

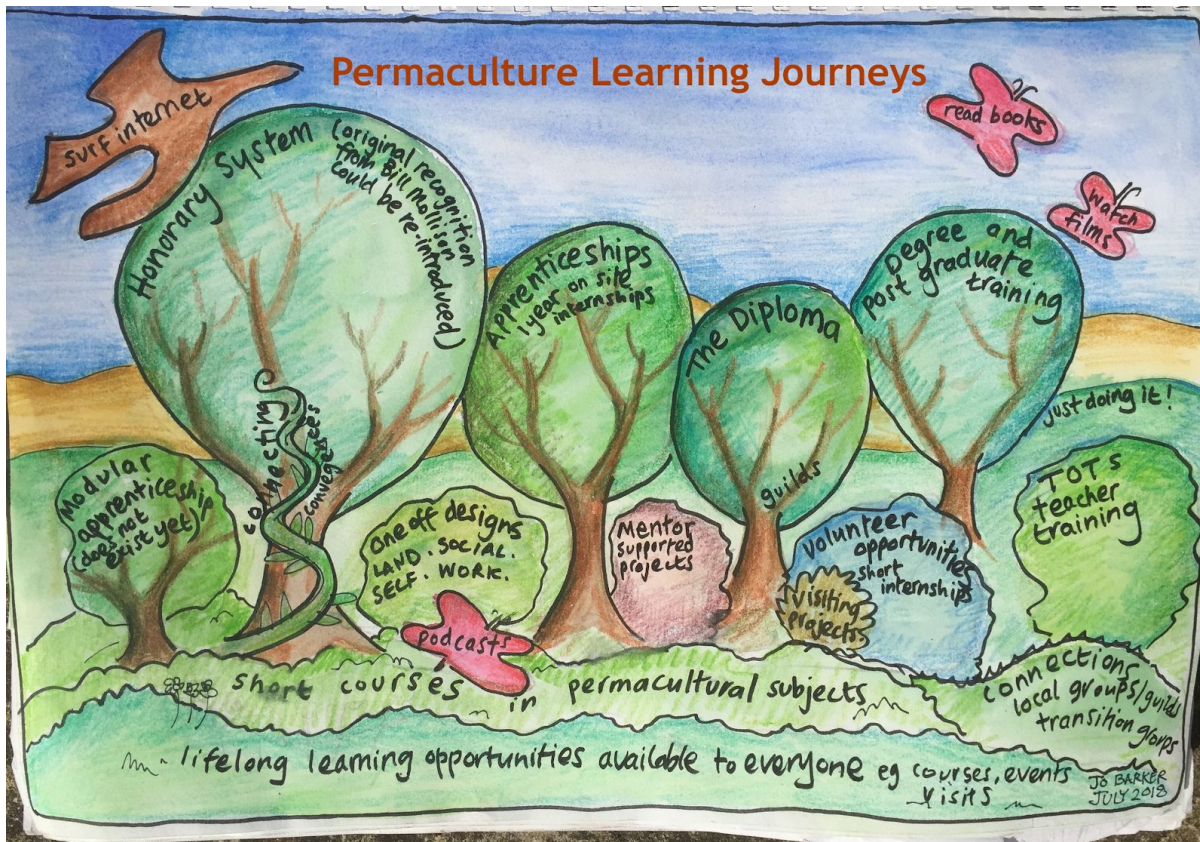
Permaculture Learning Journey after the PDC

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There are a lot of options which are good to know about that can help us with our Permaculture journey.

This will be a mixture of self directed learning, courses, websites, reading books, connecting with others, practising and experiencing permaculture on demonstration projects and just 'doing it'.

Let's explore these further using the metaphor of a forest garden landscape.



In the Groundcover are things that are easy to find and join in with:

Short courses, local permaculture groups, events. Local Permaculture people to be inspired by.

The Climbers:

Online learning now offers opportunity at every level and includes nearly everything mentioned here. Heather Jo Flores, Geoff Lawton and the Permaculture Association are a few places to find high quality learning opportunities.

There are a multitude of online groups and forums.

You can also connect with others at bioregional gatherings such as the annual Permaculture Convergence and London Permaculture Festival in the UK, or similar events in other parts of the world.

The Herbaceous layer:

Visiting projects such as LAND demonstration sites of which there is a map on the Permaculture Association website.

The Shrub layer:

Volunteer opportunities and short internships at permaculture projects. These are available directly through the project or through organisations like WOOF, Workers on organic farms.

If you want to train to teach Permaculture, there are fantastic courses called ToTs - Training of Teachers.

Then there are bespoke courses where you can hire permaculture teachers and designers for your projects for example designing a community food system.

The Tree layer

Finally, here we come to the [Diploma](#) in Applied Permaculture Design or what we call the Diploma System. This is a minimum two year journey to practise applying permaculture design with access to incredible support. There are many new initiatives coming into place including the start of a modular Diploma. A pre diploma module or Certificate in Applied Permaculture Design will help get people prepared and try the process out before committing to doing the full program. There are many new initiatives including a Diploma forum.

A number of other countries and regions have their own diploma systems. There are degrees and post graduate courses available, with for example Gaia University.

Butterflies

These can be done any time on almost any subject.

Podcasts. Sustainable world radio permaculture podcasts are a treasure trove of permaculture talks.

Books. There are an abundance of permaculture books which never seem to go out of date.

Magazines. Permaculture magazine are a great read and subscribers can access every edition digitally.

Films. YouTube and Vimeo have an abundance of fantastic films on every subject.

Birds

Surf through the internet. For example, the Permaculture Association has a huge online [Knowledge Base](#) to dive into.

Here are two important resources to find out more on the Permaculture Association website.

[Course Listings](#)- Find useful links to upcoming courses and educator profiles

[Course Prospectus](#) - Explore options for studying permaculture and help plan your learning

If you have any further questions about this or any other subjects you may find the answer on the diploma website, or you can contact the office on diploma@permaculture.org.uk

I hope you enjoy your Permaculture Learning journey.