



Activities and Facilities of the PROUT Institute

The PROUT Institute applies the PROUT paradigm of development to create local and regional solutions to social, economic and ecological problems. The approach of the Institute emphasizes a practical, solution-oriented approach to social change. For those who wish to deepen their knowledge of PROUT, and apply PROUT toward progressive change in society, the Institute has several programs of interest.

Home Study and Study Group Support

Study aids are available to individuals or groups who would like to systematically study PROUT. These materials include study readings, vocabulary review, core concept review lists, and questions for collective discussion.

Training and Seminar Programs

The Institute offers training and seminar programs. Training is presented at the Dharmalaya Center in Eugene, Oregon (see below). Seminars are offered wherever there is adequate interest.

Developmental Policy Groups and Model Projects

An important objective of the Institute is to establish, support, and network groups engaged in creating PROUT development plans and model projects. As communities go into deepening crisis due to the unsustainability of the prevailing system, the need for viable solutions to socioeconomic problems – in the form of progressive policies and demonstration projects – will only grow.

PROUT Speakers

Qualified PROUTists are available to give talks and seminars on social theory and practical methods of change. Such programs can serve as a springboard for initiating formation of local study or policy groups or give momentum to model projects.

Dharmalaya Center

The Institute's Dharmalaya Center, located in Eugene, Oregon, is a meeting and training facility that models in its design the best of sustainable urban living. It features photovoltaic electric power, organic gardens, on-site greywater disposal, rainwater catchment, passive solar design, permaculture landscaping, compost toilets, a pond and swale water system, solar hot water heaters, strawbale construction, use of natural building materials, and a cob bus stop. The materials used in the construction of the Dharmalaya conference center have zero toxicity. Dharmalaya is guided by a holistic vision: It is, at once, used to cultivate personal and spiritual development, to demonstrate and teach ecologically sustainable living practices, and to advance a new social vision and guide social transformation.