

Liz Hosken

Liz Hosken is South African and was active from a young age in both environmental issues and the anti-apartheid movement. Later she co-founded The Gaia Foundation, based in the UK, to explore ways of working with local and indigenous peoples to revive and protect cultural and biological diversity.



During the first decade of Gaia's work Liz spent many years in the Amazon, where she was "initiated" into indigenous ways of seeing the world, which resonated with her own. Together with partners and indigenous communities, they developed a methodology for accompanying communities to revive their indigenous knowledge and practices. When Liz returned to her continent she was inspired to share these lessons with colleagues and together to search for ways to restore Africa's rich cultural, spiritual and ecological heritage.

Liz was fortunate to have known Thomas Berry since 1996 and worked closely with him from 1999 to develop and spread the recognition of Earth Jurisprudence, as the underpinning of a paradigm shift from an anthropocentric to an Earth-centred worldview.

She now facilitates training in the philosophy and practice of Earth Jurisprudence and the revival of indigenous governance systems, rooted in Earth Jurisprudence. She has a Bsc in Environmental Sciences and a Masters in Philosophy and Education for Social Change.