

**International building site course Meşendorf workshop 11-16 July 2011**

**Natural Building. Earth Architecture and Green Roofs** - The third edition of the workshop '**Building sustainably by learning from the traditional architecture**' will take place in Meşendorf/ Meschendorf, Braşov County, Transylvania, between **11th** and **16th July 2011**. The workshop **trainers** will be Prof. Dr. Gernot Minke (author of the book 'Building with Earth') and MSc Arch. Silvia Demeter-Lowe.

The workshop is addressed in particular to architectural students and professionals that show an interest in the traditional art of building and the rural way of life. The purpose of this workshop is to give the participants an understanding of the benefits of building with earth and green roofs, and of the multitude of techniques and uses. Also, the workshop aims to give the participants an appreciation of the harmonious relationship that can be created between the built and the natural environment.

There will be four teams of five people each. The work tasks will change every half a day, so each participant will have the opportunity to be trained in all the different aspects. The activities will include:

- learning about 'natural building' principles
- building walls from cob and 'wattle-and-daub'
- experimenting with earthen renders, plasters and natural paints
- laying an adobe floor
- learning about traditional and modern green roof techniques

**Trainers:** Prof. Dr. Gernot Minke, University of Kassel  
MSc Arch. Silvia Demeter-Lowe

**Date:** Mon. July 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 h – Sat. July 16<sup>th</sup>, 16:00 h

**Venue:** Str. Principală Nr 53, Meşendorf/ Meschendorf, Jud. Braşov, Romania

**Duration:** 45 hours, daily from 8:30 to 12:30 and from 14:00 to 18:00  
Starting at 9:00 on the first day and ending at 16.00 on the last day.

**Course Fee:** 290 € incl. accommodation (Student fees 170 € incl. accommodation)

**Fees include:** printed handout, in-house certificate and transport from and to the nearest train station (Rupea). Board includes 6 nights accommodation.

**Course language:** English

**Number of participants:** 20

**Accommodation:** The accomodation will be provided by Rozalia and Suci Guesthouses in the village of Criț / Deutschkreuz.

On registration we will confirm and send preparatory papers and an invoice. Please note that the organiser reserves the right to modify the advertised programme.

**You are invited to register by 1st June 2011 at the latest.** For more information, please contact arch. Silvia Demeter-Lowe at [HYPERLINK "mailto:mesendorfworkshop@gmail.com" mesendorfworkshop@gmail.com](#) or [HYPERLINK "mailto:contextarchitecture@gmail.com" contextarchitecture@gmail.com](#)

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## Registration

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**Course organiser:** Arch. Silvia Demeter-Lowe, Str. Măcin nr. 4A, Brașov, 500133, RO

**Venue:** Meșendorf/ Meschendorf, Jud. Brașov, Romania

Considering the practical character of the course, the Personal Protective Equipment is compulsory (hard hat, overalls, steel toe capped boots or shoes, goggles, gloves).

I have read and agreed to the "Conditions for registration and attendance of the course".

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**Booking Conditions:**

A booking is only confirmed on receipt of a booking form and a non-refundable deposit of 100€, or the full course fee. If just a deposit is made, the balance is due no later than 3 weeks before the start of the course, after which the place may be offered to another delegate. No refunds will be made for bookings cancelled after that date. Cancellations must be confirmed in writing.