



Connecting Permaculture across Europe

The world must embark on the biggest period of change we have ever known. Citizens, local governments and businesses know what needs to change, but often don't know what to do. Since the early 1980s, a small but growing group of permaculture initiatives, groups and networks have been pioneering new approaches to food, energy, housing and community, and now more than ever, we need to share that work and inspire a huge new wave of permaculture action across Europe.

The Permaculture Association (Britain) has taken on the mantle of hosting the European Permaculture Convergence (EUPC) in 2021, Saturday 8th to Sunday 17th October 2021. The EUPC will be an online event, curated by national, regional and local organisations from across the continent, sharing a variety of sessions and workshops as well as broadcasting pre-recorded tours of permaculture projects. Multilingual content will ensure there are opportunities for wide participation.

Topics range from action on climate change to community, supporting refugees and regenerative agriculture. Contributions will come from experienced practitioners and younger contributors alike. Popular content around self-sufficiency and gardening will help reach a wider audience and for the people working in the field for longer there will be deep dive sessions and strategic meetings focused on the development of permaculture in Europe.

The steering group for the event currently has members from five nations with further collaboration and programming offered from groups as far apart as Ukraine, Latvia, Serbia and Norway. The aim is to create something diverse and accessible which seeds the building of a stronger European Permaculture Network and a renewed cross-border community.

For details of the programme or if you have ideas and wish to contribute, please get in touch (see below). Tickets are available here: www.crowdcast.io/e/eupc2021

Dan Hurring explores how permaculture projects are linking with each other to offer solutions to many of the problems we are facing



Youth in Permaculture

Earth Care, People Care, and Fair Share was the Youth in Permaculture response to the challenge posed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated closures, curfews and restrictions. At a time when many young people are suffering from anxiety and frustration, Youth in Permaculture has been building a permaculture demonstration site, providing workshops and a safe and healing place for people to come and share work, stories, food and support. When restrictions allow, they plant gardens, provide outdoor classrooms and workshops for school groups, youth groups, and others needing to spend time in Nature with their hands in the healing soil. Supported through an Erasmus Solidarity grant and guided through Permacultura Mediterránea (PermaMed.org) the Youth in Permaculture chapter in Spain (Jóvenes en Permacultura) also created videos for the online Sembrares global seminar on International Permaculture Day.

The goal is to inspire other young people to build inner and outer resilience through Earth Care, People Care, regenerating gardens and sharing a supportive and inspiring permaculture community.

<https://youthinpermaculture.org>

European Permaculture Network

EuPN is a network of national and regional organisations and networks of practitioners in permaculture. EuPN is a platform for common interests and action throughout Europe. They work alongside groups like the European Permaculture Teachers' Network, Children and Permaculture working group, Permaculture College of Europe, LAND Networks, etc. Others can be established according to needs and interests (Design, Social Permaculture etc.). Their website has details of courses, events and contacts in countries close to you, such as the Nordic Permaculture Academy for example:

<https://nordicpermacultureacademy.org>

For more on the EuPN: <https://permaculture-network.eu>

Domingos de Permacultura

'Domingos de Permacultura' (Permaculture Sundays) started in December 2019 with the intention to bring permaculture closer to those who cannot, for whatever reason, go to a course over several days, but are keen on learning. The project was started by a group of practitioners in Southern Portugal who joined efforts in creating an all-day-long event once a month, in Portuguese, covering each time a different Permaculture topic.

www.facebook.com/groups/Domingos.de.Permacultura

Mediterranean Permaculture

Here you will find almost everything about Mediterranean climate permaculture, courses and webinars. Read in-depth articles and top 10 lists of useful Mediterranean climate plants and trees.

Permaculture Projects You Should Know About

Latvian Permaculture Association

A volunteer run organisation, founded to advance sustainable and regenerative practices in Latvia. It operates as an umbrella organisation for urban and rural inhabitants contributing to the permaculture movement.

www.permakultura.lv

Permaculture Ukraine

Founded in October 2013. The mission of the organisation is to promote environmentally friendly agriculture, green energy and a healthy lifestyle, to protect natural and cultural heritage, and to support unprotected groups and the development of self-sufficient communities.

www.permaculture.in.ua/index.php/en

Permaculture Serbia

Facebook site for Serbian speakers:
www.facebook.com/PermakulturaSrbija

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www.permaculture.co.uk/image/pm-2020-prize-winners