## **Lisa Mead - Biography**

LLB (Hons), University of Manchester; Dipl. EU Law, University of Amsterdam; Post-Grad Diploma with Merit in Architecture: Advanced Environmental & Energy Studies, University of E. London/Centre for Alternative Technology, Wales.

Lisa Mead is one of the co-founders of the <u>Earth Law Alliance</u> and has been its lead co-ordinator since January 2013. She is also lead faculty at Findhorn College, which is based at the Findhorn Ecovillage in Scotland, where she focuses on the principles of sustainability and alternative economic design.

Lisa qualified as a Solicitor in England in 1994, and for the next decade worked as a commercial lawyer in the City of London, first in the banking department of the international law firm, Clifford Chance, and then in-house with Citigroup and Morgan Stanley, where she focused on intellectual property and information technology law.

Since 2006 Lisa has lived in Findhorn, Scotland, where she has worked and volunteered for a number of the Findhorn ecovillage's enterprises and charities. In 2010 she released her first film, <a href="The Turning Point: A Return to Community">The Turning Point: A Return to Community</a>, a documentary featuring many of the Findhorn community's low carbon enterprises, which conveyed an overarching message of the sacredness of all life.

Lisa has also been involved with the Rights of Nature movement since 2014. In December 2015 she presented a new case of the Depletion of Marine Life at the Third International Tribunal for the Rights of Nature, held in Paris to coincide with COP-21. She is also involved in local activism, co-founding a group in December 2015 called <a href="Friends of Findhorn Bay">Friends of Findhorn Bay</a>. Her passion for Earth Law and Ecological Governance, as well as for practical, alternative economic models, arises from a belief that we need a radically new approach to human governance and economy as an antidote to ecological decline and intensifying resource depletion.