

# Local courses in

## WEA Environmental/Permaculture courses for 2013

**21 and 22 September – Weekend course - Creative foraging (C3835265) – Offshoots Permaculture Project, Towneley Hall, Burnley.** BB11 3RQ. Tutor – Jovanka Gregory – 12pm - 5pm on both days. Cost £31 or free\* Explore and examine locally foraged materials for food, health and well-being, creative pursuits and useful products. Look at the culture and history of foraging in order to help us better understand our place in the natural environment.

**3 - 14 October - Weeklong course - River Habitat in conjunction with the Ribble Rivers Trust - (C3835272) Venue – various including off-site practical work. Initial meeting at Offshoots Permaculture Project, Towneley Hall, Burnley. BB11 3RQ.** Tutor – Victoria Dewhurst. Time - 9.30am – 4pm daily. Cost £130.20 or free\*

A short course designed to increase both practical skills and awareness of the important issues surrounding river habitat management. This is a pioneering course which is predominantly practical and includes riverine species recognition, invasive species management, river bank maintenance and Burnley's river heritage and land management for water catchment and quality. There will also be a full day learning First Aid. Completion of the course will result in achievement of two certificates from both The Ribble Rivers Trust and the WEA, plus opportunities for further progression.

**10. and 11th October – Two day course - Forest Gardening (C3835331) – Offshoots Permaculture Project, Towneley Hall, Burnley.** BB11 3RQ. Tutor – Tomas Remiarz – 10 pm - 5pm on both days. Cost £37. 20 or free\* What a forest garden looks like and how it works, How to plan, plant and maintain a forest garden, Setting up forest gardens in different situations (urban gardens, community or commercial projects), Converting conventional gardens and greenspaces

**21 - 27 October – Week-long course - Permaculture design – Part One (C3835271) Venue - Offshoots Permaculture Project, Towneley Hall, Burnley. BB11 3RQ** Tutor – Tomas Ramiarz. Time – 9am – 4pm daily. Cost £130.20 or free\*

Includes some off-site, practical work. This course is part of the full permaculture design certificate and develops the concept of sustainable development through permaculture ethics and principles, empowering individuals to make informed choices in how they live their lives. Learn how and have fun whilst turning problems into solutions.

Entry requirements: none.

Progression Route: Full permaculture design certificate.

**7. and 8<sup>th</sup> November – Two day course - Permaculture Plus – Diploma support course (C3835332) – Offshoots Permaculture Project, Towneley Hall, Burnley.** BB11 3RQ. Tutor – Tomas Remiarz – 10 pm - 5pm on both days. Cost £37. 20 or free\* This course allows you to apply the knowledge gained on your permaculture course to any area of your life. You will work and get feedback on your own designs and explore permaculture theory and practice deeper in a supportive group.

**23 and 24 November – Weekend course - Forest Gardening (C3835319) – Offshoots Permaculture Project, Towneley Hall, Burnley.** BB11 3RQ Tutor – Jovanka Gregory. Time - 10am - 3pm on both days. Cost - £31 or free\*

Explore and learn about different aspects of Forest Gardens using Offshoots Permaculture Project and the grounds of Towneley Park .Explore the culture and history of edible forest gardens in Britain and the role of Permaculture today. Undertake propagation techniques on trees to create healthy, productive and faster growing edible trees. Understand the importance of layering and companion planting within a Forest Garden system.

**Stout shoes, waterproof, warm clothing and a packed lunch are necessary for these environmental courses. Other small costs may be necessary for site visits.**

**LOOK OUT FOR OTHER COURSES IN 2013 and 2014 AND PROGRESSION ROUTES**



## BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL



For more information and to enrol please visit [www.nw.wea.org.uk](http://www.nw.wea.org.uk) or contact WEA offices on 0151 243 5340

If you would like further information about other WEA courses contact the Regional Office below:  
Workers' Educational Association, Suite 405, Cotton Exchange, Old Hall Street, Liverpool L3 9JR  
Tel: 0151 243 5340 Website: [www.nw.wea.org.uk](http://www.nw.wea.org.uk)  
Company Limited by guarantee in England and Wales No. 2806910 Registered Charity No. 1112775