

# Why do the diploma

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Before you read on, please take a moment to reflect for yourself on why you are feeling drawn to the diploma and what you are hoping it might give you. Just spend a couple of minutes on this and see what comes up.

So let's see how your reflections match up with what the diploma offers! Many of us practice permaculture everyday when we choose ethical options in our lives, however we don't necessarily consciously make these decisions in a really holistic and considered way.

In essence, permaculture design is

- following a conscious process to design a situation,
- applying the permaculture ethics as much as possible, and
- using the wisdom of nature, through the permaculture principles
- to make the outcomes as regenerative as possible.

This diploma gives you hands-on learning of this design process, putting it into practice and learning as you go.

It is a way of deepening your learning from your PDC, of practicing the techniques, tools and processes you came across there and actually applying them to your life.

It is a self-led learning journey so you can really make it work for you by following your interests and finding the style of designing and learning that you enjoy and that integrates best into your life. By doing a design right at the beginning and asking for feedback you can make sure you get what you want to get out of the whole process. It is a journey of finding what permaculture means to you and you don't need to know the answer at the beginning, you just need enough curiosity and commitment to begin.

There is lots to support you on your way. We have a whole network of tutors experienced in permaculture design and practice. You can have as many tutorials with them as you want, getting direct feedback and guidance on your designs and your journey. You will also be part of a fantastic community of other apprentices who are all learning and experimenting at the growing edge of permaculture design practice and sustainable living. With an active Facebook group, annual gatherings, monthly online get together and support to set up local guilds there are many opportunities to connect, support and inspire each other.

It is an opportunity to be part of something bigger, solving real life challenges and creating tangible change for a more beautiful world.

You will come out with a professional portfolio of designs and access to a variety of permaculture specific career options such as being a teacher, designer or diploma tutor. You will also have acquired a hugely valuable skill set and experiences that you can apply to and use to manifest pretty much anything (ethical!).

Interested? Have a look at the video or document on '**Is the diploma for you?**' to find out more.