



Comrie Permaculture Design Course Info

30 Sept – 14 Oct 2017

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1) Introduction

Hello, I'm James Chapman, the main teacher for this course. I completed a permaculture design for Comrie Croft in 2013 and they've now implemented a lot of the projects. It's now the perfect time to run another residential design course at Comrie!

We will be based at Combruih bunkhouse in Comrie village with regular visits to the Comrie Croft site. Tomnah'a market garden lease land from Comrie Croft and use a lot of permaculture techniques on site. We will be working with the Tomnah'a team as well as eating their produce.

2) Venue, dates, times, food etc.



Venue :

We have the Combruih bunkhouse to use for the duration of the course. This is a very large, comfortable building in Comrie Village. This will be our base with beds, kitchen, dining room, lounge, showers, laundry and most importantly table tennis.

The address is Combruih, Field of Refuge, Comrie, PH6 2ED.

Dates and Times :

Sat 30 Sept

Arrive at Combruih any time from 4pm.
There is no meal provided but you can use the kitchen.

Sunday 1st Oct – Friday 6th October

Course runs from 9 am – 4.30pm.
All meals provided.

Sat 7th Oct

Day off. Food available but not set meal times.

Sun 8th – Friday 13th

Course runs from 9am – 4.30pm
All meals provided.

Evening of Friday 13th October

Course celebration.

Sat 14th October

Leave by 10.30am.

Food

We will be eating together and taking it in turns to help cook. The meals will be vegetarian with vegan options.

The course fees include tuition, beds and food.

There is space on the booking form to tell me about dietary needs and also request certain ingredients.

Beds

The accomodation is bunk beds in shared, same sex rooms.

If you do not require accomodation please get in touch and I can arrange a reduction in your fee.

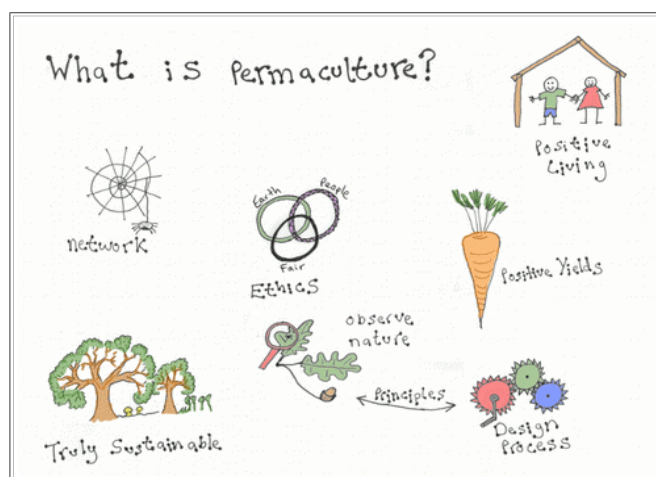
3) Course Content :

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.

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

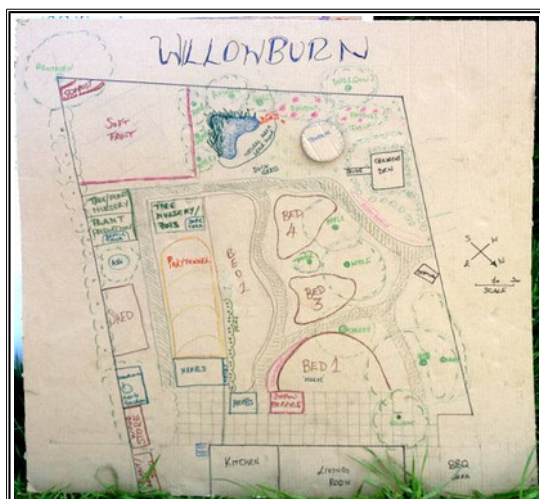


Module 4

- *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

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 land designs, building 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
£470	Benefits or under £5000
£650	£5000 to £15000
£830	£15,000 to £30,000
£950	Over £30,000 Or, anyone paying with grant money Or, anyone attending as work based training.

Course fees break down.

Tuition fees : £240 - £720

Accommodation : £140 (only £10 a night)

Food : £70

Accreditation fee : £20

If you live locally enough to not need a bed please get in touch and I can arrange a reduction in your fee.

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.

The remaining balance is required by 30th August.

Payment info is on the booking form.

6) Useful Links

My website www.nonstuff.co.uk

here's a link to a blog about my design work at Comrie Croft
<https://nonstuff.co.uk/2016/10/19/comrie-croft-design-update/>

Comrie Croft www.comriecroft.com

Tomnah'a market garden www.tomnaha.com

Permaculture Association www.permaculture.org.uk

7) Contact info

If you have any queries please contact james.nonstuff.chapman@gmail.com or you can phone me on 07790 265883.

(If it's urgent, please phone.)

Venue Address, Combruih, Field of Refuge, Comrie, PH6 2ED.

8) Feedback from a recent course



The average score for my latest
Permaculture Design Course was

9.6/10

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