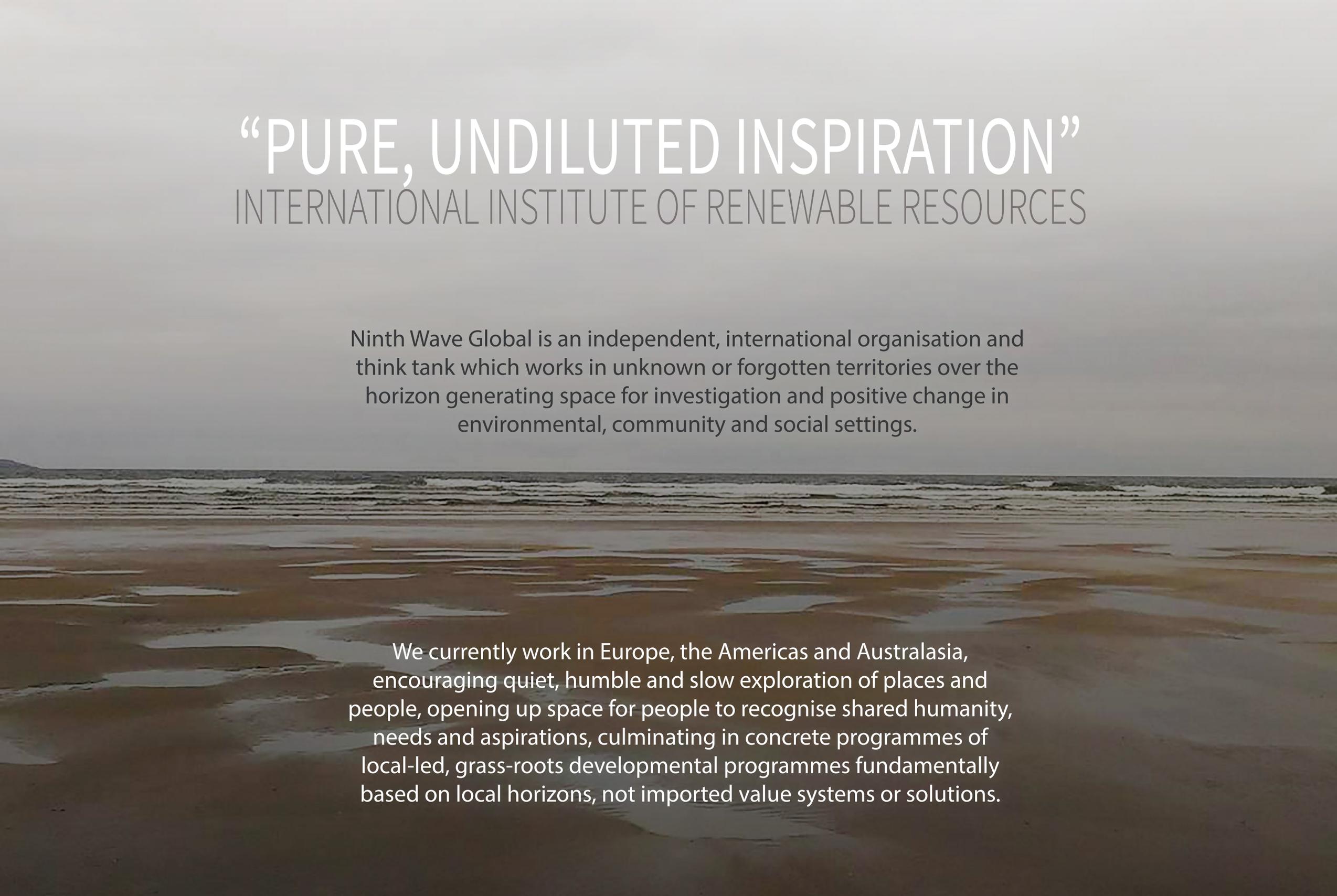




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THE BEST OF US:
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“PURE, UNDILUTED INSPIRATION”

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RENEWABLE RESOURCES

Ninth Wave Global is an independent, international organisation and think tank which works in unknown or forgotten territories over the horizon generating space for investigation and positive change in environmental, community and social settings.

We currently work in Europe, the Americas and Australasia, encouraging quiet, humble and slow exploration of places and people, opening up space for people to recognise shared humanity, needs and aspirations, culminating in concrete programmes of local-led, grass-roots developmental programmes fundamentally based on local horizons, not imported value systems or solutions.



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Between Spring and Autumn 2017, Ninth Wave expeditionaries from across the European Union will come together to journey 3000 miles across the continent.

They will journey on foot, by Alpaca Packraft and on sailboats, traversing the continent from west to east, from Ireland to the Black Sea, undertaking a series of public events and actions along the route which access the very best ideals of that which we are capable.

“ The EU was set up to be a shining light of what's possible when we stand side by side. So much has happened recently that we've kind of forgotten that, so we need big, bold gestures to remind us what a beautiful experiment this really is - of how nothing is impossible when we work together. ”

Michael Rowe, Lead Expeditionary
Ninth Wave

Europe is in crisis. There is no avoiding this simple fact. And there is no point arguing for an extension of Europe as it stands when the ideals and founding principles behind what the union of countries and peoples was meant to mean have been lost. That way lies a losing argument. The only way forward - we contend - is to re-imagine what we want Europe to be, and generate new actions and memories around this.

A photograph of a beach covered in plastic waste, with a small boat in the distance. The beach is composed of grey pebbles and is heavily littered with various pieces of plastic trash, including bottles, bags, and fragments. The ocean is a pale blue-grey color, and a small boat with two people is visible in the distance. The sky is overcast and grey.

We believe that any of the issues we currently face can be tackled if we work together, recognising our shared humanity and our responsibility to each other, the environment and generations to come.



ACROSS A CONTINENT

The Journey will begin in April near Bundoran, Co. Donegal and we'll be travelling across Ireland, through Wales and England on two of the UK's biggest rivers, through the French canal system to the Black Forest in Germany, origin of the Danube which will carry us all the way to the Black Sea.

We'll journey through cities and places where wolves still howl. Where unexploded landmines are a real threat and farming communities still use ponies and carts as a main mode of transportation. We'll camp wild, fish the rivers, cook on open fires and stoves, drink filtered river water. We'll portage around dams and clamber over lock gates.

The journey will take in the region of six months.

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

Our aim is to inspire a change, both in the people who join us and in those who we meet along the way. We're hoping to plant seeds which encourage a return to the initial aims and goals with which the E.U. was founded including; the promoting of human rights, environmental responsibility, peace and the eradication of poverty on a global scale.





GET INVOLVED: PEOPLE

We're seeking humble people from all across Europe: artists; photographers; scientists; musicians. We'll all be exploring together, plans and routes may change along the way and that the real goal is more than just the journey, it's about connecting people and breaking through boundaries, internal and external

We're looking for volunteers to join for different sections of varying lengths, through or on the borders of Ireland, Wales, England, France, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine



GET INVOLVED: ORGANISATIONS

We're seeking a diverse mix of organisations and groups; from NGOs to community groups, boating clubs to galleries from across Europe who share our goals and ethos and would like to get involved; by holding events along the route, hosting expeditionaries or participating in some way.

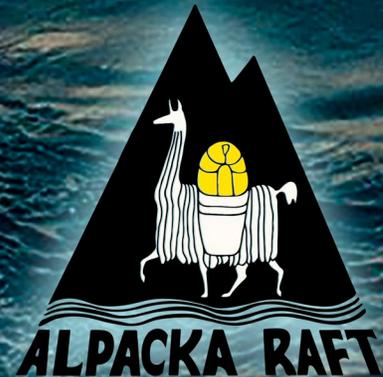
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