarchives.org](http://www.wsaarchives.org). In addition, the SUSA Archives website provides a living history of our efforts to preserve Bapak's and Subud's legacy [www.susaarchives.com](http://www.susaarchives.com).

# SUSA INTERNATIONAL ARCHIVES THE AMANI CENTRE



BY **MATTHEW CLARK, SUBUD USA**

In late 2022, through an unexpected gift from Subud Washington DC, Subud USA took full ownership of the Amani Centre and Centerprise. Subud USA then bought and upgraded “Twin Oaks”, the cozy 3-story house next door. This has allowed Amani to provide living quarters to an on-site manager and to the WSA Archivist, Daniela Moneta, along with guest housing for archivists and Subud visitors.

**The Amani-Twin Oaks campus, or ‘ATO’, is unique in the Subud world, with**

**latihan space for 100-150 people--a place for community and to preserve and access Subud’s fascinating history.**

Best of all, it is self-sustaining; through the efforts of Howard Moneta, ATO’s manager, events are pre-booked into 2024. Amani is a living testament to the vision and perseverance, through many challenges, of scores of people over two decades, most especially Damanhuri and Rohanna Alkaitis and Barbara Thomas.

ATO now operates under Subud USA oversight (Philip Lindstrom, Chair), professionally managed by a team of experts organized into a Steering Committee including Lucas Boladian, Chair, and Matthew Clark, both past Subud USA Chairs (who also co-chair the US Archives Council).

**Subud USA invites you to please consider having your next event or meeting at Amani and /or making use of the Archives.**

Contact Matthew Clark at [mmclark@ofcounselink.com](mailto:mmclark@ofcounselink.com) to follow up.





# WORLD CONGRESS ORGANISATION

BY **RUSDI BUSTILLO, WCOT COORDINATOR**

**D**ear brothers and sisters,  
By now we trust you are aware of the dates now fixed for the World Congress 2024:

**The event itself will run from July 19 to 29, with arrival on the 18th and departure on the 30th. Registration will open mid January.**

In the meantime, the World Congress Organising Team (WCOT) has been working closely with the WSA Executive and the WSC to define the best way to host the World Congress in Kalimantan.

After many discussions, meetings, kejiwaan sessions, and attempts to be as inclusive and democratic as possible, we have concluded that a combination of seven days in the Bahalap Hotel in the city centre and four days in Rungan Sari (our Subud development), will provide an option that balances the hopes, needs, and wishes of members for kejiwaan experiences, official delegate working parties, the Wings programme, indoor and outdoor activities, all within a framework that is safe, practical and cost efficient.

**PROGRAMME**  
*Arrivals: July 18*  
**Days 1-4:** Bahalap Hotel, Palangka Raya  
**Days 5 & 6:** Rungan Sari  
**Day 7:** Bahalap Hotel  
**Days 8 & 9:** Rungan Sari  
**Days 10 & 11:** Bahalap Hotel  
*Departures: July 30*

**In the spirit of "One Congress" as the International Helpers have been advising all along, we realise that the most important intention of the congress is to create an inner state and connection between us all, in which we can worship Almighty God, and follow the guidance of the latihan, working together in harmony and with respect – regardless of the external circumstances.**

May we open up our feelings, so that the content of this congress may fulfil our needs and hopes for individual and collective growth, as well as contribute to the development of Subud as a whole.

On behalf of the WCOT, we ask forgiveness for any shortcomings in doing our work, and, personally, please forgive me if you find anything in this message offensive or out of place.

**We hope to see you all in Kalimantan.**

## STAY INFORMED

For all the latest news and updates regarding the congress, please visit our dedicated congress website: [www.subudworldcongress.org](http://www.subudworldcongress.org)

This is the main hub for all congress-related information, news, tips and more. You can also sign up for our mailing list directly on the website home page.

## COVID-19 TRAVEL REGULATIONS EASED

Indonesia has eased COVID-19 regulations, making it easier for all our members to travel. As of 9 June 2023, you no longer need to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or download the SATUSEHAT app for international or domestic travel. Travellers are advised to check the latest regulations with their airline before departure.

More travel information is available at [www.subudworldcongress.org/general-info](http://www.subudworldcongress.org/general-info)



# WCOT UPDATE

As the Subud World Congress 2024 draws closer, the World Congress Organising Team (WCOT) has been working diligently alongside the WSA Executive to ensure preparations proceed smoothly.

As has been discussed in past sessions with the International Helpers, WSC, Wing bodies, and all other relevant stakeholders, WCOT adheres to the vision of a "One Congress" emphasising unity. The WCOT believes in achieving a harmonious balance between Palangka Raya and Rungan Sari as chosen Congress venues, recognising the practicalities of infrastructure support and the need to acknowledge our Subud legacy.

## RUNGAN SARI

### AN OVERVIEW OF THE FACILITIES AND ONGOING PREPARATIONS AT RUNGAN SARI FROM THE WCOT

WCOT is excited to share an overview of the facilities and ongoing preparations at Rungan Sari for the event.

**The site plan is organised into three distinct zones, each catering to specific purposes for the Congress.**

Due to limited existing facilities, temporary set-ups like tents and stages will accommodate some activities within the compound. For larger events like opening ceremonies and plenary sessions, the Bahalap Hotel venue will be utilised.

#### ZONE 1

**Front area (adjacent to the main road):** This zone serves as the gateway to Rungan Sari, focusing on essential aspects of the World Congress. The large tent is designated for kejiwaan and organisational events, providing a centralised space for communal gatherings. Meeting rooms and dining areas in the resort facilitate organisational meetings and provide dining facilities for participants.

#### ZONE 2

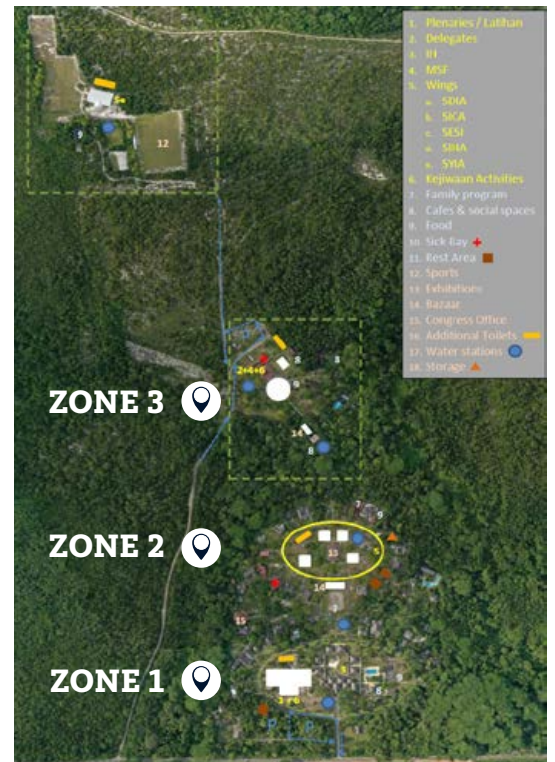
**Central area (inside the Rungan Sari complex):** The heart of the World Congress activities, this central zone houses the "Subud Village" dedicated to Wing Bodies activities and exhibitions. It accommodates a bazaar and outdoor activities, fostering a vibrant atmosphere. Canteen and family programmes enhance the overall experience, providing essential services and family-friendly events.

#### ZONE 3

**Back area (adjacent to Sei Gohong village):** Situated at the back of Rungan Sari, zone 3 offers a serene setting with dining and social areas, spaces for relaxation, and ongoing kejiwaan and organisational events. Specific facilities for youth, including accommodation, food, and sports areas, are being planned in the BFIA football field.

### WCOT UPDATE PRESENTATION

Read the in-depth WCOT update presentation [here](#)



In addition to these preparations, ongoing infrastructure development focuses on enhancing accessibility through road improvements and expanded parking areas. Venue facilities plan upgrades to optimise spaces for Congress activities.

The Muhammad Subuh Centre is actively fundraising to further enhance its facilities, including a bathroom extension. Your support is crucial. Find out more about the project and how to donate [here](#).

# WCOT UPDATE

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

### NOVEMBER 22

The latest update from the WCOT and WSA Executive team highlights the completion and approval of a risk assessment for obtaining permits for the Subud World Congress event. This assessment, conducted by the Ditpamobvit department of the Central Kalimantan Regional Police, ensures the security of vital objects or events in the country.



In the standard process for acquiring permits for national or international events in Indonesia, this department assesses various aspects to ensure venue safety. The assessment focused mainly on Rungan Sari, one of the primary venues alongside Palangka Raya. The results were highly positive, and the choice of Palangka Raya, Central Kalimantan, for the Subud World Congress was well received.

The Central Kalimantan Regional Police, in coordination with the National Police of the Republic of Indonesia, has expressed full support for ensuring the safety of the event. The WCOT and WSA Executive team received positive feedback on the early completion of the permit process, anticipating better coordination for a well-prepared Subud World Congress event.



### OCTOBER 06

The WCOT team met with the dewan of International Helpers in Porto, Portugal. They discussed important topics and delved into them through latihan, testing, and sharing sessions. The goal was to gain clarity on various aspects of the upcoming World Congress and understand how WCOT should position itself as the main organiser of the event.



### AUGUST 31

Local authorities conducted assessments and surveys in Rungan Sari as part of the ongoing review process for the proposed venue by WCOT.

This continuous effort is integral to the due diligence required for the legal aspects of the World Congress in Kalimantan. Coordinating with local authorities is crucial to ensure the safety and feasibility of an event of this scale.





**JUNE 21**

In an effort to initiate the coordination for the local assessment and survey, the local Subud Indonesia group in Central Kalimantan, represented by the chair and coordinator Litha and her husband Mustafa, made a formal presentation. This collaborative effort with the WCOT team took place before the local authorities dispatched their personnel for the field inspection and survey at the proposed congress venues (Palangka Raya & Rungan Sari).



**MAY 05**

The WSA Executive team, represented by Suyono, has been regularly visiting Palangka Raya. Together with the WCOT, numerous sharing sessions have been held with local Subud members in Central Kalimantan.

These sessions aim to inclusively involve all aspects and layers of Subud members in Indonesia, ensuring they stay informed about the progress and development of the World Congress organisation. Simultaneously, the sessions gather local feedback to determine what arrangements are ideal and suitable for the event locally.



**MAY 17**

The event industry in Palangka Raya is substantial, hosting various well-executed events throughout the year. The WCOT team is actively studying different event schemes in the area, engaging with individuals who have local wisdom and experience in organising scalable events in the city.

This exploration may lead to future valuable collaborations that enhance the organisation of the Subud World Congress in Kalimantan.



**MAY 19**

The WCOT logistic team, led by Tauhid Pandji with the help of Sulthon (a young and local Subud member from Palangka Raya), has been conducting surveys on various infrastructure aspects that need preparation for the upcoming event. During these surveys, the team is exploring low-cost accommodation options in Palangka Raya, aiming to provide more affordable lodging for Subud members.



**MAY 11**

In addition to local coordination, organising the World Congress in Kalimantan requires engagement with the central government. Subud Indonesia together with the WSA, registered under the Ministry of Education and Culture, sought support and legal backing for the international event in Central Kalimantan through meetings with the government representatives.

The meeting also included Suyono representing the WSA organisation along with Subud Indonesia Chair, Pak Iwan.



# WINGS

## @ WORLD CONGRESS

BY THE WINGS - VINCENT MOUNT, SDIA CHAIR; GAYE THAVISIN & HAMMOND PEEK, SESI CO-CHAIRS; RUSYDAH ZIESEL, SICA CHAIR; ALBATINA PHILLIMORE, SIHA CHAIR; SYIA REPRESENTATIVES, MAHRUS HARNADI & ALEXANDRA DALY

### THE WINGS ARE EXPLORING HOW BEST TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL MEMBERS AT WORLD CONGRESS

We all feel that the Wings are not separate entities, but rather each Wing is represented in the other Wings, to a greater or lesser extent. We are collaborating to create an integrated Wings experience at World Congress.

#### APPROACH

We will create a flexible structure with themed or focused sessions. Our intention is that most of these sessions will be offered during the four days in Rungan Sari, but we will also provide some in Palangka Raya, where they can complement the delegates programme.

We will strive to be aware of our inner guide to bring and share the most important or significant quality of what we represent to congress.

#### COMMON AIMS

**We would like all our sessions to be inclusive, with the emphasis on communication, respect, and how to create Subud oneness through personal interactions and experiences with latihan at the centre.**

#### THEMES

We will explore themes together through our sessions, including:

- ◆ Community, culture and endeavour - *with a particular focus on Rungan Sari*
- ◆ Behaviour and communication
- ◆ Health and wellbeing
- ◆ Education and learning

#### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Our sessions will follow shared guiding principles to achieve our common aims, including:

##### CONDUCT

- ◆ Listening to each other
- ◆ Being respectful
- ◆ Being open and curious

#### FACILITATION

- ◆ Assigning facilitators so sessions are managed, timed and flow
- ◆ Creating space for people to speak, but not dominate

##### CIRCLE TIME

- ◆ Sitting in circles where we face one another and avoiding rows
- ◆ Speaking only when moved to do so, and speaking from the self

#### LIGHTNESS AND HEALTH

- ◆ Bringing laughter and joy to lighten the spirit and connect us
- ◆ Creating space during and between meetings for breaks and relaxation

##### BREAK OUT GROUPS

- ◆ Encouraging small sharing groups where each participant can really share and listen more deeply
- ◆ Collectively feeding back into a larger group

# THE SUBUD VILLAGE JOINT WINGS PROPOSAL 'ZONE 2' AREA

We want to create a space that illustrates and facilitates the 'integrated Wings' concept, with the latihan in the centre...



## ACTIVITIES & LOGISTICS

Rungan Sari: Using the latihan hall and surrounding rooms for Wings sessions/activities. Improving them before the congress so they are fit for purpose (eg. toilets) and to leave a positive legacy for the future.

SESI IS SEEKING DONATIONS TO MAKE THESE IMPROVEMENTS. PLEASE CONTACT US: [gaye.thavisin@subud.org](mailto:gaye.thavisin@subud.org) or [hammond.peek@subud.org](mailto:hammond.peek@subud.org)

Security  
Maintenance  
Childcare

Operations  
house

QUIET  
meeting  
tent

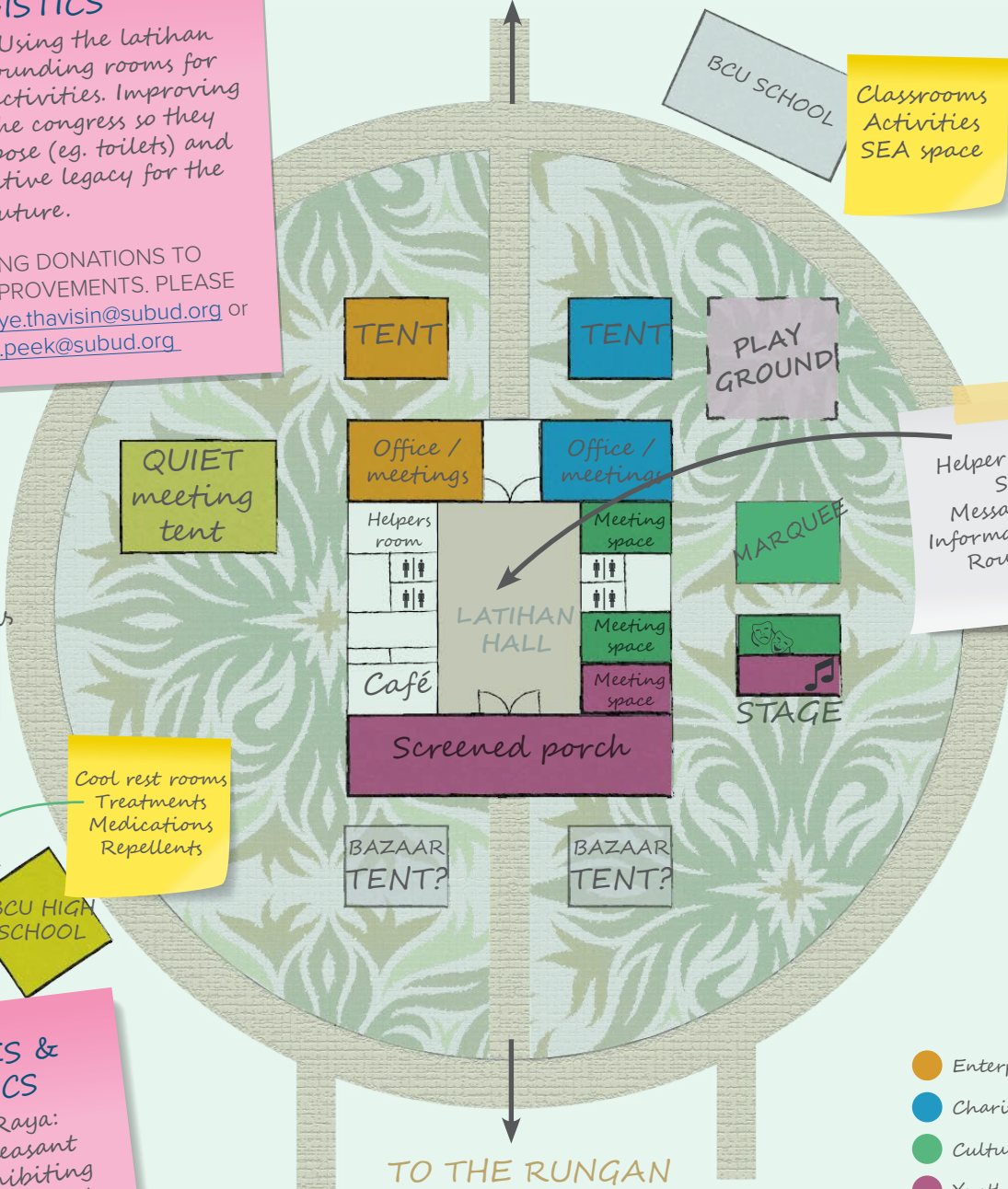
Cool rest rooms  
Treatments  
Medications  
Repellents

BCU HIGH  
SCHOOL

## ACTIVITIES & LOGISTICS

Palangka Raya: Having a pleasant space for exhibiting about Subud projects and centres - organising material to go into it

TO THE MUHAMMAD  
SUBUH CENTRE



BCU SCHOOL

Classrooms  
Activities  
SEA space

PLAY  
GROUND

Helper hang out  
Social  
Message boards  
Information boards  
Round tables

MARQUEE

STAGE

TO THE RUNGAN  
SARI RESORT &  
SPORTS AREA

- Enterprise (SESI)
- Charity (SDIA)
- Culture (SICA)
- Youth (SYIA)
- Health (SIHA)

# WORLD CONGRESS PROPOSALS

**W**orld Congress is the decision-making body within the World Subud Association (WSA) that sets the policy and objectives for each term. The 54 member countries of the WSA are the voting members of World Congress. Each member country is represented at World Congress by its Member Delegation - usually the National Chair, Committee Councillor and two Kejiwaan Councillors, or their registered alternative / proxy.

Between congresses, the member countries are represented by their elected Zone Representatives, who together are the WSA Board of Directors, and form part of the World Subud Council (WSC). The WSC carries out resolutions approved by World Congress during their term.

## PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

**T**o date, three member countries have proposed resolutions - Australia, Britain and Spain.

**Current proposals relate to matters such as bylaws terminology, consensus, constitution review and alternatives (charter), communication, congress locations, WSA incorporation, WSA membership criteria, and WSA Chair voting rights.**

The WSC has held clarification meetings as required with proposing countries, and in the coming months member delegations will be invited to attend workshops as part of the preparation for voting on these resolutions at World Congress.

### Want to know more?

Ask your National Council for more information, or [read the proposals here](#). Share your views with your national representatives.

### Did you know?

- ◆ Only member countries can propose resolutions.
- ◆ Proposed resolutions affecting the WSA bylaws must be submitted a minimum of 9 months before the start of World Congress (the deadline has now passed).
- ◆ Other proposed resolutions (not affecting the bylaws) must be submitted a minimum of 6 months before the start of World Congress - that is, by **JANUARY 19 2024**
- ◆ [Guidelines for Subud World Congress 2024](#) have been developed to assist delegates in preparing for Congress.

## PROPOSALS TO HOST THE NEXT WORLD CONGRESS

**A**t the 16th World Congress in Kalimantan, the location of the next world congress will be determined through testing by the current Dewan of International Helpers, and approved by Congress. Countries are invited to submit proposals to host the next World Congress by January 19 2024, and will present their proposal to Congress in July. Read the [Call for Nomination](#) for more details. To date, two proposals have been submitted - by Subud Britain, and a joint proposal by Subud Canada and Subud USA.

### SUBUD BRITAIN

PREFERRED VENUE: Scottish Event Campus (SEC)  
GLASGOW, SCOTLAND



Read the [Executive Summary](#)

### SUBUD CANADA & SUBUD USA

VENUE OPTION #1:  
TELUS Convention Centre  
CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

VENUE OPTION #2: Palais des  
Congres Convention Centre  
MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA



Read the [Executive Summary](#)



## INTERNATIONAL HELPERS MEET IN PORTO, PORTUGAL

The dewan of International Helpers met in Porto during the first two weeks of October, in preparation for the upcoming Subud World Congress and to discuss the state of Subud in all Areas.

**In order to talk about the kejiwaan programme for world congress, the Internal Helper dewan held meetings via Zoom with helpers and KC's from around the world.**

Preparation for the World Congress also included meetings and kejiwaan work with WCOT members Rusdi Bustillo and Robiyanto Sumohadiwidjojo, who came over from Indonesia.



WSA Chair Nahum Harlap joined the International Helpers for planning and testing prior to the WSC meeting that was held on October 14. At that meeting various scenarios for world congress were discussed, as well as some of the side topics.



Four questions were proposed by the International Helper dewan to test for all council members at the start of this meeting:

1. What is the purpose of this World Congress in Kalimantan for the growth and development of Subud in the world?
2. How would God have me face the challenges of this congress?
3. What is the inner feeling of 'One Congress'?
4. Feel from within the compromise needed for the WSC to reach a harmonious agreement about the Subud World Congress venues and programme.

The Dewan of International Helpers of Area 1 continued their travels during 2023...

## APRIL SUBUD MALAYSIA

Suryadi and Hermina attended a kejiwaan gathering with latihan and testing, a catered lunch, discussion and sharing.



We shared our feeling and details about the upcoming Kalimantan World Congress. We received useful feedback, reinforcing our understanding that generally in Asia, people may only take one week (or less) for their holiday. Congress is being organised in such a way to best accommodate this.

We attended latihan in the home of long-time members Michael & Delia Alfonso. Michael has since passed away peacefully.

## JUNE SUBUD INDONESIA

Hermina, Rohmana, Sudarmaji and Suryadi began our visit in Wisma Subud, then travelled to Suka Mulia, Bandung, Semarang, Kedung Jati, Solo, Mojokerto, Rungan Sari and returned to Wisma Subud to commemorate Bapak's birthday.



Subud Jakarta Selatan

# AREA 1 DEWAN



AREA 1 INTERNATIONAL HELPERS

Left to right: Suryadi Haryono Sumohadiwidjo, Hermina Flynn, Isti da Silva, Rohmana Friend, Sudarmadji Haryono Sumohadiwidjo and Hussein Rawlings

# RECENT TRAVELS UPDATE



Suka Mulia - Bapak's burial ground



Subud Semarang - 'Kali Sari' the home of YM Bapak at the time in which he first experienced the coming of the latihan



Rungan Sari - Muhammad Subuh Centre



Bapak's birthday celebrations in the Wisma Subud latihan hall

Members and helpers from surrounding groups in Indonesia also attended their closest centre.



We met with helpers dewans initially, discussing and testing about being Bapak's helper.

We then met with the members for latihan, testing and sharing.

We ate delicious joyful dinners together.

The latihan were good. The understanding for the need to feel the inner quiet prior to starting the latihan has developed and generally the latihan ran for the normal 30 minutes.

Helpers are more confident in offering testing that may help develop the inner capacity of the members.

Much of the discussion centred around Indonesian members being the hosts for brothers and sisters from around the world at the upcoming World Congress.

**As ever, the everyday miracle of the latihan was present in the closeness we all felt as sisters and brothers together, from different walks of life.**



Subud Solo

## AUGUST SUBUD SRI LANKA

Hermina, Isti, Sudarmadji & Suryadi were hosted by the group in Colombo at their Subud house and then for two days on their beach holiday.

There was time for many latihan and some testing. We watched a Bapak talk and had a dance party! Interspersed with sharing meals and chats together. A wonderful Subud family.



We missed dear Uncle Robert who had passed away since our last visit, but the feeling of happiness that he continues on his journey encompassed us.

## SEPTEMBER INDIA

We visited members in Bangalore where we did latihan and testing together.

Chennai



We then met for sharing which was open and connective. We had lunch together, then more latihan and testing. We were delighted to take part in the opening of a new member, who had come across Subud before Covid.



Bangalore

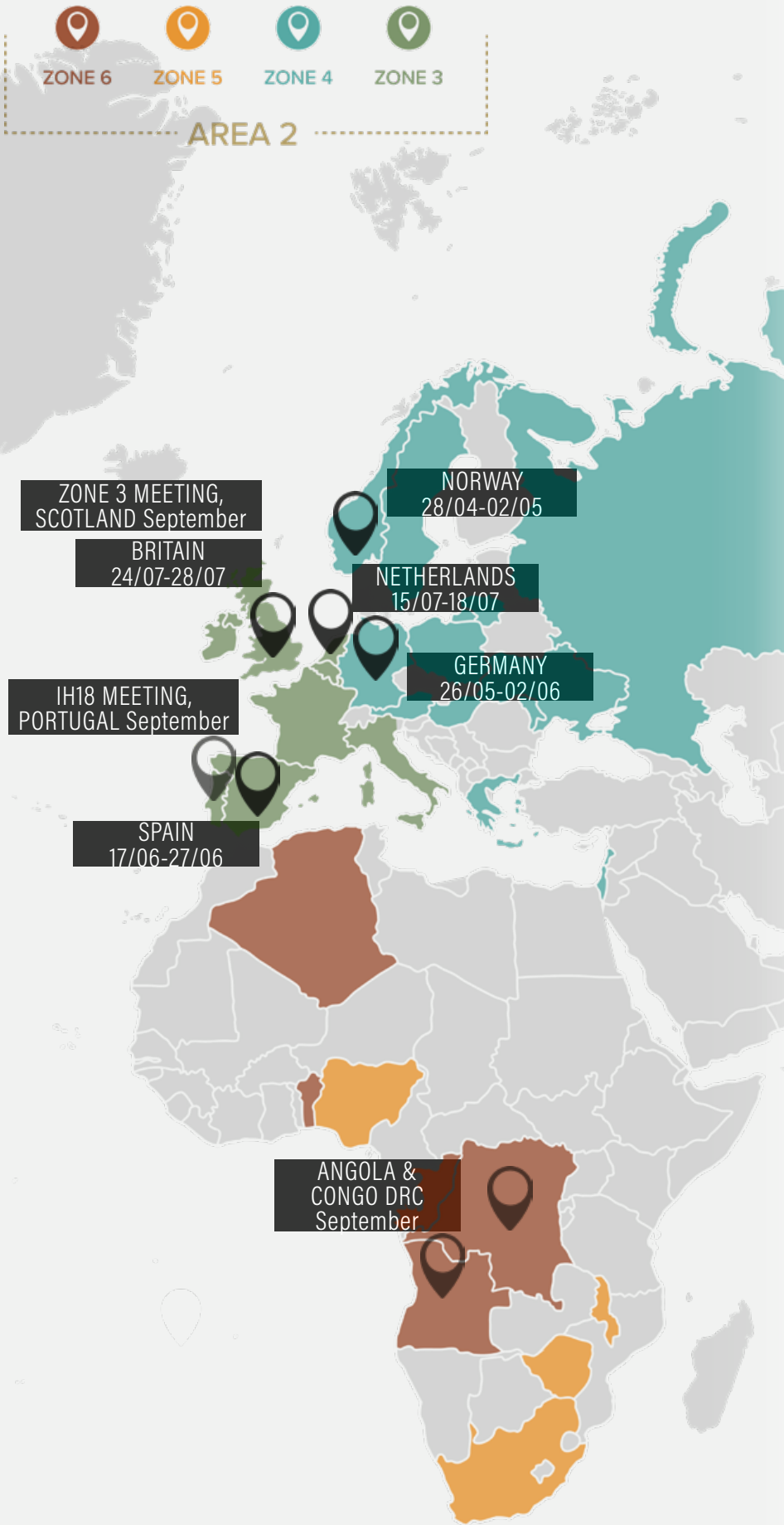
We appreciated the efforts of those members who had made long journeys to come to be with us. It was a warm and friendly gathering.

We then travelled to meet members in Chennai. Members from groups further afield made the effort to join the gathering which was so appreciated.

We received a very warm welcome and shared latihan together and offered some general testing. After lunch we had discussion and testing with helpers and then further testing with the members.

**There was a sincere feeling of valuing the latihan kejiwaan of Subud. The visit was a blessing to all.**





# AREA 2 DEWAN



AREA 2 INTERNATIONAL HELPERS  
 Left to right: (back) Howard Ray, Valentin Pizzi, Alan Boyd  
 (front) Mariam Tikale, Harina Easty, Kamilia Konrad

Since the Indonesian Congress and WSC meeting in Kalimantan (February), the Area 2 Dewan have visited Britain, Spain, Norway, Germany, the Netherlands, and most recently, Africa - which they share about here.



Kamilia with the ladies from Kinshasa and Bernard



Second generation youth with Valentin and their proud dad



**D**uring September, Kamilia and Valentin travelled to Africa, visiting Angola and the Congo DRC.

They attended the Zone 6 meeting, September 15-17, which was held in the newly refurbished Subud house in Kinshasa.

There were 65 attendees, including country delegates from Angola, Benin, Congo Brazzaville and Congo Kinshasa. There were 14 resolutions resulting from the last meeting in 2017; all points were discussed, and the two working groups were formed to work through kejiwaan and committee/project related resolutions. Outcomes included the appointment of a helper to Congo Brazzaville.

**A new Zone Representative was appointed at the meeting - Emanuel Mbassi from Angola. His work will start after World Congress, when he takes over the role from the current Zone Representative, Mendes Lemba Mente.**

While it was just Kamilia and Valentin attending from the Area 2 dewan, they felt that the whole dewan of International Helpers were with them, as well as the Zone Representatives and World Subud Council, who supported the meeting financially.

# VISITING AFRICA

## ZONE 6 MEETING

### K I N S H A S A



With delegates after latihan



Zone 6 meeting opening - Kamilia, Valentin and Papy



After evening latihan



Youth meeting



Emanuel Mbassi from Angolo, Roger from Congo DRC and Langouy from Brazzaville

# AREA 3 DEWAN

AREA 3 INTERNATIONAL HELPERS

Kohar Parra Bustillo, Joan Fromme, Benedict Herrman, Illène Pevec, Halinah Rizzo-Busack, Humphrey Williams

In addition to attending the WSC meeting in Kalimantan and the International Helper meeting in Porto this year, our Dewan was blessed with the opportunity to attend the Zone 8 and Zone 9 Zonal meetings in Amanecer and Santiago de Chile, and we visited Colombia, Mexico and Canada and the US National Congress.

Some moments from these travels are shared here...

## BOGOTA, COLOMBIA APRIL 23 - 24



## BUCARAMANGA, COLOMBIA APRIL 25 - 26



## SUBUD CHILE & ZONE 9 MEETING APRIL 29 - MAY 2

A harmonious meeting....



**POAYAN, COLOMBIA**  
**JULY 17-18**



**CALI, COLOMBIA**  
**JULY 18-20**



**ZONE 8 MEETING - AMANECER, COLOMBIA**  
**JULY 21-23**



**CARIBE REGION**  
**JULY 24-26**



**MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA**  
**JULY 27-28**



**PUEBLA, MEXICO**  
**AUGUST 8-9**



# BI NATIONAL GATHERING VENEZUELA COLOMBIA JULY 29-31



# TLAXCALA MEXICO AUGUST 9-10



# MEXICO CITY AUGUST 10-16



INTERVIEW BY  
HANNAH DE ROO & RAYMOND LEE

When Ramon and Elisabeth Medina heard of an opening at the French International School in Jakarta for a music teacher, they packed their bags, closed their music school in France, and headed for Indonesia.

**'We will try it for a year,' said Elisabeth. They never imagined where the adventure would lead.**

Living in Jakarta is a challenge for most expatriates, they naturally miss something from home. In Ramon's case, it was bread. Compared to a freshly baked sourdough loaf, bread in Jakarta was like cotton wool. Frustrated, Ramon started baking his own. Soon friends and colleagues wanted him to bake sourdough bread for them - he needed a bigger oven!

Aged 54 and tired of teaching, Ramon made a dramatic shift. With no culinary training, armed with dedication, diligence, and YouTube, he quit the school to start a bakery. But bakeries are not permitted under Indonesia's foreign investment laws; he had to bake more than bread. In 2014 along with a partner he opened Levant Boulangerie – Pâtisserie in a small shop in Jakarta's Kemang area with 5 people to help him. One year later he opened a second and bigger outlet opposite the French School. Ramon now employed 20 people.

**Rising at 3am every day, he baked sourdough breads, croissants, pain au chocolat, feuilleté aux pépite de chocolat, tartelettes and quiches for the French community - teachers, students, and parents. It was like Paris in Java.**

Seeing the business expand faster than rising dough, Elisabeth also quit and joined Ramon. But with the lockdowns during the Covid 19 Pandemic, the French school closed



## PURSuing A PASSION

FRENCH DELIGHTS IN JAKARTA



[www.levantboulangerie.com](http://www.levantboulangerie.com)



down and many expatriates headed home. Who would buy Ramon's bread, baguettes and tartelettes?

**What looked like a disaster became a windfall: Levant started selling online, orders flooded in. From then on, the business flourished,**

**and yet more employees had to be hired. Marketing and social media turned out to be essential tools. 'Working together with other people is more challenging but also much more rewarding,' says Elisabeth.**

In 2023, Levant moved to even bigger premises designed by a Subud member. To Ramon and Elisabeth's amazement, queues formed in the street to get in. 'We never expected the business to attract so many people as it has,' says Elisabeth. It was no longer a hangout for the French community, but for the Indonesian upper and middle classes.

The business is still growing organically - 'We never had a plan, we followed what happened, step by step,' says Elisabeth - but each stage of growth brings new challenges: developing systems, steering complex regulations, managing a staff that now numbers ninety! 'We have been betrayed by one of our most trusted employees whom we liked very much. That was a tough lesson,' says Elisabeth. 'I can't deny that many times, we thought of getting on a plane back to France, but Ramon's dedication, patience, persistence and courage have kept us going. Baking is Ramon's passion; it just makes him happy.'

Visiting Levant nowadays reflects the promise that is stated on their website: *We make all our products in-house by hand, using traditional recipes and techniques.*

**Asked what the biggest lesson for her has been, Elisabeth says, 'Enterprise is a reflection of yourself. What I am learning is not to criticise, but to support the process by being there and just see how I can best contribute.'**

*p.s. We didn't get to interview Ramon, he was too busy interviewing job applicants. :)*



# AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY

**TWO YOUNG SUBUD MEMBERS SHARE ABOUT THEIR SPONTANEOUS TRAVELS ACROSS EUROPE ... AND THE SUBUD GROUPS, GATHERINGS & HOSPITALITY THEY ENCOUNTERED ALONG THEIR WAY...**

BY **MIRANDA WILD (ECUADOR) AND ISIDRO JIMENEZ (COLOMBIA)**



**A** Subud tour was never our plan... Six months into our travels, this is exactly what we have done.

**If you are wondering who we are, well... our names are Miranda Wild and Isidro Jimenez, from Ecuador and Colombia respectively. We come from Subud families, having grown up around Subud activities since we were kids.**

In March of this year we had plans to travel. Isidro would be travelling to Indonesia with his family, while I would be travelling to Spain and Scotland for work and to visit

family. This would mean we would not see each other for at least a month, therefore we agreed to reunite in June.

Our initial plan was to meet in Scotland, visit family and then find a place to settle in the UK for around six months before travelling to the Subud World Congress in Kalimantan, Indonesia, when it was due to take place in January 2024.

Within these plans the only Subud activity, apart from continuing with our weekly latihans, was the World Congress. What actually happened looks remarkably different.

**We travelled to five countries (Scotland, England, Spain, France, and Italy), visited eight Subud groups, participated in four Subud gatherings, and stayed in more than twenty six places of which twenty were people's homes, twelve of which were Subud members.**

While we travelled around Scotland, enjoying the heatwave, eating good food, dipping into the freezing Atlantic Ocean, and having fun with our family and friends, we heard that Subud Britain's National Congress would take place in July, on the exact dates that I got back from my second trip to Spain.

We immediately felt this was something we wanted to attend.

Once at the congress, we did latihan, camped, volunteered in the kitchen, made willow crowns, watched Blue Spirit's documentary (an inspiring SD project based in the UK) participated in the table tennis championship, and had lots of enjoyable and memorable moments with our Subud brothers and sisters.

**While at the British Congress, we heard about another event, the Zone 3 delegates gathering in Perth, Scotland, and felt called to go. Therefore, after a bit of thought and a moment of indecision we decided to attend.**

We were not the only young Subud members present at this meeting, there were another seven young Subud members participating.



We did latihan together, listened to the conversations and challenges that the different countries faced, we participated in the sharing circles and shared our own ideas. Something that was expressed was the feeling of being a family, of the love that we feel for our Subud brothers and sisters, a feeling that was very present for us during this gathering.

**There was also a general desire to take action and start enterprises, and many of the conversations related to this topic were inspiring to us. Some people also mentioned that we should be careful not to blame others for not taking action but instead become aware and take responsibility for our own actions.**

For us this gathering was an amazing opportunity to do latihan, to understand Subud better and to deeply connect with some very special and interesting people.

We then went on to participate in a Subud youth gathering in Lewes, England, where we had lots of fun!



We played table games, went out for walks, tried aerial yoga, listened to the presentation of Enthum house (another very inspiring SD project based in the UK - read more about it on page 34), ate good food (prepared especially for the youth by the Lewes Subud group members), did latihan, and got to know more Subud and non Subud youth.

For our final Subud event we participated in Subud Spain's National Congress. Once more this was a very special experience and we are very grateful for this opportunity.

**The latihan were very deep, and meaningful. As in every congress, we witnessed how in each country or group, Subud events are done differently.**

We interpreted for the English speakers, watched a very profound Bapak's talk, drank lots of coffee and



tea, tasted some delicious olives and olive oil, and got to know more of the Spanish culture.

As with the Zone 3 gathering, we were not the only Subud youth present, in total eleven Subud youth from around the world participated in this gathering, which was a wonderful reunion.

**You may wonder how it is possible that we participated in so many Subud events in such a short time, and how we have been able to travel for such a long time... No, it is not because we are loaded :) but thanks to the amazing love, kindness and generosity of the people who hosted us, fed us, gave us lifts, and gifts.**

We are forever grateful for this generosity and love. It has given us such hope and love for our family, friends, our Subud family, and for humanity itself.

***A deep thank you to all you amazing people who helped us make this trip a reality!***

*With love, Miranda and Isidro*



# SEKOLAH CITA BUANA: BUILDING A COMMUNITY

BY HANNAH DE ROO, ZONE 3 REPRESENTATIVE

**W**hat is at present an impressive school for around 515 pupils in the center of South Jakarta, called Sekolah Cita Buana, started many years ago in Bapak's House with just nine children, some of them are Subud families living in Wisma Subud, Cilandak.

**When Ibu Ismana, the wife of Bapak's late son Pak Haryono, was asked by some expat parents to educate their children, she had no idea that almost twenty-eight years later, a third building would be added to the school she has developed since the late nineties.**

This new building is dedicated to Special Education, either for high-support students - children who need substantial and continuous support in various areas of basic learning domains or high-functioning students - children with academic ability but



require support in social, emotional, and independent living skills.

**Cita Buana also offers inclusive education, where Special Education children can be integrated into mainstream classrooms.**

The building has four levels and includes art rooms, a kitchen laboratory, a music room, a praying room, and many other spaces for educational purposes, as well as a 500 square meter multi-functional hall that can be used for large events. On the basement floor, an open-air cafeteria is

directly connected to the surrounding campus. The multi-functional hall, which Ibu Ismana has named "Srikandi Hall," can easily be used for Latihan or other Subud-related purposes, as quite a few Subud members live nearby.

Because of the pandemic, the ground-breaking ceremony was only attended by a few people, but the official opening on September 6th this year was very joyful. In the inauguration speech by Ibu Ismana's son Suyono, he explained:

**"The design of this building reflects one of the values in student character building at Cita Buana School. When seen from above, the building forms two linked chains, symbolising harmony."**

While Suyono gives me a tour through the various spaces, I encounter enthusiastic teachers explaining how







they work. They proudly show the results of some creative projects, encouraging pupils to develop their talents and social skills. In one room, there is a Karaoke show taking place, which is a typical activity on the last day of the week. In another room, I am shown lovely Colorado bags and booklets made from recycled plastic materials, which the pupils sell to gain some experience with producing and enterprising.

The weekly schedule of every student is made to measure the individual capacity and preference of each one of them. Some have three science subjects in one day, while others spend more time on language or arts.

The atmosphere is relaxed and joyful, and everyone seems happy at school.

**Ibu Ismana, now 91 years of age, is still full of energy and inspiration. She emphasizes that she was not at all an expert in education at first but has gone through a long learning process, in which the learning continues until this very day. "I have been fortunate," she says, "the right people came when we needed them."**

Several family members are involved at the school, and Suyono (currently WSA Executive Chairperson) has been on the board from very early on. He is the Executive Director, with his wife, sister, and brother also active in the school.

Although Ibu Ismana rarely speaks about Subud during her work at the school, she always tries to put the Latihan at the centre of everything. In practice, that means always looking for harmony and cooperation, especially when things are difficult, and making consensus-based decisions. This way, the loving and respectful atmosphere often touches teachers, parents, and their children.

**Ibu Ismana recalls Bapak saying that the main thing is always to worship God, and not being a Subud member doesn't mean God's power cannot touch you. So she is not worried about the number of Subud members at the school. The main thing is that everyone feels included and feels part of a community.**

"We are not commercial in nature, but we are becoming a social enterprise." Although finances have been challenging in the initial stages, somehow, money always came when it was needed. The school offers scholarships to Subud parents for their children and regularly contributes to the international Subud organisation through MSF, the Archives, and the WSA.

Ibu Ismana feels it's essential that the school values she has developed in Cita Buana over the years align with the country's ideology or Pancasila, which hopefully would save the country from issues like corruption or disintegration. It is sometimes

challenging to implement this idealism if the will of God does not guide you. However, she hopes the school values will prepare the pupils to be future leaders with exemplary character.

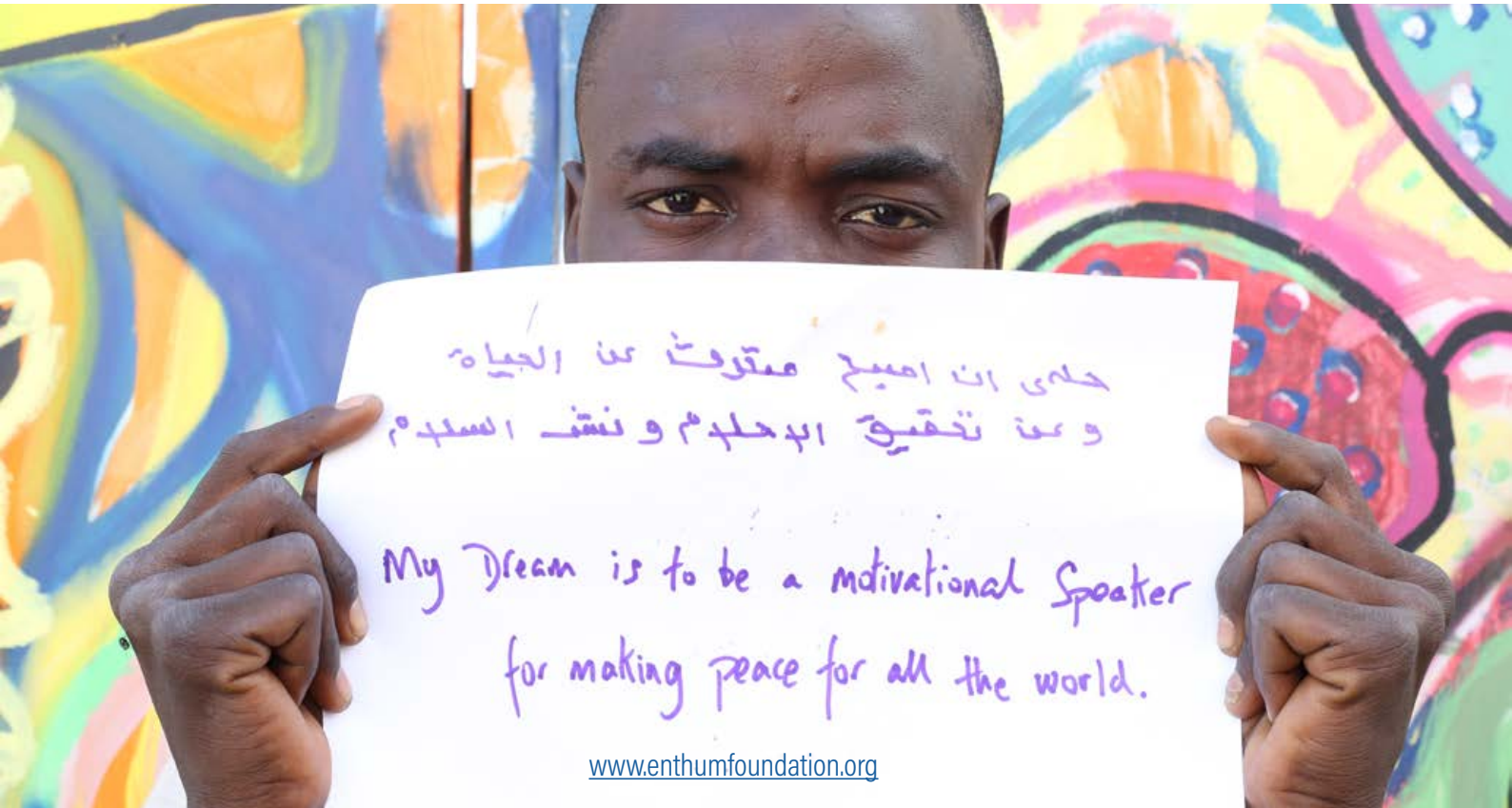
Currently, the School board consists of dedicated Subud members. One of the long-standing board members was the son of the first minister of foreign affairs, who is also a Subud member and had always supported Bapak in the early days.

Cita Buana also supports other Subud schools in Indonesia, like the BCU in Kalimantan. They have given technical support and shared resources whenever possible.

**Dear Ibu Ismana is full of stories and experiences that have enriched her long life in Subud, and at the same time, she enjoys engaging with the youth by sharing her wisdom. She knows that educating children with love and respect creates the opportunity to pass those values on to the next generation.**

This is already happening because alumni are sending their children to the school that has been the foundation of their own lives.

We are blessed to have Ibu Ismana with us and witness the fruits of a life dedicated to putting the Latihan into practice and following Bapak's advice.



# ENTHUM FOUNDATION

MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF UNACCOMPANIED YOUNG ASYLUM SEEKERS

BY VINCENT MOUNT, SDIA CHAIR

## THE PROJECT

The Enthum project is located in Eastbourne in south Britain, and provides two residential centres for unaccompanied young asylum seekers, aged 16–18 years.

**It was born out of a courageous effort of Lili Simonsson and her fellow director Jo McDonald to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable young people coming to Britain fleeing the conflicts and challenges of life in their home countries.**

They started with one centre and have since set up another nearby, so they can accommodate 14 young people at a time.

## SUSILA DHARMA ENTHUM EVENT

In October, Susila Dharma organised an event at the new Lewes Subud centre to share with Subud members about the current situation of the Enthum project, which has been supported by Susila Dharma Britain since its inception 7 or 8 years ago.

At the event members got to hear from Lili and from Leo Sedgley, a Subud member who is a manager at Enthum.

**We also got to hear directly from Aida, Enthum's first resident who comes from Iran. She's now studying biochemistry at university here in Britain, and offers her support to the project as a mentor for the young residents currently living there.**

It was very moving to hear the different perspectives, accompanied by photographs and a very touching short film made by the young people

themselves with poetry and voice, their messages coming through clear and poignant. What if the world was a place where we didn't judge each other...



What if compassion was in fashion

The young people of Enthum House are part of a film club. Their latest film 'What If', was screened at the Depot Cinema in Lewes as part of Refugee week. Watch the full film [HERE](#)

The Enthum project has been through many challenges, and continues to work with the government system of support and bureaucracy that is limited in what it provides and causes the management team to have to work very hard together... I hope they don't get too down as individuals and as

a team, but can remember to look up above the horizon from time to time and see where they have come through on their journey, and know that many people here care deeply about the situation for refugees and migrants, and want to make a difference.

We know many of you Subud folk in Britain and abroad have supported Enthum, and we as Susila Dharma are grateful to we have been able to support its work with English teaching, special outings and most importantly, the therapy work that Enthum offers for its residents and staff, helping them face the trauma inside. The project is mostly successful in its fundraising support, but where we make a difference is with all the added extras that make life at Enthum much better than the alternative care options.

Please continue to support the project through donations via [Susila Dharma Britain](#), or directly to the [Enthum project](#).

**From a personal perspective, the event felt like a great success. It brought people in Subud together around a concrete successful project in the local context of Britain so members could really get a flavour or a feeling of what it is like to run a project.**

We had 50 people attending, a wonderful pot luck meal, warmth of community, and we were blessed with pleasant weather.

**I think the event showed that whilst it takes courage, determination and hard work to manage a project, it all starts somewhere small with a feeling to make a positive change.**

Subud Lewes group, with its wonderful Soup Aid project, supported the first forays of Lili and other Subud members to go to Calais to the refugee camps and get involved directly with practical tasks. Those individuals brought back stories and we can see that it changed their lives forever.

# ARE YOU READY FOR VENTURE CAPITAL?

BY IRWAN WYLLIE, SUBUD AUSTRALIA

**F**ive Subud members from around the world are establishing a Venture Capital Fund (VCF). This is a Subud enterprise and it will contribute financially to the Subud organisation.

**The aim is to encourage and support Subud enterprises around the world, but it will also be considering non-Subud enterprises as well.**

Venture capital companies (VCs) provide capital and management support for early-stage businesses that have the potential to scale up and become substantial players in their market. Google is one example among many major companies that received early-stage VC support. In return, the VCs receive equity in the projects, typically in the order of 25 - 35%. If you would like to know more, there is a lot of information online, including [this article](#), about how VCs operate and the benefits to emerging businesses.

From an entrepreneur's perspective, venture capital is one of the few sources of capital for start-ups and early-stage businesses. From a VC perspective, these types of businesses are high-risk, high-reward projects.

The hallmark of businesses that receive VC support is that they are innovative. This might be in the form of a brand-new product, or a substantial improvement to an existing one. For example, sophisticated software applications that solve complex problems, are much sort after by VCs. However, there are opportunities in all types of businesses.

**Our VCF team is on the lookout for good projects and business ideas. We are inviting Subud members with promising projects to start a dialogue with us with a view to showcasing some of these projects at the Kalimantan Congress, and possibly at the Subud Australia Congress in January 2024.**

Subud enterprises applying for VC funding will be asked to commit to contributing to the Subud organisation from their profits in a manner of their choosing. The most outstanding projects may be eligible for VCF funding.

If you think that VC funding might be relevant to your situation, as a first step in the assessment process, please tell us a bit about your business and where you want it to go.

Please send information to Irwan Wyllie at [freeman.wyllie@gmail.com](mailto:freeman.wyllie@gmail.com).

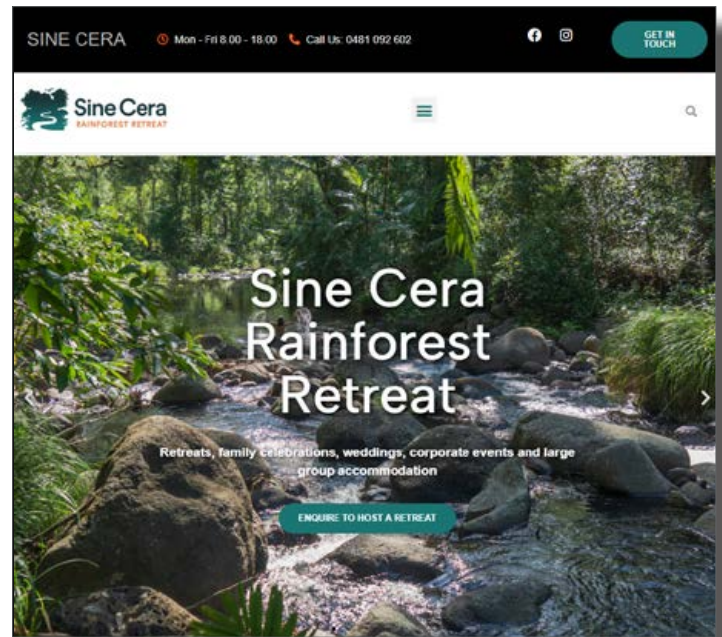
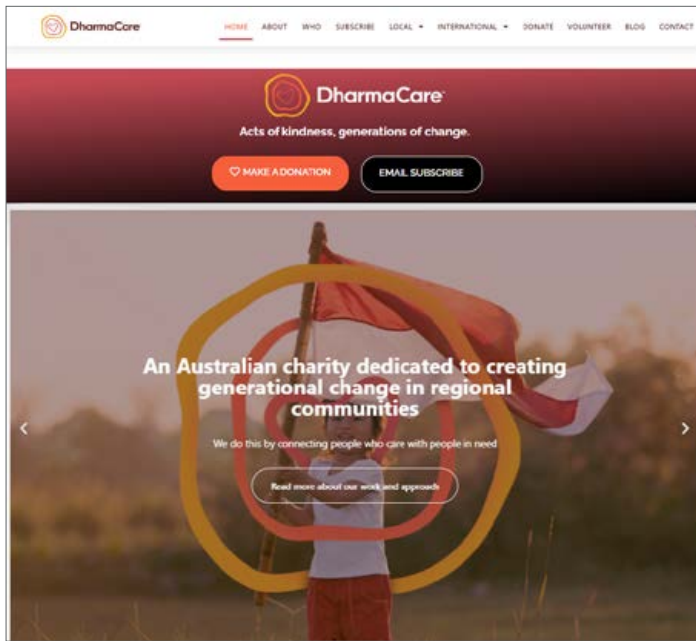
NEW LOOK



DharmaCare™

## SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT...

BY IRWAN WYLLIE, CEO, DHARMA CARE



**D**harma Care (DCI) is an Australian charity established in 1981. After its founders passed away, the charity and its main asset, Sine Cera Rainforest Retreat, were at risk of being lost.

**It has been a tricky time since with many false starts, but DCI is now well established and doing what it was always intended to do: help the most destitute.**

There have been many changes since a new Board and full-time CEO was appointed in 2016. We have renovated Sine Cera so that it now elicits fabulous testimonials, and services a real need for people to get away into the wilderness and share each other's company. It is a 100-bed facility popular with a wide range of groups. As a result, its value has increased from under AUD1m in 2016 to AUD2.4m today.

**On the charitable side, we have raised close to AUD1m to support many projects here and overseas.**

We've helped regional Australian families through floods and fires, and supported the homeless. We recently raised AUD56K to provide warm gear and food to homeless people in our region. Overseas, we've supported several YUM projects, and one non-Subud charity that provides housing, food, healthcare and education to destitute Cambodian girls.

After all these successes, it was time to rebrand our websites and social media. We are delighted with the results so we hope you will check them at [www.dharmacare.org.au](http://www.dharmacare.org.au) and [www.sinecera.org.au](http://www.sinecera.org.au). This time, we are proud to include info about Subud and SDIA !! There is one interesting observation from all of this...

Our earlier websites did not mention Subud, mainly because we were not doing any charitable work and Sine Cera was a wreck. There was nothing to shout about. But now we really do have something to offer and to show the public.

We often say we are not forthcoming in talking about Subud, but I think somewhere deep inside, we have not been very proud of our achievements since Bapak died.

**I suspect that now, as more quality projects come to life, and they are out there (Enthum, YUM, and many more), we are more likely to be proud of Subud; more likely to talk about Subud; more likely to attract new members.**

I suspect Subud is entering a virtuous upward spiral...

# INVITATION TO JOIN IN LATIHAN WITH SUBUD ISRAEL

FROM OUR **SUBUD SISTERS IN ISRAEL**

The Latihan Kejiwaan of Subud is a constant guide and teaching, comfort, and help for us even and in particular in these troubling times.

We have called Sisters and Brothers to join us in our latihan on Monday evenings 20.30 Israel time. We would like to express our gratitude to all who have joined us. We continue to receive latihan on Monday evenings and invite whoever is drawn in the World Community to join us.

Our experiences in these latihan are many, ranging from deep inner peace to deeply unsettled feelings. What is, however, primarily significant for us is the feeling of joining and Sisterhood / Brotherhood.

# MUNICH SUBUD HOUSE 25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

BY **VICTOR BOEHM, SUBUD GERMANY**

The Munich Subud house celebrated its 25th anniversary on May 27th, 2023.

A barbecue was held in the Subud house garden to mark the occasion, which was also attended by five of the Area 2 International Helpers, Alan Boyd, Howard Ray, Kamilia Konrad, Mariam Tikale and Valentin Pizzi.

This gathering was very, very nice and intensive with two latihan, testing and many, many conversations...



TAKE A LOOK AT THE [COMMEMORATIVE PHOTO PRESENTATION](#) THAT REFLECTS BACK ON THE HISTORY OF THE MUNICH SUBUD HOUSE, AND OF SUBUD IN GERMANY.



# ZONE 3 MEETING - PERTH, SCOTLAND

## 28 September - 2 October 2023



Zone 3 meeting participants visiting the Perth Subud House, and recreating the photo taken after the first latihan there in 2003 (pictured right)

**Z**one 3 held its delegates meeting in Perth, Scotland this year. There were over 60 participants, of which half were delegates. Members came from near and as far as Australia to join the fruitful gathering.

Thanks to the hard work of our local hosts, Mirabelle-Viviana and Harman Scott - also the managers of the local Perth Subud house and centre - a wonderful meeting venue was found at the Royal George Hotel. This provided the perfect space for a harmonious and integrated gathering that balanced kejiwaan, business and time for creating connections and sharing with each other.

The gracious hospitality of Mirabelle-Viviana and Harman was unlimited, and we are deeply thankful for all their hard work in making the gathering possible, and a success.

**FROM HANNAH DE ROO, ZONE 3 REPRESENTATIVE AND RUTH TAYLOR, ZONE 3 SECRETARY**

## HOSTING ZONE 3

BY MIRABELLE-VIVIANA SCOTT, SUBUD BRITAIN

**E**arly in 2023 Hannah de Roo, Zone 3 Representative told myself and my husband, Harman, about her idea to hold the Zone 3 meeting in Perth, Scotland in autumn 2023 to give the Zone 3 delegates a chance to get a feel for the country that offers to host the 17th Subud World Congress (see page 20 for more information).

**Harman and I both wholeheartedly supported the idea knowing that an event like that would bring good and strengthening vibes to Scotland.**

We agreed to help Hannah and Ruth to organise the gathering on this end, up here in Scotland.

It was an honour and great experience to work with Hannah and Ruth to host the event. Both work hand in hand, with deep respect for each other and for others which encourages greatly the process and everyone working with them. Several times I was humbled by their ability to lead in a mindful and Subud manner, when there had been slight discrepancies.

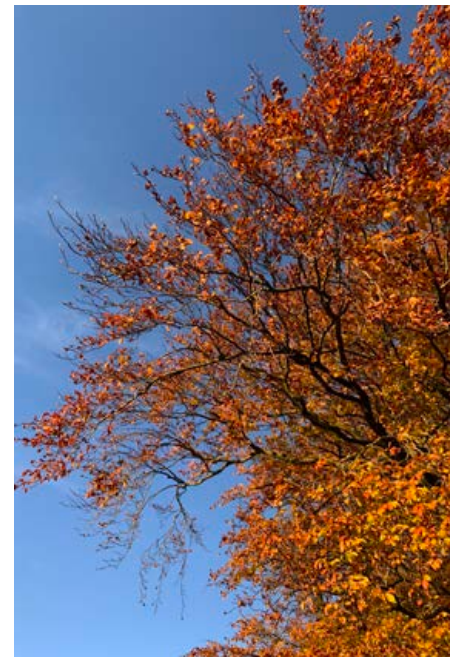
**Hannah had a clear idea that she would like the meeting to be welcoming to the wider Subud community (observers) and to make it a gathering to spend time together beyond the delegates business. The zone's decision to support the youth to attend by financing their stay at the Perth Subud Centre added to this notion.**

It was exciting then to see the bookings for the Zone 3 gathering increase, and in the end to have additionally to the delegates again the same number of observers.

Between 28 September – 2nd October, over 60 Subud folks from around Europe and further afield, gathered for the Zonal meeting in the Royal George Hotel in Perth, chosen for the main event. The venue was a success, meeting the needs of the gathering in such a friendly and accommodating way.



The first gathering hosted in Perth in 2003 when the Perth Subud house was newly acquired - a regional gathering of the Clans



In the official programme, Hannah and Ruth included a sharing circle for all attendees, not just delegates, where we were asked to become quiet first. From that quiet place we were encouraged to speak for a minute or two what we felt important to share.

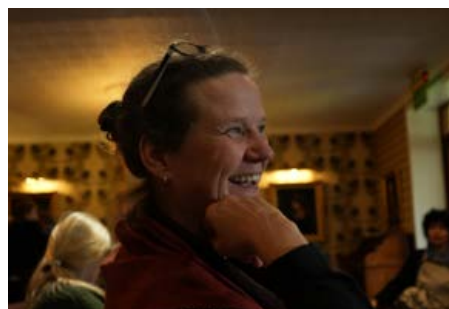
**This time together brought us all close and gave everyone a deeper awareness for each other when it came to the business meeting.**

Again, I thought the set up for the business meeting was well thought through. The delegates sat in the inner circle to discuss, and the observers were asked to sit in an outer circle and witness. It created the idea of us around the delegates actually holding them in their work. I am still intrigued what power this set up has.

**The Sunday event where the meeting participants came to the Subud Centre in Perth for latihan and tea with home-made scones was a great blessing for all. The latihan flowed so strongly and freely.**

For us and the attending members from the region, the Zone 3 gathering was a wonderful experience and it enriched the influence of the Latihan in this part of the world greatly.

Thank you and love to us all.





# ZONE 8 IS VIBRANT!

BY HELEN MUÑOZ PARDO, ZONE 8 REPRESENTATIVE

**D**uring 2023, very important events have taken place across Zone 8.

This includes the Subud Zone 8 Meeting held in Amanecer on July 21-23, the Binational Meeting between Colombia and Venezuela, on July 29 and 30; the visit of four Area 3 International Helpers to all groups in the country and the support and collaboration in the organisation of the Zonal and Binational Meetings. In October, two regional meetings were held in Colombia: one in the centre of the country and another in the northeast, in which the new representative of Zone 8 was elected for the period 2024-2029.

## ZONE 8 MEETING, AMANECER, COLOMBIA JULY 21 - 23, 2023

**The motto of the zonal meeting was "Your presence unites us," referring to the Power of God that allowed this to be the first non-virtual, but in-person, zonal meeting after the pandemic.**

There were 193 people in attendance, both from Zone 8 and from other areas: Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Chile, United States, New Zealand, Germany, Canada, Norway.

**It was a "Meeting to see each other again," fraternal, harmonious filled with a blessed atmosphere of peace and joy that aroused motivation for the members to feel the desire to get more involved with Subud!**





## ZONAL MEETING PROGRAMME

### FIRST DAY:

Bapak's Talk video; helpers' meeting and kejiwaan workshop; general Latihan every day. Some people presented themselves to be tested for some international positions and some for national positions in Colombia.

**A significant event was the generous donation made by a Colombian helper of 100 books of Bapak's Guide and Advice for Helpers, which were given to the Helpers in the Zone 8.**

### SECOND AND THIRD DAY:

The wonderful Tebaida Children's Symphonic Band; organisation and kejiwaan reports from countries; zone 9 representative and treasurer reports; SDIA; WSA Archives; Fundación Amanecer, and MSF; conversation with Mental Health Commission; crisis and Latihan; conversation with director of the GHFP; report from the Working Group on World Congress 2024 proposals; integration bonfire led by Fundación Amanecer, Subud Youth and Wings; and a Business Fair.

Really, time was short for everything we wanted to share and experience, but there will be other opportunities to do so!



# SUBUD USA NATIONAL CONGRESS



## A RICH CONGRESS EXPERIENCE

EXTRACTS FROM A BLOG BY **LIANNE CARD, OUTGOING SUBUD USA NATIONAL SECRETARY**

Read the full blog on the Subud California website [here](#)

**O**ur National Congress felt like a family reunion where about 200 people gathered in person for the first time since the pandemic.

**Held in Washington, DC from September 7-11, it was also a business congress where new officers were elected by delegates from across the country.**

Finally, we had a chance to tour the Subud WSA archives housed in the Amani Centre and experience the new combined campus of the Amani Centre and new Twin Oaks property [see Matthew Clark's article about in on page 12-15].

The setting for the congress was the Crowne Plaza Hotel, a former Marriott hotel. The property is located in College Park, not far from the University of Maryland campus and 3 ½ miles from the Amani Centre.

The Crowne Plaza provided all the spaces we needed—grand ballrooms for the three latihans a day, break out rooms for testing, and a dining room that served great food. You could see clusters of Subud members in every corner of the hotel, deep in conversation...

... Some members from the MidWest and even farther regions combined a “great American road trip” with travelling to D.C. Some enjoyed tourist

time in the Capital and quaint towns. Not since the 2014 Sofitel Congress in Redwood City were so many members in the mood to attend a national gathering.

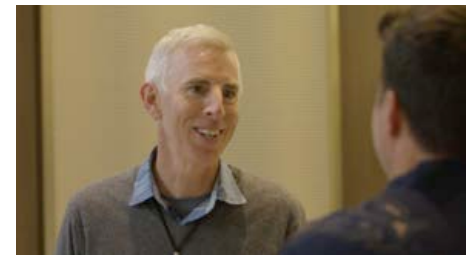
We hosted international visitors. These included Suyono Sumohadiwidjojo, WSA Executive and Nahum Harlap, the WSA Chair, plus Hannah de Roo, Zone Representative from Zone 3. Matthew Moir of the WSA Archives came to confer with the Subud USA Archive team. Rashidah Pope from Canberra, Australia attended so she could use our Archives to complete writing Volume 3 of The History of Subud. She is finishing Harlinah Longcroft's lifetime project after Harlinah's passing...

... With meticulous attention to detail by the Congress team (especially Philip Lindstrom and Alexandra ter Horst, our Operations Manager), everything that needed to happen unfolded seemingly effortlessly.

The National Helpers supported the entire event with marathon testing for officers and many roles as well as offering personal testing.

**During the opening ceremony, the National Helpers and Committee greeted members with a rendition of “Here Comes the Sun.” to signal that our “long cold lonely winter” was over!**

READ THE FULL CONGRESS REVIEW IN DIGITAL MAGAZINE FORMAT [HERE](#)



Some candid moments captured by Michael Troxwell, who filmed the Congress



Left to right: Paloma de la Viña (outgoing CC); Victor Carbayo (incoming Chair); Carla Moreno (outgoing Chair); Salomón Guerin (incoming CC)

BY HANNAH DE ROO,  
ZONE 3 REPRESENTATIVE

The national congress of Subud Spain took place from October 12-15 in the beautiful town of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, just one hour outside of Madrid.

El Escorial (pictured above) is a historical residence of the king of Spain, built in the 16th century by order of Philip II, and one of the largest Renaissance buildings in the world. The congress took place in a nuns residence, near the main complex of buildings that is a UNESCO World heritage site.

**Around 70 participants, including quite a few young guests from abroad, joined for latihan and kejiwaan sessions and general plenaries.**

Robiyanto Sumohadiwidjojo gave a presentation on the upcoming World Congress in Kalimantan, explaining the challenges and answering many questions. This was much appreciated and helped members to get a better understanding of what can be expected of this world congress.

National helper Victor Carbayo from Madrid was appointed as the new chair for Spain. Some twenty years ago Victor already fulfilled the same role, when he initiated a world congress in Granada which eventually moved to Innsbruck. For the role of Committee Councillor Salomón Guerin was appointed, who is from the Alicante group. KC Melina Nebauer had to stand down for health reasons and was replaced by Beata Alexander from the Orgiva group.

Carla Moreno and Paloma de la Vina ended their national committee roles and received a warm applause for all their dedicated work over the years.

**Over three days many discussions took place and the atmosphere was very alive, as can be expected in Spain.**

The presence of a group of youthful members from as far as Australia, Ecuador, Colombia, Indonesia and France, lightened up the event.

As Zone 3 representative, I gave a short international update and enjoyed connecting individually with many members.

Congratulation to Subud Spain for a successful congress!

*"This national congress was my first Subud congress and I had an amazing time. The latihan were great and had a very special energy to them. It was also very nice to meet so many people both from the national and the international Subud community. This experience left me wanting to attend more congresses in the future!"*

Tom Veerbeek (Spain)

*"The space of those three days was filled with worship to God, latihan, test, harmony, joy, laughter, with the beautiful voice of Frances Madden accompanied by Tom Verbeek's guitar and the guitar concert by Bachtiar Lorot, which on Saturday night closed this complete and good congress, for which we thank Almighty God."*

Outgoing Committee Councillor,  
Paloma de la Viña

*"Attending the Spanish national congress felt like a blessing to me. The first latihan I had in the chapel was of the most intense I ever had. The members, both Spaniards and foreigners, showed only kindness and love. I was delighted to meet new Subud brothers and sisters from all over the world and I hope to see you all again very soon."*

Mahrus Harnadi (France)



One of the lively plenary sessions

# INVITATION TO JOIN THE SUBUD ZONE 4 GATHERING

**MARCH 29 -  
APRIL 3, 2024**



## REICHENAU AN DER RAX, AUSTRIA

For delegates (and hopefully many interested members) the meeting will be an opportunity to elect the new Zone representative and to prepare for the World Congress (proposals!) of course apart from kejiwaan and sharing about the developments and situation in the Zone countries.

For all participants, the KCs are meeting two days earlier to prepare the kejiwaan content. SICA is planning arts workshops and activities for children, more Wings offers are to come.

### THE VENUE

**Reichenau an der Rax is a traditional spa in the beautiful "Viennese Alps", one hour by train or car from Vienna.**

The hotel Flackl-Wirt offers the whole house with 10 meeting

rooms to our disposal. The hotel has around 120 beds, further guests can be accommodated (to the same conditions) in partner hotels in close vicinity.

**The hotel offers 4 am breakfast for those fasting Ramadan.**

### FOR FAMILIES AND YOUTH

The hotel has a pet farm, a playground, an archery parcour, sauna and steam bath. The area offers beautiful hiking trails, the cable car to the top of Rax mountain offers an alpine experience. Built in 1925 with the length of 2160 m and difference in altitude of 1017 m, it was the first passenger cable car in the current borders of Austria.

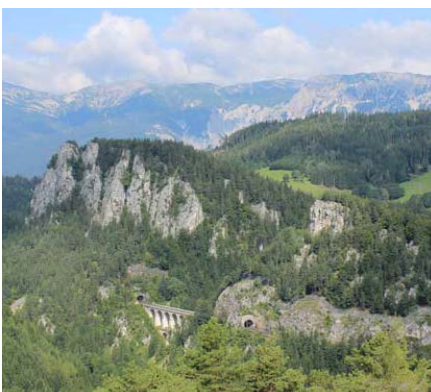
Austria's KC Rihanna and her husband Matthias, residents of Reichenau and avid mountaineers, offer (good weather provided) a guided hiking tour for those wishing to stay a day longer.

### PRICES

The hotel offers daily flat rate including accommodation, full board, coffee breaks with fruit and cake and the use of all meeting rooms and spa area.

Prices per person and night:

- ◆ Single room: 112 €
- ◆ Double room: 94 €
- ◆ Triple room: 90 €
- ◆ 4 or more adult persons in room: 77,50 €
- ◆ Dorm (5 to 10 persons in room, shared bath and toilet): 66 €
- ◆ Day guests (no accommodation): 49 €
- ◆ Guests fasting (early breakfast and no lunch) get -10 € discount per day (in each price category).
- ◆ Children (in family room with 2 adults): 0-6 years: free, 7-12 years: - 50%, 13-15 years: -30%.



### MORE INFORMATION

The registration form and further details will be sent out soon.

To see the full invitation, including the draft programme, [click here](#).

For questions please contact Salama: [zone4@subud.org](mailto:zone4@subud.org)

# CARE SUPPORT

## A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

BY NAHUM HARLAP, WSA CHAIR

When the current WSA came into office in 2018, we realised there was a lack of clarity regarding the respective responsibilities of the WSA and SDIA when called upon to support members of our own Subud community who face temporary/emergency hardship.

### BACKGROUND

In many countries there is an almoners function that is managed by the national organisation.

For many years, Subud Britain also held the almoners facility for countries that were unable to financially support their own members when they face an emergency.

At some point, this function was handed over to the WSA, and since then there have been periodic discussions whether it is the WSA or SDIA, as the charitable arm of the WSA, that should actually handle this function.

### CLARIFYING RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Aims

**The Care Support program aims to assist Subud members who have an emergency personal need, and are in a member country that does not have a national almoners function.**

#### Administration

The emergency need must be verified by local helpers and then national helpers who, in turn, pass the request to the Executive team. After verifying the documentation and the availability of funds, the matter is passed to the relevant Area dewan of International Helpers for testing.

**The process, from the local to the international sphere is handled entirely by helpers. It is therefore obvious that the administration must fall under the WSA. Helpers are a WSA function, not an SDIA function.**

CARE SUPPORT  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR  
NEEDED

See page 48 for the role  
description and  
how to apply.

### Fundraising

Fund raising allows for a more inclusive solution.

Historically, the funding was a line item in the WSA budget. This, to some of us, doesn't feel right, and Ibu Rahayu has expressed her view in a talk which inspired us in addressing this matter - 13 CDK 5.

We read Ibu Rahayu's advice to be that Care Support funds would come from individual members who feel moved to donate to such a purpose, and if there are no such donations and the funding stops, the facility cannot continue.

There is, indeed, a fundamental difference between a budget line item that is allocated from the WSA general budget, and an amount of money that was contributed and earmarked for this purpose by individual members moved to do so.

THE WSA CARE  
SUPPORT PROGRAM  
POLICY AND  
PROCEDURES CAN BE  
READ [HERE](#)

The former feels devoid of human content while the latter facilitates a manifestation of the kejiwaan in members, which is more in line with the role of the WSA, which is to facilitate members' acting on the guidance they receive, rather than to take on the responsibility directly.

It would be a shame if the WSA takes upon itself responsibilities that are really members' responsibilities and in doing so, frustrates members' opportunity to be guided by the kejiwaan to donate.

**Consequently, we decided that the most appropriate way forward is for the WSA, SDIA and any other Subud entity to cooperate in an annual fundraiser. Members will be given the opportunity to donate to this purpose if they feel moved to do so.**

The amount of Care Support emergency funds available will depend entirely on the generosity of individual members.

### ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

It is planned to launch the annual Care Support Program fund-raiser on Bapak's birthday, 22 June 2024.

If you feel moved to donate now, you can do so at:

[subud.org/donate-now/](https://subud.org/donate-now/)

Remember to designate your donation for Care Support.

# TRANSLATIONS

## SUBTITLING THREE NEW VIDEO TALKS

UPDATE BY **ELISA SÁNCHEZ-CABALLERO**,  
WSA COORDINATOR - TRANSLATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE

This year and thanks to Archives, SPI and the translators of different languages we could subtitle a slide photo video talk - a long Ramadan talk given in Indonesia (68 TJK 6).

### 68 TJK 6 – 83 LON 14 – 70 WOB 3

In October we completed a video talk of Bapak during the 7th World Congress in the UK (83 LON 14).

By the end of this year, God willing, we will finish a talk Bapak gave in Wolfsburg,

Germany (70 WOB 3), at the end of the talk Bapak gives a 'souvenir', with a song in Javanese.

As always, these and other videos are available in the **Subud Library** and have been subtitled in different languages including English, Spanish and French.



## SIHA NEWS NEW ISSUE IS OUT NOW

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# EX-BSB LAND | WISMA SUBUD, CILANDAK

BY SUYONO SUMOHADIWIDJOJO, WSA EXECUTIVE CHAIR

In 2002, WSA received a donation of a plot of land at Wisma Subud-Cilandak from BSB Residual Asset Trust. The land lot is located in the southeast corner of Wisma Subud Compound, an open field, uncertified and adjacent to a small piece of land lot owned by Yayasan Subud (YS).

**At the end of 2020, the WSA & YS agreed to sell the combined WSA and YS land lots, where the proceeds are expected to help both organisations financially, especially for YS, which requires funding to improve its property in Wisma Subud-Cilandak.**

In this regard, WSA & YS agreed to do the following preparatory work:

1. To obtain a market value of the combined WSA and YS land lots from a property appraisal company
2. To conduct detailed land measurements, which include topography work on the combined WSA and YS land lots by a certified surveyor
3. To relocate the water pipelines that cross the WS and YS land lots to manage flood control in the Wisma Subud Compound

Based on the result of the work above and mutual understanding between WSA and YS, on May 15, 2021, the WSA Board approved the new selling price of IDR 12,000,000,000 or USD 768,000 for the combined land lots of 595.8m<sup>2</sup>, comprising 458.33m<sup>2</sup> (WSA) and 137.50m<sup>2</sup> (YS). However, we have not been able to attract much interest due to the fierce competition from other properties available for sale in Wisma Subud-Cilandak.

**We would like to offer the WSA - YS land lots to Subud members who would like to own property at Wisma Subud-Cilandak at the price mentioned above, where some proceeds from the sale will significantly assist in improving Subud heritage at Wisma Subud compound, such as the guest house and Latihan hall.**

We are also ready to help the buyers obtain the land certificate.

For further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with [sudanangdananjaya@yahoo.com](mailto:sudanangdananjaya@yahoo.com) or [s.sumohadiwidjojo@subud.org](mailto:s.sumohadiwidjojo@subud.org)

## SICA Explore

SICA Explore invites you Subud creators and artists to share your work, your processes and your passion in advance of the upcoming Subud World Congress. Give presentations or workshops as part of our SICA Explore Zoom- Event.

*SICA Explore is a series of Zoom presentations by Subud creatives that began earlier this year.*

Andrew Hall and Susheel Balasubramaniam look forward to providing you with technical support. Be brave and get in touch with us: [susheels88@gmail.com](mailto:susheels88@gmail.com) [ahallproductions@gmail.com](mailto:ahallproductions@gmail.com)

### COMING UP

SICA Explore with Trina Frometa - "Dance for People with Parkinson" Friday, December 15

Watch this a [promotional video](#) for the upcoming Zoom presentation on December 15 at 18:00 London, 19:00 Paris / December 16 at 01:00 Jakarta, 05:00 Sydney, 07:00 Christchurch

[Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 878 9063 0209  
Passcode: 005239

Trina Frometa is an award-winning Venezuelan choreographer whose work is lucid, visually sophisticated, and speaks with emotional clarity to a broad audience. In 1995, Trina founded Proyecto Movimiento and Taller D' Movimiento to develop and promote her passion for contemporary dance in South America and around the world. Most recently, Ms. Frometa was awarded a full scholarship from Mark Morris Dance Group (Brooklyn NY) and the Dance for PD program to become certified as a Dance Teacher for Parkinson Disease.

\*Follow Trina on\* [www.trinafrometa.com](http://www.trinafrometa.com) [www.proyectoparkinson.com](http://www.proyectoparkinson.com)

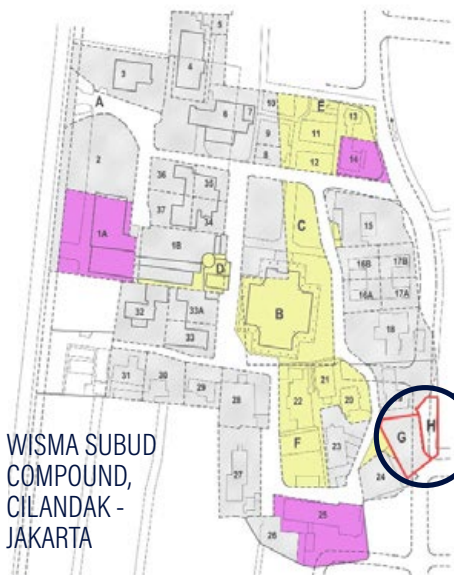
### PREVIOUS SICA EXPLORE EVENTS

**LEONARDO WILD**  
*Story Writing Made Simple*  
[https://youtu.be/S6dRQbD7\\_9o](https://youtu.be/S6dRQbD7_9o)

**RUSYDAH ZEISEL**  
*"Bebudibe Your Creativity"*  
<https://youtu.be/HzQqeyh8Stw>

**ALINA KONRAD**  
*Art Journaling*  
<https://youtu.be/C-Fg28vaVHQ>

## LAND LOTS FOR SALE TO SUBUD MEMBERS



TOTAL  
LAND SIZE  
FOR SALE:  
595.83m<sup>2</sup>

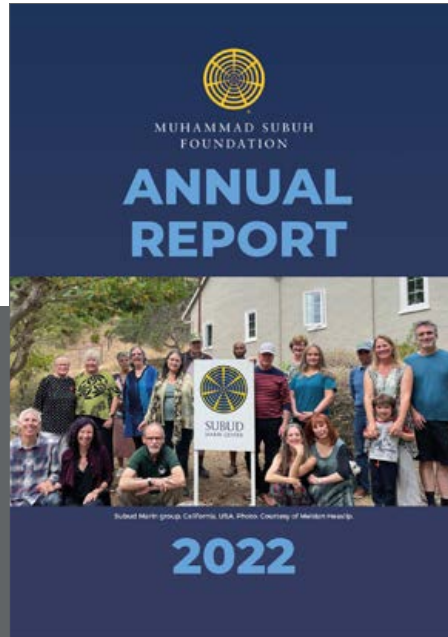
PLOT	OWNER/RIGHT
1 A	YMS
6*, 7*, 8*, 9* & 10*	YS
7	Bapak's Family
11, 12, 13, C	YS
14	YMS
D	YS
20, 21, 22, F & F1	YS
B	YS
G	BSB Land / WSA
H	YS
25	Subud Indonesia



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## ANNUAL REPORTS

As the year draws to a close, reflect back on the activities of the WSA, MSF and SDIA with the 2022 Annual Reports.

# CARE SUPPORT PROGRAM COORDINATOR NEEDED

The coordinator of the Care Support Program (CSP) is under the responsibility of the WSA Executive Chair. The CSP coordinator is appointed by the WSA Executive Chair and functions from World Congress to World Congress. The newly elected WSA Executive Chair has the discretion to re-appoint the sitting CSP coordinator for another term. For the selection of a coordinator, the WSA Executive Chair shall decide whether testing by the international helpers is required.

The CSP team comprises: the coordinator, one male and one female IH liaison, the WSA Executive and the WSA treasurer.

The roles and responsibilities of the CSP coordinator are:

1. To review and verify CSP applications from Subud members
2. To support and coordinate the work of the CSP team.
3. To facilitate – by regular conference calls and frequent email exchanges – regular contact and communication among the CSP team members to ensure that the work is being done effectively and efficiently.
4. To work in consultation with the other CSP team members to establish an annual budget and to submit this budget to the ISC Chair.
5. To ensure that the CSP does not use funds in excess of the approved allocated annual budget. The CSP coordinator may submit a revised budget to the ISC should there be a need to exceed the allocated budget.
6. To prepare, in consultation with others, the annual report for the World Subud Council, the report to World Congress and other articles and announcements for WSA Newsletter, the Subud World News, Subud Voice, etc., as needed to inform the membership about the work and progress of the CSP.
7. To encourage CSP services in response to an identified need within the Subud membership.
8. To help facilitate, nurture, and encourage a caring attitude and culture within and among the Subud membership – especially at the local level.
9. To ensure that due diligence procedures and practices are in place in how CSP services are run and operated.
10. To encourage and support the creation of national assistance programs for Subud members in need.
11. To work in full harmony with the IH's and other helpers involved in the necessary testing.
12. To cooperate with other Wings and Services of the WSA whenever useful, especially with the SDIA Network.

It is considered that basic administrative, organisational and communication skills are needed to successfully perform this role.

Interested candidates are requested to send a letter of interest to [wsa.secretary@subud.org](mailto:wsa.secretary@subud.org)



# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

## WSA CHAIR

The WSA chair is selected at World Congress through guidance received in the latihan and by voting of the Congress Delegations. The chair holds office for 4 – 5 years from World Congress to World Congress. The position serves two main functions - as the President of the WSA and as the Chair and coordinator of the WSC, who encourages productive interaction between WSC and the members of Subud.

## WSA EXECUTIVE CHAIR

The WSA Executive Chairperson is selected at World Congress through guidance received in the latihan and is voted by the congress delegations. The WSA Executive chairperson then chooses the members of the Executive Committee. The WSA Executive chairperson is the chief executive officer of the WSA.

Application for nominations should be sent at the latest 3 (three) months before World Congress by April 19 2024 to [swc.proposal@subud.org](mailto:swc.proposal@subud.org)

READ THE FULL CALL FOR NOMINATION, INCLUDING ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURE [HERE](#)

## CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL HELPER

The Dewan of the international helpers sent a letter via the WSA Executive to the Zones for widespread distribution to their countries.

This specifies the criteria, deadlines and procedures and all that is necessary to be a candidate and be tested, in person, at the next World Congress in Kalimantan in 2024.

We thank you for your attention.

With love and respect,  
The Dewan of international helpers

## MSF TRUSTEE

The World Subud Association kindly invites you to apply for the role of trustee for the Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF). We are looking to fill five vacancies in July 2024. **Active Subud members around the world are encouraged to consider applying.**

The nomination procedure letter is available to read [HERE](#). The deadline for applications is **January 15, 2024**.

# CALL FOR ZONE REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS

At World Congress new Zone Representatives will take over the work of the current team.

**Being a Zone Representative is a great way to work together with Subud sisters and brothers from around the world, and learn more about our rich Subud organisation.**

Besides representing the countries in a Zone, a Zone Representative is also a member of the World Subud Council (WSC) and a director of the World Subud Association (WSA). The WSA board of directors, together with the executive team, is responsible for the implementation of approved resolutions at world congress, as well as for the day to day running of the international organisation and all its services.

To see which countries are part of each zone, please check out the website [subud.org/zones-countries/](http://subud.org/zones-countries/).

If you are interested in the role, test with your national helpers. For any follow up questions please contact your zonal representative.



## THE CURRENT ZONE REPRESENTATIVES

From left to right, upper row: Ana Sofia Mazzini (Zone 9), Muchtar Rawlings (Zone 1&2), Uraidah Hassani (Zone 7), Helen Munoz (Zone 8)  
Left to right lower row: Hannah de Roo (Zone 3), Salama Gielge (Zone 4), Lutfiya Murray (Zone 5)

## JOB DESCRIPTION

The Zone Representative serves a variety of functions:

### ZONE COORDINATOR

- ◆ Is familiar with each country in their zone
- ◆ Facilitates zone business
- ◆ Coordinates and supports communication within the Zone
- ◆ Assists national bodies to be active members of the WSA
- ◆ Chairs Zone Council meetings (frequency determined by needs of the Zone)
- ◆ Supports affiliate Wings projects and development in the Zone
- ◆ Leads the Zone Council in identifying objectives, priorities, programmes and work

### MEMBER OF WORLD SUBUD COUNCIL (WSC)

- ◆ Represents the countries of the Zone on the WSC and acts as communication liaison between the WSC and the Zone Council
- ◆ In each country, creates awareness of WSA membership and WSC meetings and solicits proposals from the Zone Council to WSC meetings
- ◆ Fundraises for the WSA from member countries in the zone
- ◆ Ensures World Congress objectives are carried out between congresses
- ◆ Seeks candidates for international positions

### DIRECTOR OF WORLD SUBUD ASSOCIATION (WSA)

- ◆ The board of directors of the WSA consists of the WSA chairperson and the zone representatives, being the voting members of the WSC. It is the body responsible before law for actions of the WSA between congresses
- ◆ Ensures monies spent by WSA are in accordance with charity law, donors' wishes and the aims of the association
- ◆ Ensures member countries receive annual financial reports
- ◆ Maintains the assets of the association
- ◆ Ensures that actions of the association comply with the aims and constitution of the association and accord with charity law

# A ROUND UP OF WHAT'S COMING UP ACROSS THE WORLD IN SUBUD

ALSO VISIT [SUBUDWORLDNEWS.COM/EVENTS](https://subudworldnews.com/events) FOR  
DETAILS OF OTHER EVENTS AS THEY ARE ADDED

DATE	EVENT
December 15	SICA EXPLORE with Trina Frometa - Dance for People with Parkinson. Zoom link <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87890630209?pwd=Vmk1M1k0OW44MTVJUXoyb3AzNHVsUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87890630209?pwd=Vmk1M1k0OW44MTVJUXoyb3AzNHVsUT09</a> Meeting ID: 878 9063 0209 Passcode: 005239. 10:00 LA; 18:00 London; 19:00 Paris / December 16 - 01:00 Jakarta; 05:00 Sydney; 07:00 Christchurch
January 03-10	NATIONAL CONGRESS SUBUD AUSTRALIA at the Sine Cera Rainforest Retreat, New South Wales. For details contact: <a href="mailto:oznationalcongress@gmail.com">oznationalcongress@gmail.com</a>
January 05-08	COME DANCE WITH US! Event at the Wolfsburg Subud House. Register <a href="#">here</a> . Contact: Thijs Hugenholtz <a href="mailto:thijshugholtz@gmail.com">thijshugholtz@gmail.com</a>
January 06	WORLD LATIHAN - 19:00 (Los Angeles) - 21:00 (Mexico City) - 22:00 (New York/Bogota)
January 07	WORLD LATIHAN - 00:00 (Santiago de Chile) - 03:00 (GMT) - 03:00 (London) - 04:00 (Paris) - 10:00 (Jakarta) - 14:00 (Sydney) - 16:00 (New Zealand)
February 04	WORLD LATIHAN - 02:00 (Los Angeles) - 04:00 (Mexico City) - 05:00 (New York/Bogota) - 07:00 (Santiago de Chile) - 10:00 (GMT) - 10:00 (London) - 11:00 (Paris) - 17:00 (Jakarta) - 21:00 (Sydney) - 23:00 (New Zealand)
March 02	WORLD LATIHAN - 12:00 (Los Angeles) - 14:00 (Mexico City) - 15:00 (New York/Bogota) - 17:00 (Santiago de Chile) - 20:00 (GMT) - 20:00 (London) - 21:00 (Paris)
March 03	WORLD LATIHAN - 03:00 (Jakarta) - 07:00 (Sydney) - 09:00 (New Zealand)
March 23 - April 03	ZONE 4 MEETING in Reichenau an der Rax, Austria. Check <a href="#">here</a> for details
July 18-30	SUBUD WORLD CONGRESS IN KALIMANTAN - Registration will open in January 2024. Congress days - July 19-29, arrivals - July 18, departures - July 30
2025 January 31 - February 02	SUBUD INDONESIA XXXI NATIONAL CONGRESS in Semarang as part of the Centennial Celebrations. See <a href="#">here</a> for more details.

SIHA LATIHAN AND SHARING on the 20th of every month at 18:00 London time.  
For more info, news, and activities, visit [www.subudhealth.org](http://www.subudhealth.org)

*Wishing all our readers a wonderful holiday  
season and blessed new year.*

WE'LL BE BACK WITH ANOTHER ISSUE OF **SUBUD** connect IN 2024,  
BEFORE WORLD CONGRESS.



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