



TWO WEEK PERMACULTURE DESIGN CERTIFICATE COURSE Varanasi (UP) – 24 February to 7 March 2010

Permaculture is a marriage between people and place

John Button and Francesca Simonetti in collaboration of the NGO D-Foundation of Sarnath, UP, will run a full Permaculture Design course in the holy city of Varanasi.

Part of the income will be donate to the NGO D-Foundation and used for social and educational projects for women, to empower them and improve their life and enhance their awareness

This internationally-recognized Permaculture Design Course introduces the remarkable potential of Permaculture to address a broad range of issues, most obviously environmental (in the garden, the farm, the apartment or the landscape), but no less significantly, social and financial.

Permaculture is derived not only from 'permanent' and 'agriculture' as is often believed, but equally, from permanent and 'culture'. Without an intimate connection with the local culture, including the culture of the individual, a design is unlikely to be implemented, and even less likely to be sustainable over a longer time. It is equally applicable to gardens, farms, urban spaces, homesites, broad landscapes, workplaces, and social organisations.

Maximum emphasis is given to participant involvement, including demonstration, hands-on activities, group work, practical design exercises throughout. Fun, stimulating, surprising, fulfilling. An intensely wonderful two weeks, with the time format likely to run beyond the specified times for those interested.

The course will be run in English. It will be life-changing, active, and fun.

The Course Facilitators:

John Button, Australian based in Valle Antrona, Piemonte, Italy, has been working with Permaculture for over twenty five years, first in Australia, and for the last twenty years in India, South East Asia, continental Europe, Russia and the Canary Islands. He has worked in the role of designer, implementer, teacher, consultant and project co-ordinator, in climates zones including dry tropics, rainforest sub-tropics, Mediterranean, temperate and alpine. He has broad, practical experience, having built several houses, planted many gardens and orchards, and countless thousands of trees. He is an active campaigner for environmental and social justice.



Francesca Simonetti, Agronomist and Counselor, Italian, has many years experience working in Italy for public administration, independent organisations, as well as individuals. Her professional experience embrace various fields, such as landscape designs, monitoring and evaluation of agriculture, forest and ornamental plant's pest diseases, VTA (Visual Trees Assessment) of trees, environmental education, census of vegetation.

John and Francesca, together, create a rich, eclectic and stimulating team, uniting professionalism, passion and experience, to inspire a present and future more aware and sensitive and sustainable.

For more details about the programme, the cost and the site where the course will be run, please contact:

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