For complete details please visit: www.PlentyPermaculture.co.nz

We are delighted you are interested in the Plenty Permaculture Design Certificate Course (PDC). The purpose of the program is to offer accessible, affordable and excellent permaculture education to Bay of Plenty residents. 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 cirriculum over 12 Saturdays (April 2018 to March 2019). This accomodates busy working people and those with families who can't get away or afford the more expensive, residential PDC intensives. This format also allows more time to read, integrate, observe, design your individual project and can spread the program fees over 12 months.

The 12 module days include stimulating field trips, group exercises, presentations and practical activities. The program also includes a programme folder, inspiring study materials, handouts for each module, post module slideshow and reference materials, access to our permaculture library, an active PP graduates Facebook page and mentorship for your design project.

The topics and dates of the 2018-19 Certificate Course are:

2018

Module 1	Foundations of Permaculture	21 April
Module 2	Permaculture Design Process	26 May
Module 3	Designing for Climate	16 June
Module 4	Reading the Landscapes and Water Design	14 July
Module 5	Living Soils	25 August
Module 6	Garden Design and Permaculture Plants	15 September
Module 7	Designing with Trees	13 October
Module 8	Eco Buildings and Natural Structures	10 November
Module 9	Renewable Energy and Alternate Technologies	8 December
Dec-Jan	Time to work on your project, possibly visit each other's project properties, and get help with you project if needed.	

2019

Module 10	Animal Systems and Insects	26 January
Module 11	Resiliency & Social Permaculture	23 February
Module 12	Presentations and Celebration	30 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 5:00pm, 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 specific skils after lunch.

PP's homebase is in Whakamarama, Tauranga, however 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.

Plenty Permaculture is an affiliate of Permaculture in New Zealand (PiNZ). Participants need to attend all 12 modules and present their individual design project to receive their PiNZ-PP PDC Certificate. If there are scheduling conflicts, you have options: you may be able to attend a module on a similar topic with the Hamilton or Auckland Modular PDC programmes or make up the missed module in the 2019-20 Plenty Permaculture Course. We ask that all participants communicate at least 48 hours prior to the start of a module if they are unable to attend, as there are often waiting lists for our modules.

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. You will share your project in a 10-20 minute presentation to your tutors, peers and possible guests on 30 March 2019, receive your certificate and then we celebrate!

The fee for the year long program varies from $1300-$1500, depending on your chosen payment method. We offer four internships (video, kitchen, generall assistant, venue manager), and one full scholarship to a person between 18-25 years of age. Those only interested in a few topics can attend one or two at a casual fee of $130 per module if there is room. Please see our web site "fees" page for complete details.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope you'll join us for this life changing experience.

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