

WEA Course Information Sheet 2016-17



Course title: Permaculture For Sustainable Living - Part 1		Course ID: C3839615
Start date: 09/05/2017	End date: 25/05/2017	Day(s)/time(s): Tue 10:00, Wed 10:00, Thu 10:00
Number of sessions: 6	Hours per session: 6.5	Tutor Tomas Remiarz
Additional hours: 6	Notes: Permaculture 1: 9-11 and 23-25 May Permaculture 2: 6-8 and 20-22 June (all Tuesday to Thursday)	
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Level 1
Fee: £139.50 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: John Archer Hall, John Archer Hall, 68 Upper Hill Street, Liverpool, Merseyside, L8 1YR		
Theme(s): The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision. Employability – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment Health and Wellbeing – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing Community Engagement – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities Culture – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments		
The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are:		
1. Community Engagement 2. Health and Wellbeing		

Course aim To introduce the basic concepts of permaculture theory and practice To introduce aspects of ecology, and enable learners to apply them to situations in their own lives To enable learners to integrate ethical, ecological and design thinking into their everyday lives
Who is the course for?
Course description Permaculture is the art of making beneficial relationships between ourselves and nature, of living a rich life that doesn't cost the earth. This course will give you a full overview of permaculture, an opportunity to gain skills and time to practice them using real-life design challenges. These 12 days can make a real difference to your personal and professional life and be a great investment towards a real sustainable future.
What topics will this course cover and how will they relate to the theme(s) for this course? Ethics and principles of Permaculture Permaculture design process, surveying skills, client interview process, design tools and methods, presentation skills Patterns in nature, and their application in designing productive landscapes and communities Practical permaculture from local kitchen gardening, urban and rural examples in different parts of the world

Producing a permaculture design for your own home

What will it be like?

WEA classes are friendly and supportive. You will be encouraged to work together with your fellow students and tutor. You will be asked to share your ideas and views in the class and work with the group to give and accept feedback in a supportive environment. The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you to be actively involved in your learning. You may be asked to undertake work to support your course outside of your class.

By the end of the course I should be able to:

1. Apply permaculture ethics and principles to situations in their own life.
2. Describe some of the principles, patterns and elements working within natural systems, and apply them to situations in their own life.
3. Describe the process of design and a variety of tools and methods within it, and use it in a variety of situations.

How will I know I'm making progress?

There is no formal assessment during this course. Progress will be checked by observing practical and design activities, through question and answer sessions, quizzes and other methods. Feedback will be given throughout the course, by the tutor and through peer group assessment.

What else do I need to know, do or bring?

Some sessions will be outdoors, and sturdy footwear will be needed for those.

Reading and information sources

The Permaculture Magazine and a lot of books are available through the Green Shopping Catalogue. Good beginners books are

"Beginners guide to permaculture" by Graham Burnett

"Permaculture Design step by step" by Aranya

A good contact point is the Permaculture Association www.permaculture.org.uk

What could the course lead to?

Students who go on to complete part 2 of the course will receive the Permaculture design course certificate, accredited by the Permaculture Association. The certificate carries a small administration fee. It enables students to enrol on the Diploma in Applied Permaculture Design. The skills and knowledge gained during the course can be used in the home, at work or in the local community, and there are a lot of resources available to study the subject further, including books, magazines, films, websites and real-life projects.

You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support> This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your first course you accept a learning agreement (the tear-off portion of your enrolment form). This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for some courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact:
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