

## Stroud Permaculture Design Course 2013 Course Information and Booking Form

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### Where and when

Thursdays from **September 5<sup>th</sup> to November 28<sup>th</sup> 2013**. Half term break on 31<sup>st</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 a number of local tutors also contributing including: Helen Pitel, Adrian Leaman, Fred Miller and Seb Buckton.

**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. There are also opportunities for gaining practical experience. Visit options are still being planned but we hope to include (all TBC):

- ⤴ The Sustainability Centre, Tim and Maddy Harland's Permaculture Garden, and Prickly Nut Wood (Ben Laws woodland) - Hampshire and West Sussex
- ⤴ Fivepenny Farm and Ourganics – Somerset/Dorset
- ⤴ Ragman's Lane Farm, Oaklands Park - Gloucestershire
- ⤴ Bristol permaculture projects (various locations).
- ⤴ Various practical sessions including horticultural techniques, woodland management and green building.

Visits are at weekends – most are day-trips but some involve an overnight stay. You will need to attend a minimum of 3 days worth of visits (e.g. 3 single day trips, 1 day trip + 1 weekend trip or 2 weekend trips). If you are unable to do this you can arrange your own visits/study to make up the time. 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 **£330**, low-waged (<£9K) **£230** and unwaged / on benefits **£120**. We prefer full payment at the start but 2-3 instalments can be arranged on request. A **£5 reduction** is available on all the fee rates for those who only have electronic versions of the course materials.

Low and unwaged rates refer to **household** income. **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.

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.

### **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.

**FULL DESIGN 2013 BOOKING FORM**

To book your place, please return your booking form before 16<sup>th</sup> August 2013. **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 **Seb Buckton**.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount to pay (lower amount is with electronic versions of documentation only):

*Please circle:*    £325/330 full            £225/230 low waged            £115/120 unwaged

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

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

**Or alternatively:** email the form to Seb at [stroudpermaculturecourse@gmail.com](mailto:stroudpermaculturecourse@gmail.com) and transfer the deposit to S Buckton, sort code 08-92-86, acc no 11441988. Please put SPDC and your name as the reference.