

Alberto Ruz Buenfil, Born in Mexico City, 1945.

I have spent most of my life studying, creating, promoting, travelling, writing and serving as an international pioneer, historian and networker from the intentional communities, ecovillages, peace villages, and bioregionalist movements in US, Mexico, Latin America and Europe.

I travelled with an international artistic community, Illuminated Elephants, through North America, Europe, Middle East, North Africa all the way to India, from 1968 until 1981, and we decided as an extended tribe to settle down and found Huehuecoyotl ecovillage in México in 1982. 13 years later I started a new project, Caravana Arcoíris por la Paz (Rainbow Peace Caravan), and continued networking among similar projects in South America. I left with a new crew our base in Mexico and travelled from 1996 until 2019 through 17 different countries, as an itinerant focalizer for the Global Ecovillage network (GEN). I was recipient from the Ashoka fellowship in 2002, and an adviser for GEN in 2003.

The Rainbow Peace Caravan became partner to the Brazilian Ministry of Culture's program "Cultura Viva" from 2006 to 2009, and received the national award "Escuela Viva" given to the "Caravana Cultura Viva" by the Government of Brazil in 2007. At my return from this journey, I was asked to create a program called "Ecobarrios" at Delegación Coyoacan, with support of Government of Mexico City (2009-2012).

I was nominated to the National Award to the Environmental Merit, given by SEMARNAT, the Environment Ministry of Mexico in 2011.

As a result from the work of the Caravan in South America, I co-originated C.A.S.A (Council of Sustainable Settlements of the Americas) at the 1st Iberoamerican Summit of Ecovillages in La Atlantida Ecovillage, Colombia in 2012. Soon after I returned from this process, I was appointed as the Director for Environmental Culture, in the State of Morelos in 2013.

Nominated finalist for "The Kozeny Communitarian Award 2015", given by the Fellowship of Intentional Communities, I was recipient from this award in 2016.

Adviser to the Deputies Chamber from Mexico City for the promotion of the Law of Nature's Rights in 2014 and 2015, I am actually Director of the network Rights of Mother Earth-Mexico, and coordinator from the 1st. Global Forum for the Rights of Mother Earth to be held in June 2016 in Mexico City

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