

The Low-tech Lab association addresses all citizens and organisations who wish to join the low-tech revolution!

You can subscribe to this charter:

- ▶ As a Low-tech Lab Project
- ▶ By joining the Community (Local Low-tech Lab community, Low-tech Explorer, etc.)
- ▶ By becoming our Partner (implementing partner, technical or financial partner, etc.).

This charter aims to clarify and unify our common commitment. It ensures its functioning is consistent with the values of the Low-tech Lab and contributes to synthesizing our actions and the messages we convey.

By signing this charter, you commit to sharing the Low-tech Lab's vision, contributing to its mission and respecting its principles of action.

▶ Vision

The Low-tech Lab believes in the power of useful, accessible and sustainable innovation to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow: Low-technologies can give people, regardless of their location, the means to meet their needs while respecting Humans and the Planet!

The low-tech initiative is crucial for the **future**; it will enable increased **resilience** and will develop our perception of technical progress.

Exploring these questions is essential for the Low-tech Lab:

How to give as many people as possible the desire and the means for a simple lifestyle, in harmony with the environment?

How to consume, produce and create in a **simple** and **responsible** manner?

How to make adapted, appropriate technological choices that contribute to a world where each person can be actively **involved**?

How to facilitate and effectively contribute to change, to **societal transition** and to progress on both an individual and community-based scale?

▶ Mission

The Low-tech Lab's mission is to share the low-tech mind-set and solutions with as many people as possible, so that each person can meet ones basic needs in a self-sufficient and sustainable manner.

In order to do so, the Low-tech Lab carries out various **experimental** and **inspirational** projects: these concrete experiments verify and illustrate the relevance of these technological **solutions** in various contexts and fields.

Feedback and testimonials help raise awareness by showing that **alternatives**, and the possibility of a **better lifestyle**, do exist.

The Low-tech Lab brings people together, supports initiatives by capitalizing and aggregating their knowledge and know-how and facilitates both **transmission** and action.

Local Low-tech Communities contribute to the dissemination of the low-tech mind-set and solutions all over the world, on a territorial scale, adapted to **local** conditions.

Low-tech Explorers travel to meet pioneers and **discover** their low-tech solutions, so that they can be revealed, referenced and documented in an open-source manner.

▶ Principles of action



Open-source sharing: Because common intelligence should benefit the common population, because each person should be able to have access to these solutions, because it is necessary and urgent to encourage incremental innovation, the results of our actions are shared in a free manner under Creative Commons Licences.



Subsidiarity and adaptation to the local context: For adapted and appropriate actions to be carried out, they must take into careful account concrete issues and the needs of the communities and local actors.



Consistency: Because our humanist values of simplicity, of sharing, of equity and of ecology need to be integrated, embodied and true, consistency is essential between the Why and the How, the Message conveyed and the Action taken.



Collaboration: To encourage the exchange of skills and experience, to catalyse the commitments of its actors and citizens from various locations, to promote synergies around low-techs, the Low-tech Lab works in a nonpartisan, secular, open and collaborative manner.



A positive alternative: Because it is best to change out of desire with a smile on your face, rather than out of fear, the Low-tech Lab has chosen to highlight constructive solutions rather than problems!

"PERFECTION IS ACHIEVED, NOT WHEN THERE IS NOTHING MORE TO ADD, BUT WHEN THERE IS NOTHING LEFT TO TAKE AWAY" A. DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY

▶ Name of the signatory Name of the organisation and quality of the signatory (if applicable) Date Signature