

Illustrated Villages Busto's Library Asturias, Spain

ESQUELAS

"Los libros son
faros erigidos en
el gran mar del
tiempo."

E. P. Whipple

Remote, but not forgotten

Quiet,
but not isolated
Ancestral, but not
abandoned

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That is the dream for Busto

A small village amongst
174 in our Council

A dot in a 353km²
municipality



Where a group of women received a bag of old books



Looked at the desused school building...

called for donations, gathered volunteers



and set up a
LIBRARY!



Creating a
meeting place,



Achieving, against all odds:

- Over 600 members, 6,000 bibliographic references and near 2,000 followers in Social Media**
- Hosting more than 30 cultural events, many attended to capacity**
- Achieving Private Library for Public Use status only one year after opening**



With monthly sessions for special needs groups

Activities for adults





For children too

Expanding outdoors... getting arty...





Inviting the visitors to join in ...

Realizing a
Cultural Hub had
arisen

We wanted to
reach out to other
villages

by getting the
community to look
at the past and
imagine the future:

We called the
project
Illustrated Villages

Aldeas ilustradas



¿Te reconoces?

¿Quieres venir a recordar viejos tiempos?

¡Pásate por la biblioteca!

Sábado 24 a las 16,00

TE ESPERAMOS

Biblioteca "Eduardo Pérez de la Fanosa"

Busto (Valdés)



The Europe Challenge

European
Cultural
Foundation

...then a chance came up for learning and sharing



Many villages in Europe face their end,
Threatened by declining services, falling population and
the lack of cultural and educational opportunities

We believe where there is community spirit, there is hope.

Behind every village there was a circular micro economy, a model that holds the key to a sustainable future.

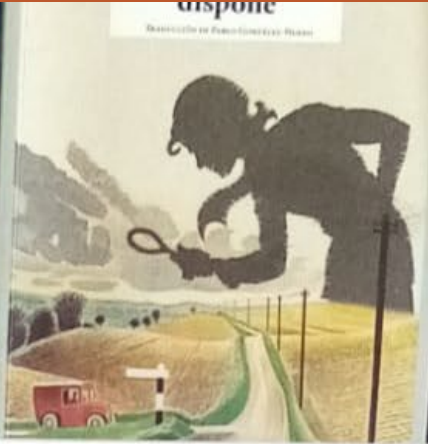
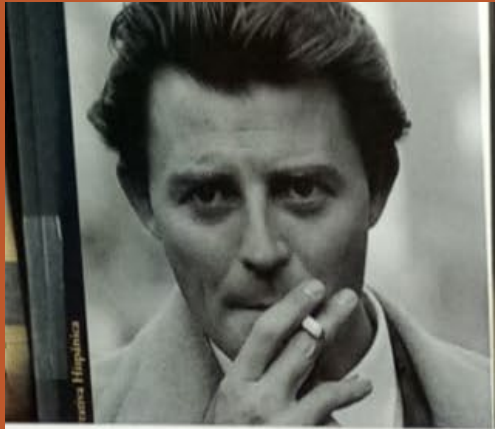
We know culture is the lighthouse that will guide us to the resources and skills at our reach.



Whether you live in an urban or rural setting, you can become a '*global villager*'

Get involved: visit villages near you, buy local produce, take part in their events... and take our project to small villages Europe wide!

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by Shane Ivers
<https://www.silvermansound.com>

