

PERMACULTURE GROUPS

We are supporting groups to form and thrive. Together, these groups form an inspirational support network across Britain. 16 groups have shared their experiences to help you.

Join or form a group

Be part of a positive solution by bringing people together in your area interested in permaculture. Promote permaculture and demonstrate its uses, share information and help.

If you could give one piece of advice to a newly formed local permaculture group, what would it be?

“Consider the group itself and its constitution as a primary design project and build resilience into it”

“Work together on practical permaculture-inspired projects. Share your produce and share your meals.”

“Get together, talk and share ideas. Establish what members need and want from the group and take steps to create an environment in which this help can be given.”

“Take any offers of help and don't try and do everything yourself.”

Existing groups

Here are some examples of existing groups from different regions:

- **Lampeter Permaculture Group** – Gather once a month at a member's place to help each other with their designs.
- **Leeds Permaculture Network** – Monthly socials with excellent and engaging speakers, preceded by shared food.
- **Permaculture Picturehouse** – Monthly gathering first Tuesday of every month usually for films, sometimes speakers. At Passing Clouds, 1 Richmond Road, London E8 4AA.
- **Shropshire & Edges Permaculture Network** – Monthly skill-sharing gathering at a different home, farm or project. Participants bring ideas, encouragement and labour.
- **Hull Permaculture Group** – Book swaps, film nights, forest gardening and more!
- **North East Permaculture Network** – Meet up for special events, with very active email list.
- **London Permaculture Network** – a large network that meet regularly and host many events and activities including the annual London Permaculture Festival, at Cecil Sharp House.



Members of Hull Permaculture group building a cob oven

Help us to help you and others by completing our online survey for permaculture groups and networks!
www.permaculture.org.uk/localgroup

“There are many benefits – wellbeing, friendship, mutual support, learning, practical help, sharing.”

What the Permaculture Association can do to help

- Join as a Group member of the Permaculture Association and get listed in Permaculture Works and share your story – group members get listed and a feature in the newsletter.
- Group members of the Permaculture Association can gain access to more funding opportunities through our Projects Support initiative: www.permaculture.org.uk/projects-support
- Contact us to find members, projects, and member organisations in your area.
- Promote your events, courses, and opportunities online and we'll promote through our channels to members and supporters.

Activities:

Meals

Courses

Working with local businesses

Working with local schools

Seasonal events

Permablitz (get together to swiftly implement a permaculture design)

Supporting other local community groups

Watch films

Visits to permaculture projects

Invite guest speakers

Support each other's projects

Regular socials



Permaculture events

Oxford Real Farming Conference

Dates: 6-7 January 2016
Venue: Oxford Town Hall
Contact:
www.oxfordrealfarmingconference.org

Future sustainability of organic and low-input milk production: Challenges and solutions

Organiser: Sustainable Organic and Low Input Dairying (SOLID)
Dates: 26-27 January 2016
Venue: Novotel Bristol City Centre, BS1 6HY
Contact: Gillian Woodward
01488 658298 ext. 554

Organic Producers' Conference

Organiser: The Organic Research Centre
Dates: 27-28 January 2016
Venue: Novotel Bristol City Centre, BS1 6HY
Contact: Gillian Woodward
01488 658298 ext. 554

Permaculture Scotland Gathering

Organiser: Permaculture Scotland
Dates: 3-5 June 2016
Venue: Coldstream, Scottish Borders
Contact: www.permaculture.org.uk/scotland
scotland@permaculture.org.uk

European Convergence

Dates: September 2016
Venue: Bolsena, Italy

Introductions to permaculture

Stanmer Park, Brighton

9-10 January, 9.30am-5pm. Repeats 23-24 April.
Contact: brightonpermaculture.org.uk/courses

Urban Roots, Glasgow, Scotland

Dates: 16-17 January
9.30am arrivals and welcome. Closing at 4pm each day.
Contact: Lusi Alderslowe 07787376475
urbanroots.org.uk

Hoathly Hill, West Sussex

Dates: 16-17 January.
Repeats 6-7 February and 5-6 March.
Contact: Chloe Anthony 07960 921487
www.sunrisepermaculture.org.uk

The Hermitage Cafe, Edinburgh, Scotland

Dates: 23-24 January
Contact: James Chapman 07790 265883
www.nonstuff.co.uk

Garden Cottage, Coldstream, Scotland

23-24 January, 9-4 each day
Contact: Graham Bell 01890 88 2448
www.grahambell.org

Tread Well on Earth, Streatham Hill, London

30-31 January, 9.30am start, 5pm finish.
Contact: Michel Thill 07901036220
www.sociallandscapes.co.uk

Centre for Alternative Technology, Powys, Wales

Dates: 6-8 February
Contact: Angie Polkey 01974 831300
courses.cat.org.uk

Patrick Whitefield Associates, Ragmans Lane Farm, Gloucestershire

Dates: 12-13 March
Contact: Caroline Aitken 07938 213 664

Permaculture Courses



Full permaculture design courses

Leeds

Dates: 9 January-10 July 2016
9:30 for a 10am start ending at 5pm each day. 8 weekends
Teachers: Andy Goldring, Helen White, Joe Atkinson, Laura Smith, Niels Corfield and others
Contact:
www.leedspermaculturenetwork.org/event/permaculture-design-course-2016

Totnes evening classes

Dates: 13 January 2016-30 March 2016
12 week part-time course on Wednesday evenings and 3 weekends.
Teachers: Caroline Aitken
Contact: 07938 213 664
www.patrickwhitefield.co.uk

Glasgow, Urban Roots

Dates: 16 January 2016-12 June 2016
One weekend per month January-June 2016
Arrive 9.30am for 10am start, closing at 4pm
Teachers: Lusi Alderslowe, Fiona MacDougall, Ed Tyler, Alan Charlton, and other guests
Contact: Lusi Alderslowe 07787376475 or 01557 814810

6 part PDC at RISC Reading

Dates: 17 January-27 March
Six weekends, spread over 3 months
Teacher: Steven Jones
Contact: 07719818959
www.sector39.co.uk

Nottingham, at St Anns allotments visitor centre and Ecoworks

Dates: 23 January-11 June
One weekend a month, from 9:30 to 16:30
Teachers: Paul Paine, Joe Atkinson
Contact: 0115 985 8203 or 07973 116291
nottinghamwea.com/category/horticulture

Edinburgh, Scotland

Dates: 23 January 2016-5 June 2016
Six weekends
Teachers: James Chapman plus guests
Contact: Tracey Hay 07561883097

Ourganics, Dorchester, Dorset

Dates: 30 January-29 May 2016
Teachers: Aranya & Pat Bowcock
Contact: 01297 20908
www.designedvisions.co.uk

Hoathly Hill, West Sussex

Dates: 30 January-12 November 2016
One weekend day per month on average.
Teachers: Chloe Anthony plus guest tutors and speakers
Contact:
www.sunrisepermaculture.org.uk

Stanmer Park, Brighton

Dates: 20 February 2016-12 June 2016
Most days run 10am-5pm
Teachers: include Bryn Thomas, Chloe Anthony, Stephan Gehrels & Tracy Hind
brightonpermaculture.org.uk/courses

Graceworks, Leicester

Dates: 27 February-27 November 2016
Each day runs from 9-5.30pm
Teachers: A team of dynamic and passionate teaching staff including Hannah Thorogood (MSc, Dip) Sam Woods 07890 587611
graceworks.org.uk

Spring into ACTION! London

Dates: 12 March-22 May 2016
Fortnightly over six weekends
Teachers: Graham Burnett, Claire White, James Piers Taylor & guests
Contact:
springintoactionpdc.blogspot.co.uk

Specialist courses

Pruning old fruit trees

Dates: 16-17 January
Stanmer Park, Brighton, East Sussex
Contact: www.brightonpermaculture.org.uk/pruning

Gardening with wildlife

Dates: 11-13 March
Denmark Farm Conservation Centre, Lampeter, Ceridigion, Wales
Contact: Angie Polkey 01974 831300

Forest Garden Design

Dates: 12-13 March
Wellspring, nr Canterbury, Kent
Contact: Jo Barker 01227 832569
www.dynamic-equilibrium.co.uk



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