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Call for papers: "Utopias, ecotopias and green communities: Exploring the patterns of resettlement and living of green idealists"

Since the 17th century people have sought out utopias, establishing communities towards this aim. In the UK and US, educational institutions and planned communes were developed. Many were seeking to establish green alternative lifestyles or agrarian co operatives. Others reclaimed land or settled in areas once populated and then abandoned, providing a new lease of life for rural areas. Ireland has witnessed these patterns of utopian resettlement from the establishment of gaeltachts in the 1920s through to the influx of environmentally minded idealists from the UK or Germany to the west during the 1970s and 1980s. More recently, communities have emerged around protest sites in Rossport, the Glen of the Downs, Carrickmines and Tara and an 'Ecovillage' in Tipperary has been established.
This first edition of the Irish Ecopolitics Online Journal will explore the issue of 'seeking utopias'. Contributors should explore case studies from a broad and international range of community idealism and cooperative building. Rural resettlement, communes, syndicates, workers' co ops, environmental communities and educational institutions are included within this broad thematic area of focus. Papers should be approximately 5,000 words with Harvard style referencing.

The submission date for abstracts is September 1st 2007.

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