

Young Entrepreneurial Spirits Getting Wild in the Swedish Mountains **By Martin Cadée, KaosPilots Netherlands**

I clearly remember how reading about Joe Jaworski's sacred passage experiences in Baha in the book "Presence" made my heart beat a little faster. It was Fall 2005 and I felt like I'd found a treasure. The story resonated on a deep level within me. First, because I felt deep personal yearnings for such a new dimension to my own nature experiences. Second, because it gave a new relevance to my great passion for nature. Reading about this sacred passage in the context of the emerging U theory gave a whole new sense of importance to my belief that reconnection to nature is key to all work towards sustainability.

It was two years later that I joined John on a sacred passage in Arches N.P. in Utah. By that time, the school that I had co-founded in The Netherlands was in its first pioneering year. [KaosPilots](#) is a school for young, talented entrepreneurial spirits who want to make a positive difference in the world. There are sister schools in Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

Coming back to school after my sacred passage, I knew I wanted to create such an opportunity for our students. KaosPilots is a very action oriented environment - starting from a strong set of values, we focus a lot on doing projects and creating results. Although I am convinced that this energetic, entrepreneurial drive is a necessary ingredient to the change that is needed in our world, I was and still am convinced of the importance of adding reconnection to nature to that DNA. I could just sense that some of our students felt drawn to this too. That was all I needed to go ahead and bring this dream into reality.

With the inspiring support of both John Milton and Göran Gennvi (Naturakademin, Sweden) it was possible to organize a Nature Quest for KaosPilot students in Vålådalen, Sweden. We were thankful to be able to establish base camp at Reidar Nordfjäll's place, located at a beautiful lake at the end of the paved road. This served as our entry point to the pristine and sacred country of the native people of this area, the Sami.

Henrique's story is one beautiful example of how the 15 students that joined in experienced this week with a solo of 3 days and nights. I am pretty sure I don't tell a lie when I say that each student had a deep personal experience up there in the Swedish mountains, ranging from experiencing a deep oneness with nature to finding a closer connection to purpose and true self. For some of the students the Nature Quest was a decisive moment in choosing to be of service to Gaia. All three of us facilitating, John, Göran and me, felt incredibly humbled while the students were sharing their insights and experiences. If this is what a nature quest can be for young people, we need more of that!

After re-entry, we took a whole morning exploring the potential value of the Nature Quest experience for our school and more in general for young people. Students were very clear that for those who feel ready and attracted to a Nature Quest, it is a great addition to our school's program. Elements of the Nature Quest (meditation, Qi Gong) and the story of the vision behind doing this work were judged to be relevant to all students.

Our conversation flowed into an exploration of possible projects that we could do together - The Way of Nature, Naturakademin and The KaosPilots. The core idea that emerged is that of organizing a global simultaneous nature quest for young people all over the world. There is a little group of 'nature quest graduates' now working on this and on creating a global network connecting the elders and the experienced players in this field of nature awareness work with youth between 15 and 30. The aim of this network is to engage and support the youth in exploring their connection to nature and creating a vehicle for them to step into their purpose in life.. We will invite all the players in this field to convene around a burning question along the lines of: "How can we together ensure that more young people come into a real relation with mother nature?"

* "GetWiLD" is a name/concept developed by Göran Gennvi, Naturakademin.