

Session 13: Designing (on site)

Context: Introduction to Permaculture Design course, second day

Duration: 45 minutes

Aims: To give students the experience of surveying a site

Learning outcomes: By the end of the session students will have:

- Created a simple base map
- Mapped sectors & landscape features
- Performed a quick client interview & completed a PASE sheet
- Used observation skills to listen to the landscape

Method & timings:

5 minutes: Split the group into groups of 3 or 4. Give them instructions on how to proceed with design exercise. Emphasise that time is of the essence and it isn't important to capture every detail for this exercise, but do include the following:

Base Map Notes: Base map should contain North Point, scale, date, title.

Sectors notes: Summer & winter sun, prevailing & cold winter winds, frost pockets, movement of people across the site, animals.

landscape Features: immovable (e.g. walls, trees, steps), movable (e.g. chicken ark)

Observation: try to use all your senses to look and really try to listen to the landscape.

Client interview: Use the PASE sheet; what resources are there to support the implementation? Who will maintain the scheme? How much time can they put into it? What is the budget for the scheme? Do any of the site users have strong opinions about anything? Find out as much as you can!

40 minutes: groups go off and do the observation/surveying work

Resources: Pre-printed PASE sheet & client interview: see Resources\Handouts folder.

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