

# Stroud-based Permaculture Design Course 2010

## Course Information and Booking Form

### Contact

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### Where and when

Thursdays from **September 13<sup>th</sup> to December 6<sup>th</sup> 2012**. Half term break on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

12 weekly sessions from 6.45pm to 9.30pm at Rodborough Community Hall, Butterow West

Rodborough, Stroud, Glos GL5 3TZ.

### Course content

Weekly sessions include talks, workshops, slide shows and activities on Permaculture Design principles and practice. Including a short introduction to permaculture we will look at design methods towards creating healthy, sustainable and productive systems. Including organic growing, soil, building, energy, community, waste reduction, local economy and sustainable living. Sarah Pugh will lead the course with guest tutors. Seb Buckton will facilitate.

**Design Project.** We will be studying practical Permaculture design methods and you will work as part of a small group towards a practical design either for your own garden/allotment or a local community project. Your group will be expected to do a short presentation of your plans and ideas at the end of the course. Support and resources will be available throughout to help you with this project. You will need to attend a weekend practical design methods day.

**Field visits** – a range of visits at weekends will make up part of the course. Visits give you the opportunity to see Permaculture in action in a range of settings and hear talks from experts and practitioners. Visit options will include:

- ♣ The Sustainability Centre, Tim and Maddy Harland's Permaculture Garden, and

Prickly Nut Wood (Ben Laws woodland) - Hampshire and West Sussex

- ♣ Ragman's Lane Farm – Forest of Dean
- ♣ Bristol permaculture projects (various locations).

Visits are at weekends – most are day-trips but some involve an overnight stay. You will need to choose 3 out of 6 visits. You will be sent a timetable and details of visits before the start of the course so you can check your availability in advance. You need to sign up for visits at the first course session so please bring your diary.

### Design Session

You will also need to choose one of a choice of two weekend design sessions in Stroud. This day will cover the practical techniques of mapping and surveying the land. You will be given dates to choose from with your course information prior to the start.

### Learning outcomes

- Understanding of the principles, ethics and practice of Permaculture Design.
- Experience of practical design solutions to apply to your own house and garden or community regeneration projects.
- Practical methods to minimise your ecological impact.

- Make links within your community and participate in positive changes to your immediate environment.
- Signposting to further study, volunteer opportunities, local and regional networks and resources.

### Cost

Full fee is **£325**, low-waged **£225** and unwaged / on benefits **£115**. We prefer full payment at the start but 2-3 instalments can be arranged on request. You will need to pay your own transport costs, any overnight stays and food on field trips. We car-share and stay in low-cost accommodation to keep it cheap! All visit costs will be clear before you sign up. Low wage = less than £9,000 pa. **Please talk to us about this if you are unclear about your status.** This course is not subsidised and is run on a not for profit basis.

### Funding

If you are in need of funding or know of possible funds please get in touch before applying.

### Special requirements

Please contact us if you have any special requirements. **The course venue has full wheelchair access.** We will advise on accessibility of field trip sites before you choose.

**Please fill in, print and return with deposit cheque made payable to Sarah Pugh. Post to Seb Buckton, Permaculture Design Course, 78 Kingscourt Lane, Rodborough, Stroud, GL5 3PX.**

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### FULL DESIGN 2012 BOOKING FORM

To book your place, please return your booking form before 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012. **Places are limited and will be offered on a first confirmed basis.** Booking will be confirmed on receipt of a £50 deposit (£30 concession deposit). The remainder to be paid in the first week or by instalments by prior arrangement.

### Refund policy:

If we cancel the course for some reason your deposit will be refunded. If you want to cancel your deposit is refunded if you inform us no less than 14 days before the course starts. If notification is later than that we cannot refund your deposit unless we are able to fill your place. In this case a full refund will be issued. Once you have started the course the full fee will be payable.

Please make cheques payable to Sarah Pugh.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile

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Email

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Amount to pay (*Please circle*)    £325 full    £225 low waged    £115 unwaged

Deposit enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (£50 full, £30 other)

Or alternatively email the form to [stroudpermaculturecourse@gmail.com](mailto:stroudpermaculturecourse@gmail.com) and transfer the deposit to S Pugh sort code 08-93-00 acc no 16228711. Please put SPDC and your name as the reference.