



TERRA AGORA
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The Guardian Journey

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From first calling to long-term guardianship

Caring for land beyond ownership, held through learning, collective responsibility, and continuity

The Guardian Journey is a clear, paced pathway for people who feel called to care for land over the long term.

It begins with conversation and learning, and may, when readiness aligns, lead to formal guardianship responsibility held collectively and safeguarded by Fundação Terra Agora.

Anyone may begin individually.

A Guardian Entity forms later, only when maturity, training, and shared responsibility are in place.

1. What the Guardian Journey Is

Responsibility grown into, not a title claimed

Becoming a Guardian is not about ownership, speed, or control.

It is a structured journey into responsibility shaped by time, learning, and relationship with land and people.

The Journey exists to protect land by slowing decisions, ensuring readiness, and making sure no one carries guardianship alone.

2. Step One — Initial Connection

A conversation, not a commitment

The Journey begins with dialogue.

Together, we explore:

- What is calling you toward guardianship
- Your relationship to land, care, and responsibility
- Whether this pathway feels right — for you and for the places involved

There are no contracts at this stage. Only listening, orientation, and mutual clarity.

3. Step Two — Learning as an Individual

You can begin alone, with or without land

Anyone may start the Guardian Journey individually.



Through learning, reflection, and practice, participants build the ecological understanding, social maturity, and long-term perspective required for guardianship.

Forming a Guardian Entity comes later, when commitment deepens and shared responsibility becomes possible around a specific land or landscape.

Learning is supported through the Foundation's Regenerative Pathway and community of practice.

4. Step Three — Forming a Guardian Entity (optional or continue individually)

Guardianship is held collectively

Before entering any formal Guardianship Agreement with the Foundation for the care of a land in the possession of the Foundation, a Guardian Entity must form.

A Guardian Entity:

- Consists of a minimum of three people
- Brings complementary skills and shared governance
- Is capable of holding responsibility across decades
- Is a legal entity

Collective structure ensures resilience beyond any one individual life or circumstance.

5. Step Four — Training and Certification

Capability before authority

Individuals and members of a Guardian Entity complete training and demonstrate readiness through the Foundation's learning pathways.

Training integrates:

- Ecological care and systems thinking
- Governance and collective decision-making
- Conflict navigation and relational maturity
- Regenerative livelihoods and long-term planning

Certification signals demonstrated readiness, not speed or participation alone.



6. Step Five — The Seven-Generation Vision (for Guardian Entities only)

Orienting care beyond contracts and lifetimes

Each Guardian Entity develops a seven-generation vision and a mid-term plan for the property they will care for that guides care across ecological, social, and economic horizons.

This vision applies regardless of legal form, whether guardians hold:

- Long-term use rights
- Tenancy agreements
- Loan-for-use arrangements

The vision ensures continuity of purpose even as people, roles, or legal instruments change.

7. Step Six — Guardianship Agreement

(When and if readiness aligns)

Not every journey leads to a formal agreement — by design

Some people who train with the Terra Agora Foundation never enter a Guardianship Agreement.

They carry guardianship skills into their own land, organisations, or communities.

When a Guardian Entity is ready, a formal Guardianship Agreement may be signed — granting long-term use or stewardship rights over a specific land or property while always prioritising care over ownership.

8. Step Seven — Stewardship, Monitoring, and Continuity

Guardianship is a living practice

Guardians steward land day-to-day through regenerative activities and viable livelihoods.

The Terra Agora Foundation:

- Monitors agreed ecological, social, and economic commitments
- Supports learning and adaptation over time
- Intervenes if commitments are not met

Guardians may change.

The land's protection and purpose do not.



A Closing Invitation

Care beyond ownership begins with a first step

You can begin simply, with curiosity, conversation, and learning.

Whether you are sensing a calling, seeking training, or preparing to form a Guardian Entity, the Guardian Journey offers a held and responsible way to care for land beyond your own lifetime.