



## 2018 Edinburgh Permaculture Design Course Info Jan – June 2018

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### 1) Introduction

Hello, I'm James Chapman, the main teacher for this course. I have been running the Edinburgh Permaculture Design course for 7 years now. Previous students have gone on to run their own farms, food businesses, create gardens, build houses and some have also come back to help teach on the course.

I use a variety of venues for the Edinburgh course, split between city based projects and my own site at Leadburn, near Penicuik.

## 2) Venue, times, dates, food

### Venues

Jan, Feb, March and April will be in within Edinburgh City. Venues are currently TBC.

May and June will be based at Leadburn, EH46 7BE. There is the option to camp over on both of these weekends.

### Times

All days start at 9am and finish by 5pm

### Dates

Module 1 - 20th and 21st Jan (Based in Edinburgh)

Module 2 - 3rd and 4th Feb (Based in Edinburgh)

Module 3 - 3rd and 4th March (Based in Edinburgh)

Module 4 - 7th and 8th April (Based in Edinburgh)

Module 5 - 5th and 6th May (Based at Leadburn)

Module 6 - 2nd and 3rd June (Based at Leadburn)

All dates are in 2018

### Food

There is no food provided on the course, so please bring a packed lunch or even better a dish to share with everyone else. This creates a really varied and interesting lunch for everybody.

### 3) Course Content

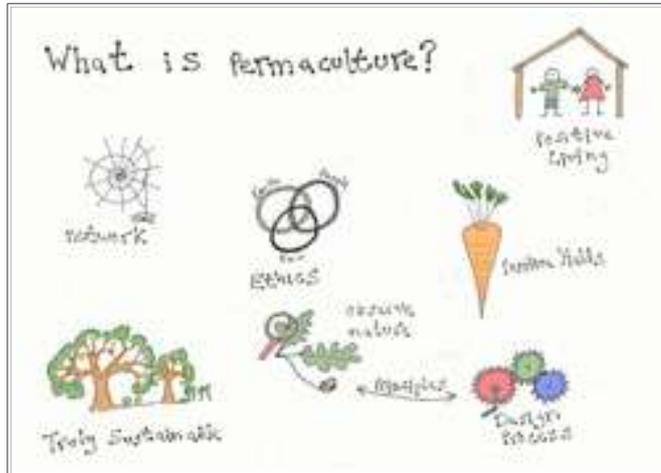
This Permaculture Design Course (PDC) is split into 6 modules, each lasting 2 days. All of my PDC's are accredited through the Permaculture Association of Britain.

There is no test or exam on the course. To accredit you just have to attend at least 70% of the sessions and be involved in a design project.

#### Module 1

Topics include

- \*What is permaculture?
- \*Tour of Comrie Croft
- \*Ethics
- \*Mollison principles
- \*Learning from nature
- \*Design Process
- \*Zones and sectors
- \*Input-Output Analysis



#### Module 2

Topics include;

- \*Observation tools
- \*Mapping
- \*Patterns
- \*Climate and micro-climates
- \*Trees



#### Module 3

Topics include;

- \*Soil
- \*Permaculture and organic gardening.
- \*Forest gardening
- \*Practicals



#### Module 4

- \*Design tools
- \*Design examples
- \*Social systems/contexts

- \*Built environment
- \*Resource choices
- \*Money
- \*Ecological footprint

### **Module 5**

- \*Visit established permaculture sites
- \*Water
- \*Practicals



### **Module 6**

- \*Design project
- \*Design Presentation
- \*Next steps
- \*Party

#### 4) About the main teacher



James Chapman completed his PDC in 2008 and then his Diploma in Applied Permaculture in 2010. He has many years experience living with and applying permaculture principles and ethics. He has lived in a self-sufficient community, managed woodlands, built sustainable timber frame structures, and worked in a Community Compost Project. James has also worked as a consultant designing large and complex projects and community businesses. In Feb 2016 James and his family purchased a 7 acre mixed site at Leadburn, 10 miles south of Edinburgh which is evolving into a permaculture demonstration site.

His teaching methods are interactive, experiential, friendly and inclusive. His interest in art, music and creativity comes through in his teaching methods. His courses are fun and relaxed, which allows time for the students to absorb information and participate fully in an exchange of learning. James is particularly interested in including people who have English as their second language and those who have dyslexia. He is a keen promoter of living and working towards a sustainable and regenerative future and is one of Scotland's busiest permaculture teachers.

There will also be a selection of other teachers throughout the course.

## 5) Fees

The course fees have a sliding scale depending on your financial situation.

The household income are intended as a guide; if you have savings or investments but a low earned income, please increase your fee accordingly.

Please note the figures are combined household income, so if you earn £10,000 and your partner earns £8,000 you'd have a combined income of £18,000.

I subsidise the lower fees out of my own pocket and rely on higher fees to continue to offer these.

Full Course Fee	Household income per year
£270	Benefits or under £5000
£450	£5000 to £15000
£630	£15,000 to £30,000
£750	Over £30,000 Or, anyone paying with grant money Or, anyone attending as work based training.

### Course fees break down.

Tuition fees : £240 - £720

Accreditation fee : £30

## Travel Expenses

When travelling to field trips, we tend to car share between everyone and pay the driver for vehicle costs. These are not included in your fees. In the past this has come to approx £15 for the whole course.

## Booking

To book a place, please fill in [THIS FORM](#)

Please note that your place is not reserved until a deposit is received. Full payment details on the form.

The remaining balance is required by 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Payment info is on the booking form.

## 6) Useful Links

My website [www.nonstuff.co.uk](http://www.nonstuff.co.uk)

Permaculture association of Britain [www.permaculture.org](http://www.permaculture.org)

## 7) Contact info

If you have any queries please contact [james.nonstuff.chapman@gmail.com](mailto:james.nonstuff.chapman@gmail.com) or you can phone me on 07790 265883.

(If it's urgent, please phone.)

## 8) Feedback from recent courses



The average feedback rating for my last 2 permaculture courses was

**9.2/10**

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The image shows a man with short blonde hair, smiling, holding a white certificate. The certificate has a circular logo at the top with a stylized face. The text on the certificate reads: "This certificate is awarded to [signature] on the successful completion of a Permaculture Design Course issued by: Tessa Clapham for Nonstuff Ltd on 5 June 2016". At the bottom of the certificate, it says "change your world with permaculture" and has a small logo.