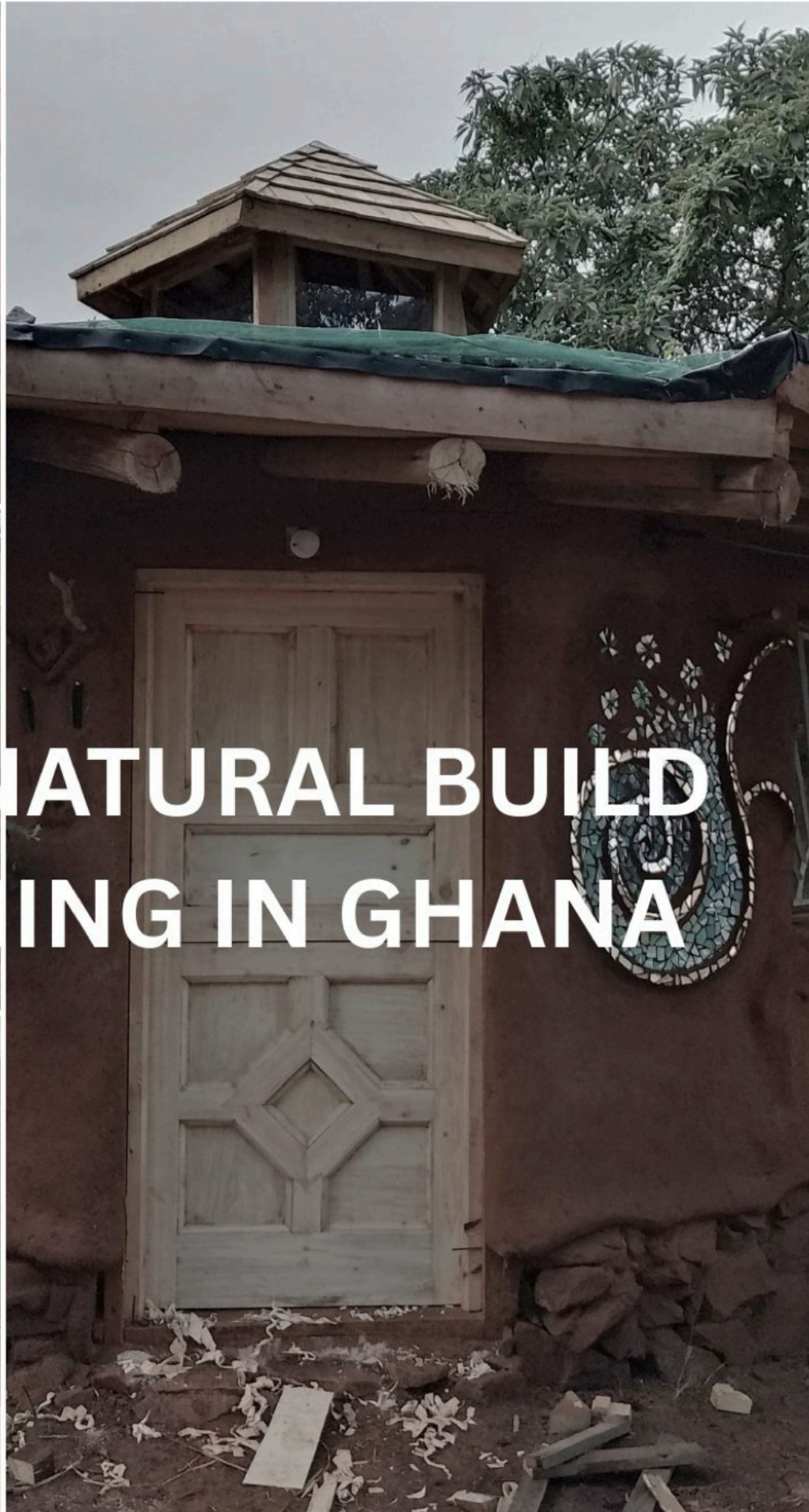




FREE NATURAL BUILD TRAINING IN GHANA

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Recruitment Open:

Nne Agwu Spirituality of Natural Building a Journey

**6-Week Cob Building, Earth Wisdom & Natural Construction Training
With Certified Cob Builder Djeli Chinyere**

Dates: 7 December 2026 – 15 January 2027

Location: Nne Agwu Healing Sanctuary Volta Region Ghana

Application and Payment plan - be prepared

Complete application by 15th September 2026

Interviews: 21st and 22nd September 2026

Successful applicants will be informed 25th September 2026

Deposit for food and accommodation 1st October 2026 (£400)

Second deposit for food and accommodation 1st November (£350)

You may lose your place if your payment is late

Are you ready to reconnect with the Earth, learn ancestral building methods and gain practical natural building skills while exploring the deeper spiritual relationship between people, land and village life?

Shanti-Chi invites applications for the first **Nne Agwu Natural Building Journey**, an immersive six-week cob building experience combining traditional earth construction, practical craftsmanship, cultural wisdom and the spirituality of natural building.

This pioneering programme will be led by **Djeli Chinyere, a certified cob builder**, who will guide participants through the complete process of creating a cob structure, from foundations to roof, while sharing the ecological, cultural and spiritual principles that make natural building a powerful way of living in harmony with Mother Nature.

This is a hands-on learning journey where participants actively take part in every stage of construction. No previous building experience is required; you only need commitment, curiosity and a willingness to learn. **We are building a storytelling radio studio.**

Full time Tuition x 6 weeks value = £2600

Tools to buy = £200 depending on quality

Flight approximately £850 depending when you book

Transfer from Airport to Volta Region approximately £50

Accommodation: (5-metre bell glamp tent, including - Double bed, Mattress, Seat, Floor mat, fairy lights, table) & Food (3 meals prepared Monday to Friday.) = £750

Approximate total = £4450

Special First Programme Opportunity

As this is the first time this unique training is being offered at Nne Agwu Healing Sanctuary in Ghana, we provide a **£2,600 training a bursary** to successful applicants.

Apply for a bursary of £2600 to cover tuition fees. This is a once in a lifetime offer. Take this opportunity and run with it. Everything to gain and nothing to lose.



What Is Included in the Training Programme

Six weeks of immersive practical and theoretical natural building education.

Required Tools

Building a 10 to 12-square-meter round cob hut requires almost no heavy machinery or power tools. The process relies primarily on natural, hand-held sculpting tools for site preparation, mixing the raw clay and sand, building the earthen walls, and finishing the interior.

- ❖ Trowel, Spirit level, Tape measure, Heavy duty tarpaulin, Pencil, Small notebook, Protective glasses, Hammer, String line and wooden stakes, Square point hoe, Cobbers thumb, Serrated hand saw, Machete, Adjustable compass or trammel points, Chisels and wooden mallet

Let's build a Storytelling radio studio

We are building a storytelling radio studio with natural materials in Ghana. This supports local culture, lowers construction costs, improves indoor cooling, and uses renewable resources. This sustainable approach bridges the diaspora story with the motherland story to create community. It blends contemporary broadcasting storytelling with traditional architectural heritage. This way Djeli Chinyere will keep you updated with progress on the Nne Agwu village development, the local Volta news and views while passing on ancient knowledge and ancestral wisdom.

What You Will Learn on this 6 week Practical Cob Building Skills

Students will participate in every phase of constructing a cob building, developing real-world skills in traditional natural construction.

Foundation & Floors

You will learn:

- i. Preparing the building site.
- ii. Digging foundation trenches.
- iii. Building rock foundation stem walls.
- iv. Preparing and creating earthen.
- v. Understanding floor design.

Cob Mixing & Wall Building

You will learn:

- i. How to analyse local soils and understand their properties.
- ii. Creating test bricks to determine the ideal cob mixture.
- iii. Preparing and mixing cob materials.
- iv. Building cob walls using solo and partner techniques.
- v. Understanding how walls connect with foundations and roof structures.

Integrated Building Features

Students will learn how to incorporate functional and creative elements into cob structures for the storytelling studio, including:

- i. Preparing and installing doors and windows.
- ii. Creating shelving and built-in features.
- iii. Installing bottle windows and artistic details.



Sculpting & Natural Plastering

You will explore:

- i. Sculpting and shaping cob walls.
- ii. Creating artistic details and natural forms.
- iii. Applying specialised locally sourced earthen plasters.
- iv. Understanding finishes that protect and enhance natural buildings.

Roof Construction

You will learn:

- i. Building reciprocal roof frames.
- ii. Understanding natural roof structures.
- iii. Applying appropriate roof coverings.
- iv. Completing the connection between walls and roof.

Theory, Design & Natural Building Business Knowledge

Alongside practical construction, the programme includes teaching sessions, lectures and visual presentations covering:

- i. Natural building design principles.
- ii. Geography and working with local materials.
- iii. Budgeting and project planning.
- iv. Legal considerations.
- v. Sustainable construction practices.

The Spirituality of Natural Building

Natural building is a relationship with the Earth.

Throughout the programme, participants will explore:

- ❖ The sacred connection between humans, nature and shelter.
- ❖ The wisdom held within ancestral building traditions.
- ❖ The healing qualities of working with natural materials.
- ❖ Building as a practice of mindfulness, creativity and community connection.
- ❖ How spaces can be created to nurture wellbeing and belonging.

Through storytelling, reflection and shared work, participants will experience how building with the Earth can become a journey of personal and collective transformation.

Work Placement

Participants will take it in turn to assist for approximately **2 hours per day**, either before or after workshop hours.

Tasks may include:

- i. Preparing the building site.
- ii. Moving materials.
- iii. Supporting cob preparation.
- iv. Assisting with catching up on building work.
- v. Gathering students for sessions.
- vi. Cleaning tools.
- vii. Maintaining a safe and organised work area.

Who Can Apply for the this Natural Building Journey?

This course is open to beginners and experienced learners alike.

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You do not need previous building skills. You need:

- ❖ A willingness to learn.
- ❖ An interest in natural building and sustainability.
- ❖ Respect for community living and shared learning.
- ❖ A desire to connect with the Earth and ancestral knowledge.
- ❖ The physical ability to participate in manual outdoor work.

Participants must be fit and healthy, as cob building involves physical activity including digging, lifting, mixing and shaping natural materials.

Places Available:

Maximum of 12 training places available

Places will be offered on a first-qualified, first-priority basis.

Begin Your Natural Building Journey

Join us at Nne Agwu Healing Sanctuary Volta Region Ghana, to learn the ancient and sankofa art of building with the Earth.

- ❖ Create with your hands.
- ❖ Learn from the land.
- ❖ Build community.
- ❖ Reconnect with ancestral wisdom.

Applications

Email: info@shanti-chi.com

Request an application form and begin your journey



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