

GESINE THOMSON



Visionary Architect

Gesine Thomson is an internationally recognised architect, creative planner and life adventurer specializing in the creative process and sustainable commercial growth. She focuses on the human element of design and is known for her deep respect of local cultures. She integrates her projects seamlessly into the surrounding social fabric. Gesine creates large-scale communities and iconic structures, working across cultures in demanding circumstances. She is the architect and founder of the World Consciousness Center.

She has worked on projects as varied as Buddhist monasteries, global seed banks, sky-scrapers and city designs; in the United States, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, South Korea, China, Japan and India as well as in war-zones and conflict areas. Gesine has been a champion sailor and captain of several transatlantic racing teams.

At the heart of all of Gesine's architectural and community planning projects is a deep appreciation for the roots of each individual culture and community. Her work reaches into the heritage of each local region to uncover its origins and awaken a sense of belonging and purpose. This enables a harmonious existence for people within the social and natural environment. Gesine sits on the board of Enactus, a 70,000 strong student entrepreneur organization that empowers young leaders acting for social innovation. She is a member of the First Nations Wisdom Council in the United States and has taught the European Masterclass on Sustainable Community Design, taking 20 of the most talented students from the European Union and teaching them new ways of seeing, and bold design principles.

One of Gesine's signature projects, Saddlehorn was voted One of the 10 Best New Projects in America by Fairway Living magazine and was selected as the top planned sustainable community in America by the President of the World Green Building Council (WGBC). Its schoolhouse and marina were the first buildings in the western United States to receive LEED Platinum certification for sustainability.

Her recent body of work was showcased in Architecture for Life the Sixth Sense, an exhibition about Gesine's innovative process and creative ideas, at the Newington Cropsey Foundation in New York. Gesine lectures extensively around the world on communities, life motivation and the creative process.

Topics (Selection):

- Personal Motivation in a Complex World
- Innovation & Creativity - New Approaches to Creative Simplicity
- New Designs for Living Cities
- Diversity
- Unlocking Creative Confidence in Students
- Building Sustainable Communities for Real People
- How to Open your life for Continuous Creativity