January 2022 European Chairs Assembly

A summary of the meeting



From **6-13** January we were back at Adhisthana for our first in-person meeting since January 2020! As most of our European friends could not travel to the UK, we had an **online dimension** to the meeting mornings and afternoons in which they were present on a big screen in the lecture hall. Apart from our usual welcome to incoming Chairs (Sadayasihi, Prajnasisya, Khemabandhu) and goodbyes to those departing (Jnanadhara, Akuppa, Saddhanandi), Akuppa gave a talk on 'Chair as Wizard' and we met in home-groups. Padmasambhava was evoked in the shrine room in the evenings (by Jnanadhara) and morning meditations were led by Bodhilila.

Day two gave us three talks on 'Chair as practice' by Silabodhi, Kamalagita and Jnanadhara which were followed by interaction in small groups. In the afternoon Silabodhi led a session on 'What's happening in our Sanghas' which we explored in the same small groups. Tejananda led us in a morning of practice in the shrine room on Monday and Arthavadin told us about two important topics from the International Council: Communications (including an online presentation by Candradasa on TBCO) and the envisaged role of the International Movement Coordinator.



On Tuesday **Nandavajra** filled us in on **FutureDharma**'s proposed strategy and invited comment. We had updates on the **Strategic Priorities** and welcomed **Aryaraksita** as our new **Racial Diversity Coordinator**. **Prajnaketu** was welcomed to the meeting as director of the **Urgyen Trust**.

Khemabandhu, the new Chair at Adhisthana, outlined Adhisthana's vision the next morning and Saddhanandi told us about the coming into being of the Nature of Mind project. In the afternoon there was an open space for topics that Chairs wanted to bring in spontaneously.

The final morning saw us looking at the budget, which **Aparajita** and **Silabodhi** explained to us. This was followed by a **reporting-out** and a **closing ritual** led by **Jnanadhara**.



