

# PARQUE DE APRENDIZAJE - LEARNING PARK - SPAIN

**at the top of a hill in El Pont d'Armentera**



[Excerpts from their website: <https://parquedeaprendizaje.org/>]

The Learning Park is an experiential, non-profit, self-financed, independent and autonomous project dedicated to learning processes. It is a space focused on people, their personal development and learning, as well as the development of a universal, supportive, inclusive, diverse, respectful and affectionate culture.



We are interested in learning to learn, and not so much in the object of learning. We emphasize learning, distinguishing it from education—the accumulation of data or information, or technical improvement.

We understand that learning is a state and a way of being in the world, a process for liberation and an essential tool, an evolutionary capacity that is often far removed from what we currently and commonly call "learning". We invite everyone to learn without limits.

Our focuses or learning objects are: Human Development and Sustainability. The first is a necessity for the Peace and Happiness of every individual and, the second, a necessity for Survival. Now we briefly describe the meaning that each of these terms has for us:

## **Sustainability**

We see a need to move away from individualism as a way of life, from productivism and economic growth. We think of Sustainability as a necessary value applicable to almost all areas of our lives for social, economic and political change. Through ways of being such as solidarity, commitment to others, with techniques and technology, both new and traditional, we can live much more with dignity, reinforcing our resilience.

## **Human Development**

This is what we call internal advancement through all work, practice or process that leads an individual, group, collective or society to the recognition, development, advancement and expansion of properly human qualities that lead to new states of consciousness. In this way, models and limitations are broken, overcoming difficulties, achieving internal Peace and Understanding. We will add that the horizon that we set for the human being is Non-Violence, the overcoming of suffering, understanding as the necessary path for it a true Leap of Consciousness



## **Learning as a "state" and not as a "done"**

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Learning is simply a state of consciousness in which attention, curiosity, enthusiasm, internal openness, and discomfort increase. From that state, one has the ability to incorporate new forms, integrate new content, develop new qualities, and ultimately transform. This is the state we seek to produce, it is the atmosphere in which we want to immerse ourselves, and it is the "place" from where everything is possible...

Here people can dedicate themselves to what they are interested in learning, always from direct experimentation, hands in the dough and above all paying attention to "how am I learning"?

Cal Cagall is the name of the estate that houses the Park. There are about 45 hectares (111 acres), mostly forest that has reclaimed land from the old terraces where vineyards and olive trees were cultivated in the past. It is located on the slope of a hill 2 km from El Pont d'Armentera going up to the castle of Selmella in the province of Tarragona.





The Learning Park is born from the need for places that serve for social and personal transformation, solidarity and non-discrimination, overcoming individual and collective violence. Places of meeting, experimentation, learning and creativity.



Cal Cagall is the physical place that represents the center of gravity of the Learning Park. The Learning Park, on the other hand, is not bound to the limits of the farm, but exists wherever there are people, collaborating and working on its expansion through meetings, events, exchanges and projects aimed at our objectives. It is ultimately a mental environment, an atmosphere, an intentional community for Peace and Active Non-Violence.

We believe in the possibility of a "Leap of Consciousness" in the human species, which allows us to free ourselves from suffering and generate a non-violent world and society. For this, we feel the need for collective, non-profit spaces dedicated to the deep development of this new consciousness. A space for inclusive spirituality, away from all discrimination and not linked to any religious institution.

We propose to change the direction of life, stop the insatiable search to receive and put oneself at the service of "others", at the service of humanity, of life. We understand that it is a factor of coherence, of internal unity and of happiness and therefore a necessity for a Human Being.

We want to build a society focused on well-being and happiness. A society that advances towards overcoming limits and difficulties, overcoming the suffering of all human beings. And that works from reciprocity, affection, joy and Love.

