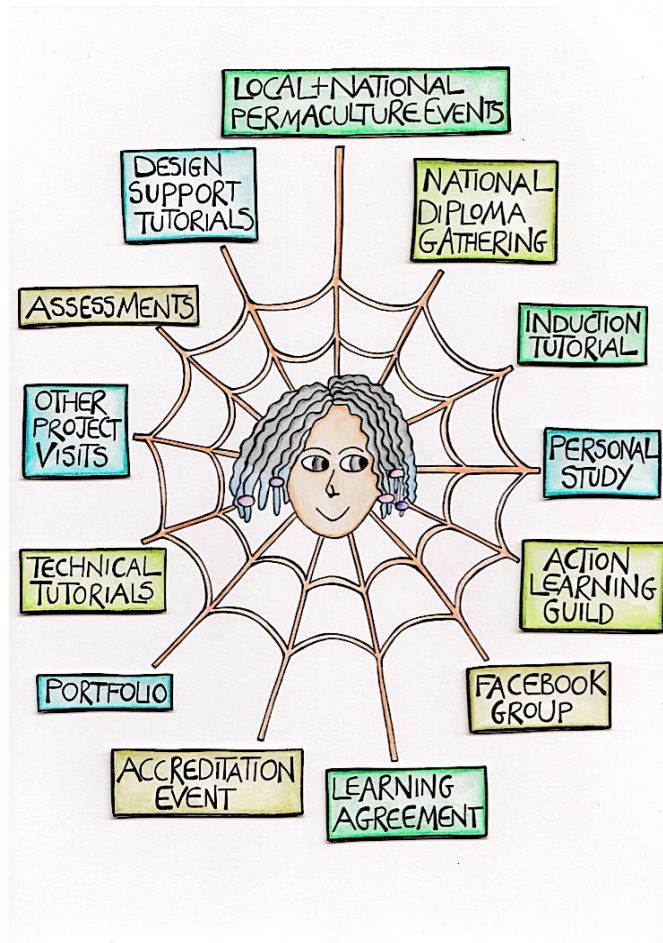


Elements of the Diploma - Glossary

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Accreditation Event

An opportunity to present a summary of your diploma work in public. It is not an exam but a celebration of your work and public recognition of your competence as a permaculture designer.

Action Learning Guild

A small group of apprentices who meet on a regular basis to keep each other on track with the self-managed learning process.

Assessments

Each design is assessed individually, and you will receive written feedback which may lead to additional work. There are two points of formal assessment of your portfolio:

- the Interim Portfolio Assessment, where the first five designs are assessed
- Final Portfolio Assessments (FPA) 1 and 2 of all ten designs, in two parts carried out by two separate tutors.

Design Support Tutorials

An in-depth tutorial, focusing solely on your design work, with a diploma tutor of your choice and possibly shared with other apprentices

Facebook Group

A really active Diploma group with over 1700 members on Facebook. Search for 'Diploma in Applied Permaculture Design' and ask to join.

Induction Tutorial

A chance to ask questions and receive help with the first steps on your diploma journey.

Learning Agreement

Also known as the Apprentice-Tutor Learning Agreement, this informal contract sets out the principles and practicalities of how you and your chosen tutor will work together.

Local and National Permaculture Events

Permaculture events offer the chance to build our network, strengthen our connections, share our skills and provide much needed hope and inspiration. Connect with permaculture practitioners at events near you! The Permaculture Association runs events such as the National and Regional Convergences, AGM and the Diploma Gathering but look out for listings for local events too - <https://events.permaculture.org.uk/>

National Diploma Gathering

An opportunity for all apprentices and diploma holders to attend workshops, talks and tutorials, to network and to socialise with their peers. Organised annually, usually in March, by the Association and the Diploma Working Group

Other Project Visits

Some of the best places to see permaculture in practice are the demonstration projects that are part of Learning And Network Demonstration (LAND). There are also many other projects to visit that aren't yet part of the LAND network. The Permaculture Association website gives full details of projects you can visit. Go to <https://www.permaculture.org.uk/land>

Personal study

The process of managing your own learning through books and online resources, identifying and arranging any training, tutorials and peer support you may need. As the diploma is a programme of self-directed learning, you will do a lot of this!

Personal Tutorials

A one-to-one with your tutor, usually focusing on your progress on the diploma pathway

Portfolio

The collection of ten designs and accompanying material that you present to your tutors for assessment.

Technical Tutorials

Tutorials covering skills you need to learn or use in order to carry out your design work – they may be wide-ranging and not necessarily permaculture-based. As an apprentice you can also offer technical tutorials if you have any specialist skills or expertise.

Found more mystery terms? Let us know and we add them to the next version of this glossary. You can email diploma@permaculture.org.uk