



DISCOVERING ECO HOUSE

Internal structure

Legally, Eco House is a non-profit organization whose main objective is to **promote sustainable development** through education, volunteering, advocacy work and environmental certification.

However, for us —the *ecohousians*—, it's a lot more than that.

Eco House is a club.

In a football club, you play football.

In a rugby club, you play rugby.

In a tennis club, you play tennis.

In Eco House, our sport is *helping*.

We know that *helping* is an activity as old as the world, but we wanted to revitalize the concept and transform it into a sport, a hobby or an exercise that can be carried out periodically, be it during free time or professionally.

Eco House Community

Imagine the Barcelona Football Club: there, sports are played, and it has fans, players, coaches, partners, sponsors and leaders. Similarly, in Eco House we have our own "*ecohousians*" (fans), "agents of change" and "eventual volunteers" (players), "coordinators" (coaches), "patrons" and "collaborators" (partners and sponsors), and a "round table" (directors).





Ecohouseians

We, Eco House members, are fans of Eco House*.

* A fan is someone who supports passionately and enthusiastically a team or a sportsperson. So, if we can support football, basketball, rugby or hockey teams, why shouldn't we support a team whose sport is *helping*? → The only difference with other sports is that whenever we win, there are no "losers" (and the world is a little bit of a better place).

We believe that **the common good holds no political flags**, nor can it be defined by personal, economic nor acknowledgement interests*.

* Exploring these "acknowledgement interests" is a vital process in our philosophy. → For example, if someone is *helping* in order to be congratulated or praised, it's okay —after all, they could be devoting their time to something else—, however, their ego will, eventually, overshadow their long-term goals.

When we're on Eco House (or undertaking a related activity), we leave aside the individual profits, political flags, work, or any other activity we undertake "outside", and focus on *giving* (without being part of the equation). → This allows us to let go of our attachments and give our 100% for the others*.

* Goodness (with capital letters) expects nothing in return. → That's why it frees us.

In this "little universe of change", we understand that no one is perfect and that we all make mistakes. That is why, when our "Eco House mode" is on, we aspire to be **the best version of ourselves**, so that we can take some of that version home with us.

1. We foster similarities.
2. We learn from our differences.
3. We respect free will —as long as it does not interfere with the freedom of others.

Of course, everyone keeps their own pace; some seek to "be the change they wish to see in the world", while others confirm that, step by step, small actions, multiplied by many people, also generate big changes.

How we stay in touch?

👉 [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#).

👉 *More than 60 WhatsApp groups.*



Agents of Change

They are the main players of the team. → They volunteer for at least 12 hours a week (with no monetary gain) in order to do their bit (or more than a bit). They are organized into Departments —according to their interests— and each has their own coordinator (coach).

▶ The Eco House Programs are divided into Departments. Together, they all comprise the totality of activities we engage in everyday, based on different goals, topics, tasks and interests.

✓ Departments: Socio-environmental Education; HR & Volunteering; Business & Socio-environmental Certification; Conscious Events; Advocacy work & Investigation; Urban orchard and Composting; Communication; GAD, Legals & Fundraising; Campaigns; and Global Eco House.

For further information regarding Departments, please visit: ecohouse.org.ar/global.

Game rules. → During working hours, we set ourselves to **DOING**.
Coffee talks? → Later.

⇒ Thanks to this policy, we have managed to achieve many positive impacts in a small period of time (ex: 900 days in Eco House – Video: Clic [ACÁ](#)).

*For further information regarding the Agents program: ecohouse.org.ar/agentes**

* Besides giving training and **offering the opportunity to help**, the Agents of Change Program also provides students with tools, so that they can apply their academic knowledge and get verifiable experience out of it.

⇒ Eco House Argentina – Over 150 Agents of Change (by May 2019).

Eventual Volunteers

These are players who would love to be in the team, but cannot fulfil the 12 hours a week Program.

They are organized, communicated and ready to help whenever they can.

⇒ Eco House Argentina – Over 500 Eventual Volunteers (by May 2019).



Main Coordinators, Coordinators and Leaders

They are the coaches of the Eco House Departments.
Besides organizing the agents, they plan and run the organization's Programs.

Philosophy: give your 100% for a better world.

Requirements: to take on this role, it is mandatory to have participated in the Agents of Change Program for at least 3 months.

Patrons

Many people cannot find the time to help, but might have **contacts**, **resources** and **knowledge** that can help heighten the positive actions of others.

Historically, the patrons have always been the protectors and sponsors of arts and sciences. → People like Leonardo Da Vinci, Michellangelo and Voltaire were able to flourish thanks to the help of certain individuals who supported their creativity and vision of the world.

So, can we consider HELPING an art, a science and a sport that might become popular if given a boost? What if we redefine the concept of "helping others to help"? What if we bring together those with political and business resources in pursuit of the common good? What if...? What if...? What if...?

It's only a matter of trying.

✓ Kinds of "patrons": (1) individuals, (2) businesses/private corporations and (3) influencers.

⇒ Sidenote: many of our patrons are also Agents of Change or Eventual Volunteers!

Other collaborators

They are those who want to provide us with money and resources but do not want to involve themselves actively in our cause.

In Eco House, every monetary and material resources is **translated into helping** (without wasting a dime). Thus, all contributors to change are welcome here!

👉 *Link to become a Collaborator: bit.ly/serpartedelcambio.*



The Round Table*

* The most famous example of a “round table” was that of King Arthur and his knights. → Why the round shape? To show that no one was better nor held more privileges than the others.

In Eco House, we let the natural flow of things rule. This is reflected in the idea of **ruling without ruling** —that is to say, without an official “government”.

Human beings were not made to be each other’s bosses.
Not even one in a million is trained to do so, especially those who are looking for the opportunity.

Therefore, in Eco House there are no bosses: there are **LEADERS**.

✓ One of the goals of the Agents of Change Program is to discover those with natural leadership skills, those who photosynthesize their ideas in order to change our reality.
⇒ Based on our vision of the world, (1) a true leader does **not actually wish to be a leader**; (2) a true leader lives to inspire, discover and train **new leaders**; (3) the world has always needed players who sacrifice themselves, pursuit **the common good** and give it all for others.

“Ruling without ruling” does not imply that there is no order. → If we **really want to HELP** —without expecting acknowledgement nor personal gains—, then it’s actually quite easy to come to an agreement.

✓ It’s important to point out that, for us, failure does not exist —if we stumble and fall, it is only to learn how to get up—. Thus, respect, brotherhood and teamwork will always prevail before any adversity.

“Where love and honor rule, no laws are needed”. → Of course, we are not a utopia —and we’re not even close to be one—, however: don’t utopias give us reasons to walk?

From ideas to reality: the Round Table in the 21st century

Legally, our Global Round Table is called “Executive Committee” and is comprised of a president, a treasurer, a secretary, a member, a substitute member and an account reviewer. All these roles are **VOLUNTARY**, since, by law, **no one can get paid**.

The Committee’s/Round Table’s mission is to represent, in the best way possible, the interests, plans and aspirations of the *Eco House Community*.



Important remark

Being an *ecohousian* does not imply that you can't take part in other organizations, philosophies or movements. Some organizations have adopted *ecohousian* models; others have *ecohousian* participants; other organizations (and people) have taken what worked for them and proceeded to go their own way.

Eco House is a big community of people who help and spread change. Therefore, **it belongs to everyone**.

Sidenote: if you want to officially adhere your organization or movement to the "Eco House Philosophy Program", let us know! → We can help you out!

Understanding this philosophy

The **Eco House philosophy** does not aspire to be eternal nor change the world. If it stops working, **it already served its purpose: HELPING the world be a better place**. With the passing of time, some *ecohousians* will keep on preaching this way of *helping*; others will take on a different path and will probably transform it and change its name; others will possibly let it go...

The only thing that matters is that, at some point in history, **a group of people wanted to prove how easy it's to help**.

► [***Discovering Eco House - Pilars of Change.***](#)

Why "Discovering Eco House"?

Lately, several NGOs, organizations, civil associations, movements and environmental businesses have asked us how we organize ourselves. This is why we decided to open to the world and provide the information to everyone who wants to build a more sustainable and fair world.

► ***Coming soon: "How to found an Eco House in your city".***

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