

# Residential Full-Immersion PDC Permaculture Design Certificate 17.07.-30.07.2026



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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 about 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 STRUCTURE

The curriculum follows the internationally recognised 72-hour Permaculture Design Certificate framework, expanded to 90 hours in practice.

Themes include:

- Ethics and principles of permaculture
- Systems thinking and ecological design
- Soil regeneration and composting systems
- Water harvesting and management
- Climate-responsive design
- Agroforestry and perennial systems
- Natural building
- Social permaculture and governance
- Economics of regenerative systems
- Design methodologies

Throughout the course, theory is continuously linked to the Ferme's real systems:

- Market garden and perennial systems
- Agroecological experimentation
- Water management infrastructure
- Low-tech energy solutions
- Governance practices and collective organisation

Participants will work in groups on a full design project, which will be presented collectively at the end of the training.

We will also visit a few beacon projects in the region.



## **PDC VENUE, DATES AND SCHEDULE**

The Ferme du Bout du Monde is not simply a training venue. It is a living system. A working regenerative farm. A social experiment. A place where ecological design meets collective life. For two full weeks, participants are invited into an immersive learning experience grounded in practice, observation, design, and shared daily life.

This full-immersion PDC is designed for those who want more than conceptual understanding. It is for those who want to inhabit permaculture. To experience it as a system, a rhythm, a culture.

By living together on site, sharing meals, observing land transitions from dawn to dusk, and working collectively through design challenges, participants engage not only intellectually, but physically, socially, and emotionally.

**Arrival: Friday 17 July (evening)**

**Course days: Saturday 18 July to Wednesday 29 July**

**Closing and departure: Thursday 30 July (midday)**

The course includes two meals on the final Wednesday and lunch only on Thursday.

Immersion requires rhythm. The course structure balances intensity and integration.

Mornings focus on theoretical inputs and analytical frameworks.

Afternoons alternate between applied workshops, site visits, observation sessions, and design studio work.

Evenings may include informal discussions, documentary screenings, or reflective circles.

The farm itself becomes a pedagogical tool. Meals are prepared with seasonal produce whenever possible. Shared daily tasks contribute to understanding the invisible infrastructures of resilience.

Living permaculture makes systems visible.

## **WHAT SPEAKS FOR THE FULL IMMERSION FORMAT**

Permaculture is systems thinking applied to land, society, and culture. It cannot be fully grasped through fragmented engagement.

In a residential format:

- Learning continues beyond classroom hours. Conversations extend into meals and evening reflections.
- Observations are longitudinal. Participants witness microclimate shifts, soil behaviour, plant dynamics over time.
- Design thinking deepens through shared iteration and collective intelligence.
- Community dynamics become part of the curriculum. Governance, collaboration, and feedback loops are lived realities.

Immersive learning fosters coherence between theory and practice. It enables participants to internalise ecological principles through lived experience.

This format also supports the development of resilient learning communities that often continue beyond the course itself.

Full immersion includes:

- On-site lodging
- Three daily vegetarian meals prepared with local, organic and seasonal ingredients
- Shared kitchen and common spaces
- Access to farm infrastructure

Living on site allows participants to engage fully without external logistical constraints. The simplicity of rural life supports focus, reflection, and collective presence.

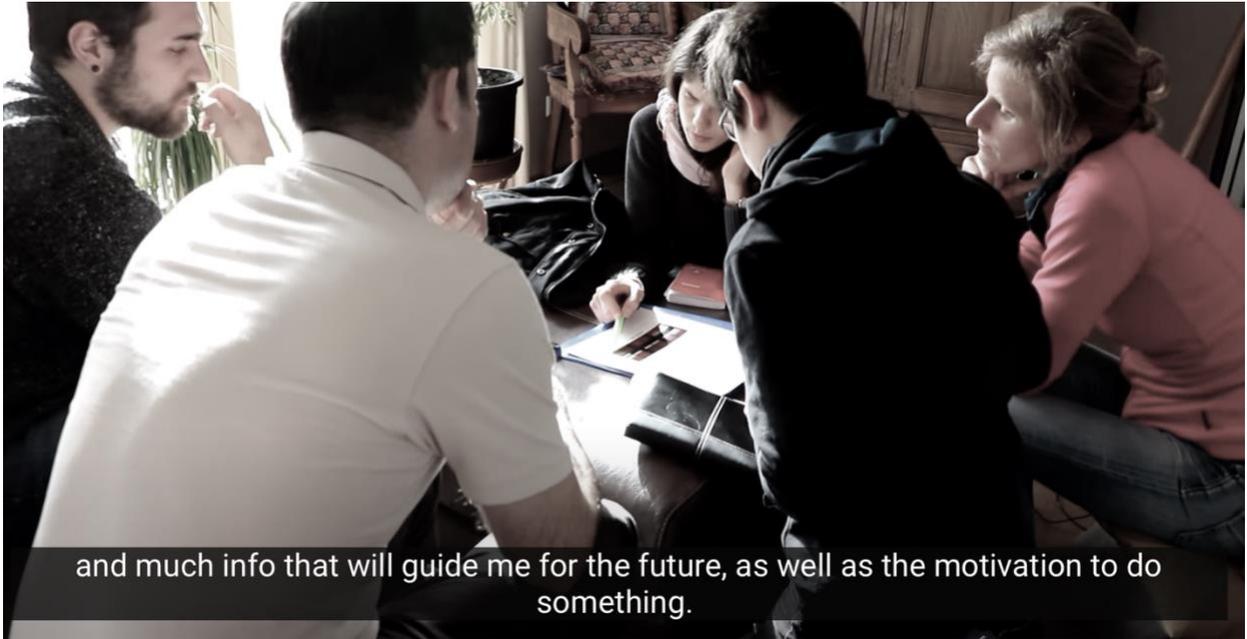


## CERTIFICATION

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 PDCs, 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 the early 2000s, 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 immersive training course is based at the [Ferme du bout du monde Arlon](#), a regenerative farm and training centre that Katy co-founded with her partner Tarik Bouriachi in 2020, and where they live in community with other human and non-human beings. Since September 2023, she has returned to a non-profit model for the Mycelium brand within the context of Ferme du bout du monde asbl so that she can share her skills and know-how in permaculture and regeneration with a wider audience.

## PRICE AND REGISTRATION

Prices include course fees, lodging and accommodation costs for a 13-day period.

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

**Solidarity price** – minimum €1400 (you pay more than the price of the course to enable other people in financial difficulty to take part)

**Fair price** - €1200 (you pay the exact amount for the certificate)

To assess where you fall in the economic privilege scale, please consider the following picture:



\***BASIC NEEDS** include food, housing, and transportation.

\*\***EXPENDABLE INCOME** might mean you are able to buy coffee or tea at a shop, go to the movies or a concert, buy new clothes, books, and similar items each month, etc.

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**Adapted payment** (you can't afford the right price? Thanks to the solidarity of other participants, we can offer a few lower price spaces, or work out a payment plan together. Get in touch to talk about your situation.)

We need to have a minimum of 15 participants for this PDC to be able to take place.

Ferme du bout du monde asbl is not subsidised.

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

Please read our [general terms and conditions](#).



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

