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We are delighted you are interested in the Plenty Permaculture Design Certificate Course (PDC). The purpose of the program is to offer excellent, accessible and affordable permaculture education to the residents of the Bay of Plenty. Our vision is to increase the resilience and abundance of our chosen home through empowering individual education, skill development and community building.

We offer a year long format, spreading the 72 hour international curriculum over 12 Saturdays (April 2017 to March 2018). This accommodates busy working people and those with families who can't get away for PDC intensives. This format also allows more time to read, integrate, observe, design your individual project and spreads the program fees over 12 months.

The 12 module days include stimulating field trips, group exercises, presentations and practical workshops. The program also includes inspiring study materials, access to our permaculture library, and mentorship for your design project.

The topics and dates of the 2017-18 Certificate Course are:

2017

Module 1	Foundations of Permaculture	1 April
Module 2	Permaculture Design Process	29 April
Module 3	Designing for Climate and Geology	27 May
Module 4	Trees	24 June
Module 5	Designing for Landscapes and Water	22 July
Module 6	Eco Buildings and Natural Structures	26 August
Module 7	Renewable Energy and Alternate Technologies	23 September
Module 8	Living Soils	14 October
Module 9	Garden Design and Permaculture Plants	25 November
Dec-Jan	Time to work on your project, possibly visit each other's project properties, and get help with you project if needed.	

2018

Module 10	Animal Systems and Insects	27 January
Module 11	Resiliency & Social Permaculture	24 February
Module 12	Presentations and Celebration	24 March

Our tutors have been invited to join the PP team for both their down to earth presentation skills and their expertise in a subject or skill. Each module is designed to employ a range of teaching methods to create an engaging learning experience and address different learning styles. See the team page on our web site to learn about our tutors.



Modules generally start at 9am and end by 4:30pm, including breaks for morning and afternoon tea and a shared lunch. A typical day has a classroom portion in the morning, a field trip and a workshop to learn a specific skill after lunch.

Classroom sessions and field trips will be held at a number of sites around the Bay of Plenty. This allows you to see permaculture in a variety of settings and on different scales: rural, suburban and urban. You'll be emailed a "Read Me First" document two weeks before each module with addresses, directions, car pool info, what to bring, etc.

Study materials are also released two weeks prior to each module or upon receipt of your fee. You'll want to spend 3-5 hours going over materials before each module. These often include chapters from classic permaculture books, Youtube links, podcasts and useful web sites. We believe that the more you expose yourself ahead of time to the upcoming topic, the more valuable the day will be for you. However, we know you are busy so you can download the study materials at any point, look at them as you have time and save them for the future.

Participants need to attend all 12 modules and present their individual design project to receive their PDC Certificate. If there are scheduling conflicts, you have a few options: you may be able to attend a module on a similar topic with the Hamilton or Auckland permaculture groups or make up the missed module in the 2018-19 Plenty Permaculture Course.

The design project is the opportunity for you to take permaculture principles, ethics and design process and apply them to a project that is meaningful to you. Proposal briefs are requested by mid year and you'll present your design project to the group during the last module. The design project requires a minimum of 20 hours and if you prefer, you may co-design with another participant. Tutors are available to help you at any stage.

The fee for the year long program varies from \$1300-\$1400, depending on your chosen payment method. We offer three internships and 1 scholarship each year. Everyone is welcome to attend a Plenty Permaculture module even if they are not interested in earning a PDC. The casual fee is \$120 per module. Our program is 100% guaranteed. See our web site fees page for complete details.

If you would like to participate but have concerns about some aspect of successfully earning your certificate, please get in contact with us and we'll see if we can create a solution together.

We hope you'll join us for this life changing experience.

All the Best,

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