

# Hybrid PDC Permaculture Design Certificate 2024



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## WHAT IS A PDC ?



This is an educational base, created by Bill Mollison, which provides you with a real "package" for learning, empowering yourself, and applying permaculture at home. This training is the 72-hour Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC), which was passed on to us in Australia at the Permaculture Research Institute. We have adapted it to our latitudes and our culture, and increased its duration to 90 hours to add themes that we feel are essential today, such as human permaculture, among others.

The teaching method we use aims to engage all forms of intelligence, combining theoretical and practical aspects with social and personal experiences. Hands-on practice reconnects participants with nature and its inspiring, pacifying and stabilising potential.

The metaphor of the garden and the forest and the practical work create a concrete bridge between theory and practice. The group design project based on a real project will enable participants to work on the application of knowledge and concepts from the outset. You can bring your own project and unite a group around it, or join another project.

This course is mainly aimed at permaculturists who are at the beginning of their training. This course is not for experienced permaculturists, unless they want to experience the intense journey of human permaculture and the transformation that



goes with it, of sharing knowledge, of working collectively and in groups.

Taking a PDC is also a unique opportunity to slow down and take some time for yourself, to take stock and reflect of what's next in an inclusive setting. It's about investing energy in what's most precious to you, because change starts with you. You can also take a deep breath of fresh air in contact with nature, benefit from the energy of a caring group and build a network of friendships and skills.





## **COURSE CONTENT**

Permaculture ethics: caring for the land, caring for others

Permaculture principles

The permaculture design process: skills, tools and methods

Design practice: group work on design projects

Practical work: in the garden, in groups or individually

Presentation: demonstration and evaluation of learning from the course

Topics covered include:

Soil: food web, macro / micro-organisms, mulching, composting, ploughing, soil sampling, erosion, mycorrhizal and bacterial associations

Water: hydrological cycle, rainwater harvesting, natural wastewater systems, drainage, water as an energy reservoir and water use, aquaponics

Plants and trees: tree species, energy transactions, forest gardening, temperate climate, indicator plants and orchards

Food production: organic and regenerative farming, bed creation, food preservation



Built environment: green buildings, renovation, transport, renewable energies and urban contexts  
Use of resources: ecological and carbon footprints, life cycle assessment

Social systems: personal and community resilience, communication skills, economics, land tenure, governance and decision-making.

Community Building: team building, morning circles, systems games, social design of PDC.

Permaculture practice and design.

Project visits and special guests.

## **HYBRID PDC DATES AND SCHEDULE**

Join us on this hybrid educational adventure, combining tradition and innovation, to become a complete permaculture practitioner. Turn your passion into sustainable action today!

The PDC 2024 format is hybrid online and face-to-face.

Theoretical courses and interactive exercises are available online from early February, with one module unlocked each week.

Practical workshops (9am-1pm) are held on two Saturdays a month, once in French and once in English.

This long format of this certified long course in permaculture design (40h theory, 20h design practice) offers additional space to develop in-depth practice (32h compulsory out of 60h available) and acquire skills that will make you autonomous later on in developing your permaculture context.

There are 30 places, priority will be given to PDC-XL 2024 participants, but it is possible to participate only in the practical workshops through a conscious participation model.

At present, the same workshop is offered every month in English and French. Each time there is a summary of the course material and a short presentation, and lots of practice. It's also designed to bond the group throughout the year, and perhaps group design projects will emerge as a result of these exchanges.

It is possible to count the hours in 2024 and complete the theoretical part and the design project thanks to the PDC-XL in 2025, for example.

The times are from 9am to 1pm each time, and participation is required for an entire workshop, from start to finish. The sessions are open to the public, except for the one in December.

March: preparing for the season + tools (Sat 2.03. English, Sat 16.03. French)

April: seeds + planting (Sat 06.04. French, Sat 27.04. English)

May: maintenance + irrigation (Sa 04.05. English, Sa 25.05. French)

June: fertile soil, living soil (Sat 15.06. English/French)

Opportunity to volunteer at the Fête du Bout du Monde on 06.07.

July: water + landscape (Sat 13.07. English/French)

September: extending the season (Sat 07.09. French, Sat 28.09. English)

October: food preservation (Sat 05.10. English, Sat 19.10. French)

November: trees + preparing for winter (Sa 09.11. French, Sa 23.11. English)

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December: presentation of designs and celebration 07.12. (9:00-15:00), reserved for PDC participants.

Two additional dates for visits to inspiring places in the region will be added.

## **WHAT SPEAKS FOR THE HYBRID FORMAT**

**Flexibility at your own pace:** Our intuitive online platform allows you to follow courses according to your own timetable. No need to sacrifice your work or family commitments - learn at your own pace, when it suits you best.

**Enriching face-to-face meetings:** There's no substitute for human contact. Our face-to-face sessions give you the opportunity to meet passionate experts, ask questions live and share experiences with other permaculture enthusiasts.

**Field practice & experimentation:** Put what you learn online into practice straight away. Our field workshops, integrated into the course, allow you to experiment with permaculture concepts in a real environment.

**Economic and friendly to our ecosystems:** Save on travel costs while reducing your carbon footprint. Our hybrid approach is designed to be affordable, making permaculture accessible to all.

**Recognised certification:** Our hybrid programme offers internationally recognised certification, making you a permaculture expert ready to make a positive impact in the world.





## **CERTIFICATION**

Our training course is certified by the Permaculture Association UK and organised in collaboration with various players in the ecological and social transition in the region. Conditions for certification: attendance and participation in all sessions.

## **TESTIMONIALS**

Click on the image below or [here](#) to view a video of one of our previous PDCs:



and much info that will guide me for the future, as well as the motivation to do something.



## MAIN TEACHER



### **Dr Katy Fox**

After completing a whole host of permaculture apprenticeships since 2009, including CCPs, a diploma in Applied Permaculture Design and a long course in sociocracy, Katy worked as a permaculture designer and trainer until 2023. A committed anthropologist and activist since 2001, she has worked with [Mycelium Design](#) on a range of eco-social regeneration projects for public authorities, associations and businesses. She developed the educational programme for [Äerdschëff](#), an off-grid ecological building built by volunteers and intended as an educational centre for circular economy and design in Redange/Attert. She is also the founder of the [Centre for Ecological Learning Luxembourg](#), an organisation that since 2011 has been developing and disseminating various projects linked to the ecological and solidarity-based transition. The training course is based at the [Ferme du bout du monde Arlon](#), an eco-environment that Katy co-founded with her partner Tarik Bouriachi in 2020, where they live in community with other human and non-human beings. Since September 2023, she has returned to a non-profit model for Mycelium Design so that she can share her skills and know-how in permaculture and regeneration with a wider audience.

## PRICE AND REGISTRATION

The price for these 80+ hours is to be assessed by each participant, in all conscience, according to the scale below:

- fair price - €1680 (you pay the exact amount for the cycle, coupon at checkout : FAIR)
- solidarity price - €1800 (you pay more than the price of the course to enable other people in financial difficulty to take part)
- adapted payment (you can't afford the right price? Thanks to the solidarity of other participants, we can offer you a lower price than the cost price, or work out a payment plan together. Get in touch to talk about your situation.)

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Registration is final after payment by credit card or bank transfer.

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We look forward to meeting you on this wonderful PDC adventure!



