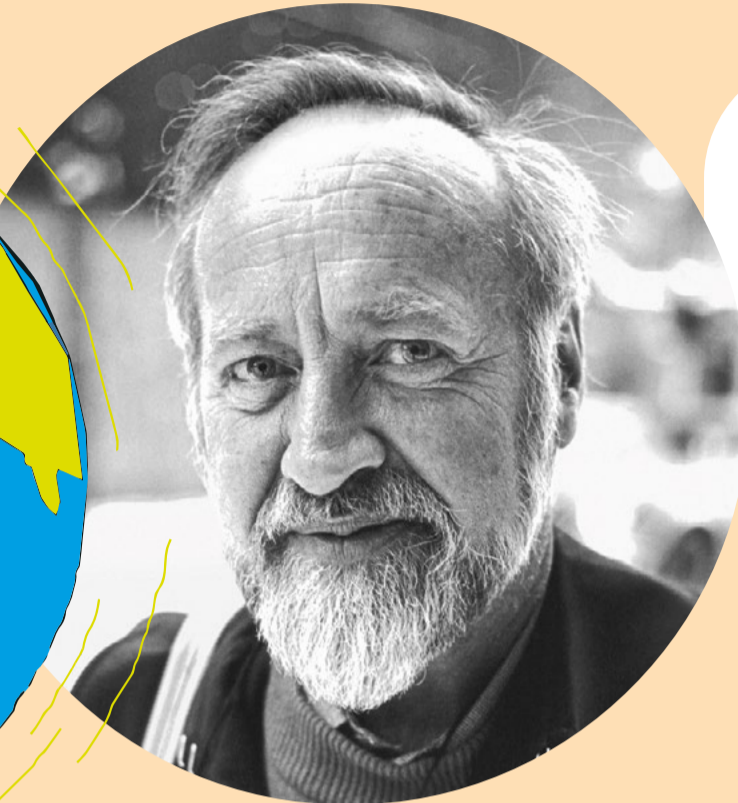


BILL MOLLISON

Founder of a global movement



Though the problems of the world are increasingly complex, the solutions remain embarrassingly simple.

We're only truly secure when we can look out our kitchen window and see our food growing and our friends working nearby.

Born in Tasmania, early life

Bill Mollison was born in 1928 in the small fishing village of Stanley, Tasmania. He left school at 15 to help run his family's bakery. Bill went on to many other jobs, including mill worker, seafarer, and shark fisher. These were followed by nine years at the Wildlife Survey Section of the CSIRO (Australia's leading science research body) and then the Inland Fisheries Commission. There were long periods in the wild forests and coastlines of Tasmania. It was this time in nature that helped form Mollison's ideas on ecology and on how the provision of human needs, such as agriculture, could make use of those processes.

Bill's work with David Holmgren

"My two year student/mentor relationship with Bill from late 1974 was certainly the defining relationship that set the course for the rest of my life. Bill's brilliance was in gathering together the ecological insights, principles, strategies and techniques that could be applied to create the world we do want rather than fighting against the world we reject."

Permaculture One was the book they wrote together. The permaculture concept has since inspired millions of people in over 130 countries to create a huge diversity of positive solutions.

Practical actions you can take

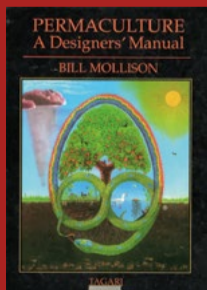
Plant a tree #plantedforbill

Read a permaculture book and apply the learning

Grow the movement



Lizi Jamal planting an olive tree for peace.



Permaculture: A Designers' Manual, Bill Mollison. Bill wrote many books and articles, with many lectures also available online.



Join or start a local group, connect with people near you.

Organiser of a global movement

By the 1970s there was increasing concern about the world running out of resources, as expressed in the Club of Rome's Limits to Growth report in 1972.

"But no one had any long-term ideas and it was obvious to me what had to be done," Bill said. "That was to build an army of permaculture field workers to go out and teach the ideas of sustainable food production."

Bill Mollison founded the first Permaculture Institute, established in 1979 to teach practical design of sustainable soil, water, plant, and legal and economic systems to students worldwide, via the 'Permaculture Design Course'.

Bill's strategy to grow the movement was simple: teach the Permaculture Design Course, and then encourage practitioners to get together every couple of years at 'convergences'. Twelve International Permaculture Convergences have happened since 1984, bringing together people from many countries to learn, share and plan the development of permaculture worldwide.

"Bill's legacy is that hundreds of thousands of past students have created a worldwide network to take his concept forwards."

From Bill Mollison's obituary, by Graham Bell.

Permaculture events

Oxford Real Farming Conference

4-5 January 2017
Oxford Town Hall, Oxford
orfc.org.uk

Permaculture Ambassadors Regional Gathering

10 February 2017
The Bilberry Hill Centre, Lickey, Birmingham
permaculture.org.uk/ambassador

National Diploma Gathering

10-12 February 2017
The Bilberry Hill Centre, Lickey, Birmingham
permaculture.org.uk

National Diploma Gathering

10-12 February 2017, Bilberry Hill Centre, Birmingham

Workshops, inspiring accreditations, tutorials, & sharing design work.

Book your place now

www.permaculture.org.uk/diploma-gathering



Permaculture courses

Introductions to permaculture

Graceworks, Leicester

14-15 January 2017
Contact: Samantha Woods, Ben Brown
gworks.org.uk

Concrete Garden, Glasgow

14-15 January 2017
Contact: Lusi Alderslowe
01557 814810
lusalderslowe@gmail.com
hazelguild.org

Near The Hermitage Café, Edinburgh

21-22 January 2017
Contact: James Chapman
07790 265883
james.nonstuff.chapman@gmail.com
nonstuff.co.uk

Hoathly Hill Community, East Grinstead, West Sussex

21-22 January 2017
Contact: Chloe Anthony
chloe@sunrisepermaculture.org.uk
sunrisepermaculture.org.uk

Tír na nÓg, County Mayo, Ireland

4-5 February 2017
Contact: Cleo or Claire
info@mayoorganicgroup.org
tirnanogmayo.com

OxGrow, Hogacre Common Eco Park, Oxford

26 February 2017
Contact: OxGrow
courses@oxgrow.org
incredibleedibleoxford.wordpress.com

Ragmans Lane Farm, Gloucestershire

6-7 May 2017
Contact: Caroline Aitken
07938213664
caroline.aitken@mail.com
patrickwhitefield.co.uk

The Inkpot, Scredington, Lincolnshire

6-7 May 2017
Contact: Viv
events@the-inkpot.com
the-inkpot.com/introduction-permaculture

Full permaculture design courses

Hollybush Conservation Centre, Leeds

7 January 2017-9 July 2017, over 8 weekends
Teachers: Laura Smith, Helen White, Joe Atkinson, Andy Goldring, Niels Corfield
Contact: Helen White
leedspermaculturenetwork.org
admin@leedspermaculturenetwork.org

The St Werburghs Centre, Bristol

12 January 2017-30 March 2017, 6.30pm-9.30pm on 12 Thursdays with additional weekends
Teachers: Sarah Pugh, Mike Feingold
Contact: Jo Venables
sarah-pugh.co.uk/permaculture-design-certificate
jo@shiftbristol.org.uk

The Hermitage Café, Edinburgh

21 January 2017 to 11 June 2017, over 6 weekends
Teachers: James Chapman plus lots of others
Contact: 07790 265883
nonstuff.co.uk
james.nonstuff.chapman@gmail.com

Ourganics Evolving Systems, Dorset

28 January 2017-14 May 2017, across 6 weekends
Teachers: Aranya & Pat Bowcock
Contact: Aranya
01297 20908
designedvisions.co.uk
aranya@designedvisions.com

Applewood, North Herefordshire

28 January 2017-11 June 2017, one weekend a month
Teachers: Chris Evans & Looby Macnamara
Contact: Chris Evans
01584 831195
designedvisions.co.uk
cevans@gn.apc.org

St Anns allotments visitor centre and Ecoworks, Nottingham

28 January 2017-11 June 2017
Teachers: Paul Paine, Joe Atkinson
Contact: Paul Paine
07973 116291
Caroline ckeep@wea.org.uk

Hoathly Hill Community, East Grinstead, West Sussex

28 January 2017-2 December 2017, one weekend day per month
Teachers: Chloe Anthony with guest tutors and speakers
Contact: Chloe Anthony
sunrisepermaculture.org.uk
chloe.anthony@gmail.com

Alington House, Durham

25 February 2017-20 May 2017, 12 days over various Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays
Teachers: Wilf Richards
Contact: abundantearth.coop

Stroud, Gloucestershire

19 March 2017-14 May 2017
Teachers: Seb Buckton, Helen Pitel, Adrian Leaman, Fred Miller
Contact: Seb Buckton
07557508025
commonedge.org.uk

High Heathercombe Centre, Newton Abbot, Devon

25 March 2017-8 April 2017
Teachers: Aranya & Caroline Aitken
Contact: Aranya
01297 20908
designedvisions.co.uk

Treadwell, South London

8 April 2017-16 July 2017
Teachers: Michel Thill, Tish Vail (assisting), plus guest teachers
Contact: Michel Thill
07901036220
info@sociallandscapes.co.uk
sociallandscapes.co.uk

Specialist courses

Willow basket weaving - beginners

Denmark Farm Conservation Centre, Lampeter, Ceredigion, Wales
18 February 2017
Contact: Mara Morris
01570 493 358
info@denmarkfarm.org

People care permaculture intensive

High Heathercombe Centre, Newton Abbot, Devon
7-12 March 2017
Contact: Klaudia van Gool
07816 841129
klaudiavangool@hotmail.com

Design your permaculture livelihood

Ourganics Evolving Systems, Dorchester, Dorset
11-12 March 2017
Contact: Aranya
01297 20908
designedvisions.co.uk

Training of permaculture trainers

Applewood North Herefordshire
21-30 March 2017
Contact: Chris Evans
01584 831195

Building with straw bales

Earthship Brighton, Stanmer Park, East Sussex
7-9 April 2017
Contact: 07746 185 927
brightonpermaculture.org.uk

Build a cob oven

OxGrow, Oxford
8 April 2017
Contact: courses@oxgrow.org
incredibleedibleoxford.wordpress.com
brightonpermaculture.org.uk/courses/fruitorchards/treplanting
contactus@brightonpermaculture.org.uk

Willow festive decorations

Sustainability Centre, Hampshire
30 November 2016
sustainability-centre.org/
willow-festive-decorations-course.html

