

Permaculture Facilitators Training Course (Britain)

Braziers Park, Ipsden, Oxfordshire
7th-11th September 2004 (5 full days)

Tutors:

Robina McCurdy (Aotearoa / New Zealand)
Andy Langford (Britain)
Neil (Huckleberry) Leonard (USA)

*Braziers is Robina's **only** UK stop-off on her seven month teaching itinerary that also takes her around the USA, South Africa & Australia.*

During this course we will cover:

- * *Creative teaching and learning techniques*
- * *Participation and inclusion methods*
- * *Theories of intelligence and learning styles*
- * *Being part of an effective permaculture design course team
(lead tutor, support person, convenor)*
- * *Marketing, funding and setting up a design course*

This course is suitable for all abilities: both apprentice & experienced teachers and convenors and also for those who have just completed their Permaculture Design course.

NOTE: That this course runs directly after the Permaculture NetTogether so if you are coming it's also a great opportunity to multi-function your trip!

Details: This course will take place over 5 full days (including evenings) of intensive joyful learning; balancing head (theory), hands (practice) and heart (feeling). The principles of permaculture are modeled within the course design. Theory is learnt through practice. Participants will receive a handout-manual to support their learning and to use in their future work.

This course will happen in 3 phases:

1. Structuring Learning

Participants will learn how to:

- Plan course programmes (e.g. an annual teaching programme, daily schedules) in harmony with the rhythms and cycles of nature, to optimise quality teaching and learning.
- Produce lesson plans, which include the necessary components of: learning objectives, content, method, and evaluation process.
- Design and deliver effective presentations, of various lengths, to different target audiences, including fast-track conveying of permaculture basics.
- Set up the space (environment and topic 'warm-in') for powerful and effective learning / teaching.
- Design sessions appropriate for different sized groups (e.g. 10, 100), and use effective group-work skills.

2. Educational Methodology & Practice

(a) Permaculture Teaching - General Public

Participants will learn how to:

- Gain the confidence and competence to facilitate & teach permaculture.
- Use many creative teaching and learning techniques.
- Use a variety of teaching strategies that promote student-centred learning.
- Teach with consideration for 'multiple intelligences' and 'learning styles' (visual, kinesthetic, auditory).
- Apply participation, motivation and inclusion methods.
- Use techniques designed to assist students in retaining learning.
- Develop strategies for coping with students with different learning styles, levels and diverse needs.
- Identify stages in a group's development and teach / facilitate appropriately.
- Apply different strategies suitable for teaching in a variety of environments.

(b) Permaculture Facilitation - Community Landuse

Participants will learn how to:

Use Earthcare Education Aotearoa's time proven, highly effective, accelerated learning methods. Over the past 10 years these methods have been widely used throughout the world - with University professors and business executives to impoverished, illiterate '3rd World' village folk. They have application to urban and rural family properties, schools, community gardens, residential communities, villages, towns and bioregions.

In Earthcare's participatory 'stacked learning' approach, personal empowerment, vision-building, consensus decision making, group building, nature connection, permaculture design and strategic planning, are overlaid.

With the assistance of Earthcare's 'Interactive Tool-kit' we will learn how to facilitate the following processes:

- Holistic goal-setting mandala.
- Contentious issue sociograms.
- Interactive 3D models.
- Seasonal calendar.
- Project resource inventory.
- Sustainability analysis.

3. Permaculture Education as a Vocation

Participants will learn how to:

- Be a part of an effective permaculture design course team (lead tutor, support person, convenor).
- Set up, finance and market a standard permaculture design course, as well as specific 'target group' workshops and presentations.
- Budget for courses, set fees and form contracts.
- Issue certificates and diplomas.
- Participate in a national and international learning community of permaculture educators.

Facilitators Brief Biographies:

Robina teaches with Skye and Robin Clayfield (co-authors of the 'Teaching Permaculture Creatively' manual) and is director of Earthcare Education Institute (Aotearoa). She is the founder of the non-profit organization Earthcare Education Aotearoa, and also the originator / coordinator of Golden Bay's 'PLANET Organic', a year-long vocational training in community-scale sustainable landuse design, management and facilitation.

Andy is one of the early pioneers of permaculture in Britain. He has been working since the late 80's to facilitate the emergence of a vigorous and viable Worknet of permaculture teachers and practitioners both in Britain and Europe. He initiated the Permaculture Academy (Diploma) and has also acquired extensive design experience along the way.

Huckleberry has for the last 30 years been owner of and primary consultant for GREENWORLD, a company specialising in edible and sustainable landuse design in the northwest USA. He has taught permaculture design in both North and South America, including community projects in Patagonia, Costa Rica and many states of the USA.

Registration: The course booking form is attached to the back of this document. Please fill in as directed & return along with your deposit of £25 to secure a place (numbers are limited to 24 students, so book now!). We also need to know how many people we are catering for!! Send to: Andy Langford, Permaculture Facilitators Training Course, Braziers Park, Ipsden, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 6AN.

If you have any further enquiries, please contact: Aranya on 01308 867453 (until 30th August) or c/o 01491 682106 – Looby's office at Braziers Park (from 31st August to 6th September). Alternatively email: courses@designedvisions.com (less reliable after 30th August).

*** After 30th August, all of us will be at the Permaculture NetTogether at Braziers Park & contacting us from elsewhere will not be so easy....**

.....So if you are interested please ACT NOW!

Fees: are on a sliding scale between £275 & £450 (depending upon income), including tuition, camping and all meals. The remaining balance needs to be paid before the start of the course on 7th September.

Participants to Bring:

In addition to your general traveling gear, please bring:

- Stationery - blank and lined paper, pencil, rubber, coloured pencils, a set of coloured finer felt-tip pens.
- Something from nature from your land or a special place.
- Loose clothing for movement, blanket, daypack.
- Relevant resource materials (e.g. handouts, books, manuals).
- One page about what you want us to know about you (e.g. your work, passions, home-space, qualities & aspirations) – it can include photos & illustrations.
- Optional: musical instruments, plain coloured cloth / fabric or scarves.