

land

pioneering sustainable land use projects at Dartington

scope

## about Dartington

The Dartington Hall Trust is an international centre for the generation and application of new ideas in the arts, ecology and social justice.

It has an impressive record as a partner in regional development, fostering numerous activities in education, the arts and crafts, agriculture, social welfare, business creation and ecology. Recent achievements include Schumacher College, as the focus of the Trust's interest in ecological studies, and Dartington Plus, a national centre for excellence in music and the arts. Many earlier successes on and off the Estate now flourish independently.

All Dartington Estate activities stem from the vision of the founders Leonard and Dorothy Elmhirst to bring about economic and cultural regeneration in a rural environment, and to create the right conditions for 'an abundant life'.

The **land scope** project is a new manifestation of that ideal.



## about the **land scope** project

The **land scope** project is a new flagship initiative of The Dartington Hall Trust.

The aim is to promote small-scale, innovative and financially viable ventures related to sustainable land use on a variety of sites within its 1,200 acre estate in South Devon.

We are interested in attracting innovative ventures across a diverse range of land-related activities. This diversity may encompass experiments in new types of energy crops, bio-fuel ventures and also include art, design and music projects inspired by nature.

Our vision is to create a model for sustainable land use, not as an isolated experiment but as a demonstration centre networked with other creative communities throughout South West England and beyond.

We are looking for around five starter projects to introduce to the Estate in 2006 and are aiming for a total of 15 new ventures by 2008.

Pioneers with the skills and experience to launch small-scale, self-funded initiatives related to sustainable land use are warmly invited to apply.

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Projects should be land-based...

This may include primary land uses, such as energy crops or horticulture; secondary uses, such as wood-craft or bio-fuels, and tertiary projects, such as environmental education, theatre and design.

promote sustainability...

They should offer creative solutions to the sustainability challenges and opportunities on the Dartington Estate and in the wider region.

be economically viable...

They should be financially self-sustaining.

and make new connections.

Projects that foster links with other activities on the Estate are of particular interest.

Applicants should be pioneers and offer skills, experience and a good track record.

In return we offer...

- land and property under flexible commercial terms
- markets for sustainable products and services
- voluntary mentoring support
- an option to benefit from Dartington prestige
- the synergy of being among like-minded pioneers
- an inspiring and beautiful environment.

## how to **apply**

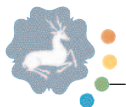
The **land scope** project is open to individuals, businesses, registered charities, voluntary organisations and community groups. Applications may be submitted at any time.

The first step is to complete an expression of interest form and convince us of your project's potential contribution.

If your project inspires us, we will invite you to submit a full proposal. This should include a business plan, a description of your land and property needs and more detail about the contribution your project will make to sustainability on the Estate and beyond.

For more information about how to apply, visit our website [www.dartingtonhall.org.uk/landscape](http://www.dartingtonhall.org.uk/landscape) email [landscape@dartingtonhall.org.uk](mailto:landscape@dartingtonhall.org.uk)

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