



Ala Plastica

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Energia Alternativa para Isla Paulino

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Initiator:
Ala Plastica

Location:
Argentina

Category:
scientific, pedagogical, politics,
economy, environment, social

Users:
Community of Isla Paulino and
visitors in general.

Maintained by:
Community of Isla Paulino

Duration:
2000 - ongoing

Description:

After the tragic oil spill from the petrochemicals situated at the banks of the canal in the La Plata harbour, which caused a lack of electricity, Ala Plastica proposed to install 32 solar panels to supply the lack.

They encouraged a group of inhabitants to organise themselves into an association in order to manage the installation of the solar panels. The project aimed to stop the expansion of petrochemicals, and create a protected natural and cultural landscape. The strategy was to involve a community formed by diverse actors (neighbors, associations, religious groups, policy makers, local institutions, and collectives) with experts in different fields (political experts, biologists, engineers, artists, etc.).

Goals:

To provide solar energy for inhabitants. To create a plan based on the understanding of their ecosystem and their infrastructure. To create a law to keep this landscape as protected.

Beneficial Outcomes:

Electricity was provided for many local houses. The whole process was guided by ideas based in the values that the community wished: the energy installation; the building of a citizenship; strengthening of the community and the territorial design.

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