

TRIBAL  WISDOM  
FOUNDATION

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# ANNUAL REPORT

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2021





# MISSION & OBJECTIVES

GLOBAL ACCESS TO  
TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE



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## 1 PERPETUATE TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

We aim to be a service for the continuation of traditions and practices of peoples from all over the world. In doing so, it becomes accessible to the next generation and the world at large. We believe all can learn from these traditions and practices and perhaps (re)integrate these into their daily lives.

## 2 FACILITATE CONNECTIONS FOR WISDOM HOLDERS

Our objective is to provide a platform for sharing stories, knowledge, practices and solutions from traditional cultures. This is further enhanced by live events, sharing circles and digital content to provide a connecting platform for exchange about solutions facing humanity everywhere.

**Read our manifesto** on the Tribal Wisdom website:  
<https://www.tribal-wisdom.org/page/892/tribal-wisdom-foundation>





## ACTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

SELF-FUNDED PROJECTS

Since the beginning, the Tribal Wisdom Foundation focused on its online activities, such as the web portal for stories, profiling Traditional Knowledge Holders and organising online sharing circles and podcast recordings. In 2021, these activities were supplemented by physical gatherings, where corona restrictions permitted, to bring together Wisdom Holders and people representing the Next Generation. Two of these small gatherings were held, which gave much insight into the form in which these sharing circles could be scaled, and the impact they have on all participants. Sharing knowledge, questions and truly listening to each other is an ancient human practice. It's simple yet profound as being acknowledged and heard are basic needs.



**NUEVA TIERRA**  
**SPAIN, SEP 2021**



**BEEK UBERGEN**  
**NETHERLANDS, OCT 2021**



**TERAZZA**  
**SPAIN, NOV 2021**



**AMSTERDAM**  
**NETHERLANDS, DEC 2021**







## ACTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

### PARTNER COLLABORATIONS

'Better Together' is a phrase we truly believe in. Our partnerships and collaborations are very dear to us and we always look to find ways to bundle energies to bring the messages and the teachings of the Wisdom Keepers to the right people.

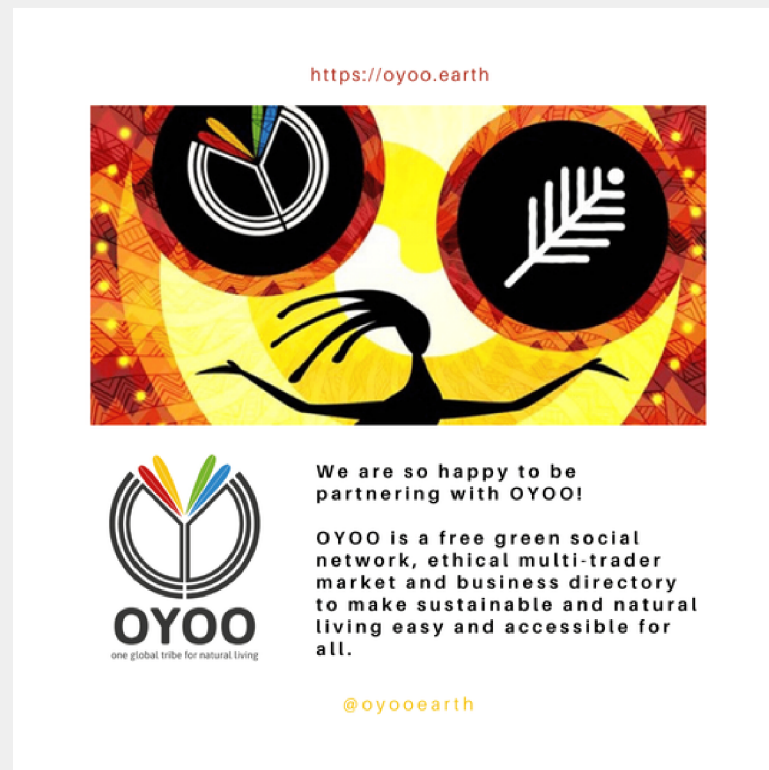
We partnered together with several organisations, like **RootedMessages.com** and **NATV**, both displaying the messages from Indigenous Wisdom Keepers online.

To bring more awareness to the natural annual and seasonal cycle, as is celebrated in many cultures with solstice and equinox, Tribal Wisdom partnered with **OYOO.Earth** to feature as many examples of summer solstice celebrations. We featured 9 items on the OYOO community page, varying from a poem and videos to descriptions of traditional solstisce celebrations. And we organised an online gathering where two Indigenous Wisdom speakers shared the meaning of solstice in their traditions.



Speakers Helene Lindmark and Garra Rana Peet tell about the meaning and messages of the summer solstice.

June 2021







## ACTIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

### PARTNER COLLABORATIONS

**€817,28 was generated from crowdfunding in 7 days**

The raised funds will be used for:

- healing center lower floor
- solar energy system
- boreholes / pipes
- workshop area
- basins for water supply
- composting toilets

For the second year in a row, we organised a flash crowdfunding campaign for an initiative which already had sprouted and needed an additional financial and morale boost. After meeting Grandmother 'Oma' Visolela from The ꞑNū-khoë Peoples (also referred to as Damara) in Namibia, we decided to support her initiative.

She is spearheading the build of the !Gù-oadara Healing Center in the Otjozondjupa region. The Healing Center will teach and offer traditional healing practices such as song, intergenerational care and indigenous plant medicine. The community is already on their way towards becoming the most sustainable, fully-featured ecovillage possible.



With the guidance of their Elders in the use of traditional techniques and 85% of local natural material supported by expert friends from Germany, designs have already been made.





## ROADMAP

PAST AND PRESENT

### IMPORTANT DATES

- **Founded in January 2016** (Chamber of Commerce: 65054512)
- Acquired **ANBI status in January 2018** (Public benefit organization)

### BOARD MEMBERS

**Chair**  
Jessica Wawoe (2016-19)  
**Secretary**  
Willem Heesbeen (2016)  
Tara Osborne (2017)  
Nicole Römer (2018)  
**Treasurer**  
Gilbert Wawoe (2016)  
Carola Ramon Berjano (2017)  
Andrea Fernandez (2018)

2020

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- **CBF accreditation in December 2021** (Central Bureau for Fundraising)

**Chair**  
Jessica Wawoe  
**Secretary**  
Loïs Hutubessy  
**Treasurer**  
Tim Falls





## ROADMAP

PAST AND PRESENT

### TEAM MEMBERS

2016-18 (3 volunteers)  
**Verena, Leonor, Anaïs**

2019 onwards (4 volunteers)  
**Loïs, Alexia, Sarah,  
Poornashri**

### KEY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- Sep 2019 NCIV 50 years' celebration conference, full moon gathering and public event at the Museum of Ethnology (Netherlands Center for Indigenous Peoples)

2016-2019

2020

(6 volunteers)  
**Loïs, Alexia, Sarah,  
Poornashri, Tim, Anne-Sarah**

- Advising project KOPA on indigenous seeds and traditional farming revival
- Dec Crowdfunding Project KOPA (India)
- Team orientation & training

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(7 volunteers)  
**Loïs, Poornashri, Tim, Laura  
Jane, Tonny, Fred, Hans,**

- May: Tribal Wisdom Maker Weekend
- June: Solstice Awareness campaign
- Sept: Circulo Sagrado Spain
- Oct: Elders & Youth Sharing Circle
- Dec Crowdfunding Project for Healing Centre (Namibia)



# ROADMAP

PAST AND PRESENT

PARTNERSHIPS

2016-2019

- Netherlands Center for Indigenous Peoples (2018)
- The Constellation (2019)

2020

- KID-Start
- Embassy of the Earth
- People's Planet Project
- UN Commons Cluster NGO MG
- Somos Paz
- Secret Sarayaku
- Wisdom of the Andes
- Indigenous People's Day
- Hopi Wisdom Teachings
- Global Impact Alliance

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- Vuurplaats Welna
- WeShape.world
- Kinder.world
- Sinchi Foundation
- The Big Trip





# FINANCIALS

BALANCE SHEET (EUR) PER 2020 AND 2021

ASSETS	31 Dec 2020	31 Dec 2021
Material Fixed Assets	€0,00	€0,00
Financial Assets	€0,00	€0,00
Intangible Assets	€16.443,90	€14.616,80
Other Assets	€0,00	€0,00
Advances	€0,00	€0,00
Liquid Assets	€3.930,07	€3.364,97
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>€20.373,97</b>	<b>€17.981,77</b>

ASSETS	31 Dec 2020	31 Dec 2021
Reserves (designated & other)	€0,00	€0,00
Funds (designated)	€0,00	€0,00
Accounts Payable	€2.453,81	€397,48
Short-term Debt	€0,00	€0,00
Long-term Debt	€18.400,00	€9.200,00
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>€20.853,81</b>	<b>€9.597,48</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>-€479,84</b>	<b>€8.384,29</b>
<b>Liabilities + Net Assets</b>	<b>€20.373,97</b>	<b>€17.981,77</b>

## PROFIT & LOSS

TURNOVER (INCOME)	
Donations Received	€4.643,21
Donations Issued (passed through)	€2.144,28
GROSS PROFIT	<b>€2.498,93</b>
<b>OPERATING COST</b>	
Cost of 'Sales'	€3.677,03
Office cost, Bank fees, Services	€373,45
Website depreciation	€1.827,10
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<b>€5.877,58</b>
<b>NET INCOME / EXPENSES</b>	<b>-€3.378,65</b>



# PEOPLE

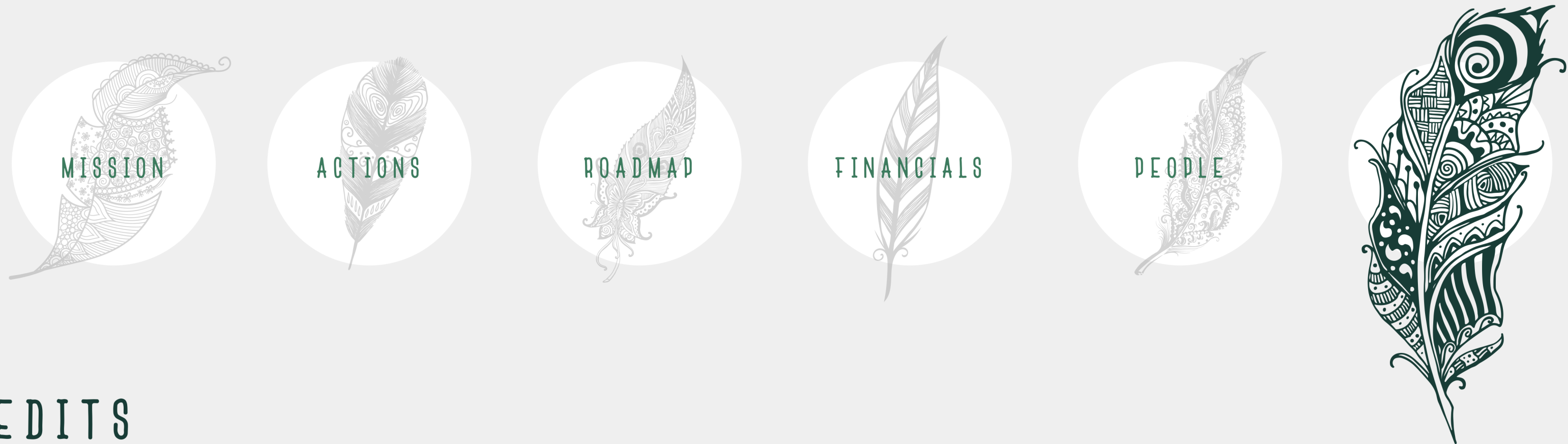
## CORE TEAM

CHAIR: JESSICA WAWOE ~ TREASURER: TIM FALLS ~ SECRETARY: LOÏS HUTUBESSY ~ STRATEGY: POORNASRI KANDADE ~  
FUNDRAISING: LAURA JANE VAN DIJK ~ NL GATHERINGS: HANS GÖTZE ~ \$ REVIEW: TONNY VAN KNOTSENBURG & FRED BRUIN

## ELDERS & WISDOM KEEPERS

AITALINA PETROVA ~ AUNTY IVY SMITH ~ AVNER TALMON ~ BETTY HITIPEUW ~ BRIGITTE ZIEGLER ~ BORJA YAS ~ CHIEF BILL ERASMUS ~ DANNY VADER ~ GRANDMOTHER EILEEN 'WAAHLGAALJAAD' NIELSEN ~ ELLIOTT RIVERA ~ EUGENE SORENG ~ FRANK HECKMAN ~ FREDERIEKE VAN DER LIJN ~ GARRA RRANA PEET ~ GABRIEL ~ GHAZALI OHORELLA ~ HELENE LINDMARK ~ HELENE VAN ENGELN ~ FATHER IGNATIUS SORENG ~ ISABEL MAÑANI DUCH ~ IRENE HADJIDAKIS – VAN SCHAGEN ~ JAN PIETER SCHREUR ~ JAN STEENVOORDEN ~ JOKE STEENVOORDEN ~ KAMAL ~ KAREN SPLINTER-ALBRECHT ~ LEO VAN DER VLIST ~ LIANE LANKRIJER ~ MAARTEN OVERSIER ~ MAGGIE TAHALELE ~ MAJA KOOISTRA ~ MALA ~ MARCELA ASTETE ~ MARGARETH JACOBSON ~ MARJAN PATJE ~ MARJORIE PENNINGS ~ MARYAN KLOMP ~ MICHAEL INDEN ~ MICHAEL STUART ANI ~ MIKO SERKO ~ NEELAM KERKETTA ~ FATHER NICHOLAS BARLA ~ NICOLE ZONDERHUIS ~ OLIVIA BISWANE ~ PABLO ALANES ~ PAULA BOBADILLA ~ PAULIENNE VOLL ROSSY ~ PILAR VERGÉS ~ RICH EDUARD ~ RICHENEL ANSANO ~ SARA BARBOSA ~ SATYA HENKES ~ SAURABH ~ SEMUEL SAHUREKA ~ SILVIA MENGÍBAR BAYÓN ~ SONNE COPIJN ~ SOULEYMANE OUATTARA ~ TARA DOUGLAS ~ TERO MUSTONEN ~ TERRA NORIHIRO TERAZAWA ~ TRUUS OOSTERHUIS ~ TZAMA TIGRE TZAMARENDA ~ ~ FATHER VINCENT EKKA ~ VISOLELA ROSA NAMISES ~ WIRUUNGA DUNGGIIR ~ ZOLTAN SOLYOMFI-NAGY ~ ZUZKA CORTES MAYA





## CREDITS

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