

FINDHORN AND ITS SUSTAINABILITY PARAMETERS: A QUALITATIVE STUDY

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ABSTRACT:

The article examines in what ways the upcoming eco village of Findhorn in Scotland is structured and how it produces scholarship and analytic tools that help us better understand the parlances of sustainability in a limited scale today. Urban Planning has undergone massive transformations with the advent of cybernetics and complexity however sustainability and contingency in the built environment remains to be exclusively pivotal. The debate is structured around the various dimensions of sustainable development, viz, social sustainability (related to a strong sense of place, conviviality), economic sustainability, environmental sustainability (ecological conservation) and lastly the novel feature of sustainable governance. The thesis is that overall sustainability in the so called eco villages though has benefits but is a potpourri of recurrent controversies also. One question here is whether eco villages like Findhorn or Auroville are the answer to sustainable development at a bigger scale, say that of a city region? The first question organizing this article is thus the structure of Findhorn's sustainable parameters. Each aspect has been blown up in detail and perhaps an effort has been made to inter connect each aspect and analyze its limitations and scope.

KEY WORDS: Ecological footprint, Sustainable development, Ecovillage, Sustainable governance, Conviviality.
