# OUTPUT 4: CULTIVATING REGENERATIVE CULTURES October, November, December

#### Overview



The aim of this output is to focus on the market garden, nursery & herbal enterprise planning centred at Brook End, as well as the relationships with my own business Wild Heart Permaculture and my design of an integrative polycultural right livelihood. This is placed in the context of understanding regenerative economics and financial permaculture and the role of community organising in redesigning our economic systems.

## Learning questions & Focuses

## **Community Organising:**

#### \*Thematic areas of focus:

Regenerative economics/ Economic relocalization

Understanding of solidarity economies, bioregional economics & alternative systems

Understanding of current dominant economic systems & paradigms

\*Key learning & research edges:

Grassroots fundraising strategies/alternatives to NPIC Credit union design & implementation

## Agroecological system design & care:

#### \*Areas of focus:

Market Garden, Nursery & Herbal Enterprise Planning (Brook End)

Nut tree cultivation

Medicinal plant cultivation & herbal horticulture

Advanced propagation methods & nursery practices

Market gardening/larger scale cultivation

Advanced horticulture

Soil science, fertility & soil building

Arboriculture

## Professional development:

### \*Key learning edges:

Market Garden, Nursery & Herbal Enterprise Planning (Brook End)

Right livelihood/livelihood design

Business model generation & enterprise planning

Self employment systems e.g. tax, compliance

Cooperative working

Financial forecasting & Budgeting

Social enterprise design

## Personal growth

#### \*Key learning edges:

|                        | Personal integration of passions into livelihood                      |
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|                        | Greater awareness of herbal medicine through planting planning        |
| Activities involved    | · Undertaking RHS horticulture exams                                  |
|                        | · Completing Diploma in Arboriculture with Horticultural              |
|                        | Correspondence College  |
|                        | · Livelihood design   |
|                        | · Intensive Brook End enterprise planning                             |
|                        | · Reading, research & writing   |
| Skill flex development | To expand my understanding of permaculture design applied to          |
| & Learning goals       | livelihoods and enterprise  |
|                        | To understand self employment and small business management           |
|                        | systems e.g. tax compliance   |
|                        | To improve my knowledge of horticulture especially nursery            |
|                        | practices   |
|                        |   |
| Desired outcomes       | Personal  |
|                        | · Sense of direction in regards to Brook End                          |
|                        | More integrated livelihood design that supports my politics, ethics & |
|                        | long term goals   |
|                        | · Strengthening family bonds in co-creation of vision                 |
|                        | Professional  |
|                        | · Financial permaculture design competencies added to skill set and   |
|                        | portfolio   |
|                        | · Integrated livelihood design clear and tangible                     |
|                        | · Several articles produced & shared                                  |
|                        | RHS exams successfully passed   |

|                               | . Diploma in Arbericulture attained  |
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|                               | <ul> <li>Project</li> <li>Brook End business plan completed</li> <li>Enterprise planning for Feed Avalon</li> <li>Credit Union launched with Permaculture Association</li> </ul>   |
| Resources                     | Books, Journals & Magazines, Design support tutorials, Gaia University support, Online forums & websites, Videos, Allies & friends   |
|                               | Potential support accessed from Permaculture Business world or Ethan Roland advising   |
| Potential digiphon            | Gimp, Photoshop, Indesign, Word, Text Edit, Mail, iCal, iPhoto, Digital camera, Firefox, Scrivener, Adobe, Calibre, XMind, iReminisce, Stickies, Fontbook, Google drive, Excel, Filemaker pro, Safari, Crabgrass, Open Office, Skype, Doodle, Open Books |
| Timeline of output packet     | 1st October 2013 - 31st December 2013  |
| Activities during this period | 12th October - Incredible Edible Somerset Conference 16th October - World Food Day/ Food Sovereignty Actions November - Mum & Ian potentially travelling December - Family/seasonal activities   |
| Design of output<br>period    | Week 1: Ordering materials e.g. Books, downloading reading matter, organising information to process. Designing systems of support - arranging tutorials, interviews & other support avenues. Designing systems of tracking learning.                    |

|         | October: Surveying - reading diverse literature, observing own patterns &     |
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|         | experiences etc, review current models  |
|         | November: Diploma in Arboriculture focus. Business planning & processing      |
|         | December: Horticultural revision, output creation/uploading onto mahara       |
| Budget  | Travel costs & food during activities above.                                  |
|         | Printing costs  |
|         | New book purchases  |
|         | Potential software purchases  |
|         | Support sessions with business advisors/skill flex advising sessions          |
| Reading | Regenerative Economics  |
|         | Regenerative Economics, Ethan Roland  |
|         | Sacred Economics, Eileen Workman  |
|         | Sacred Economics: Money, Gift, and Society in the Age of Transition           |
|         | by Charles Eisenstein   |
|         | The Moneyless Manifesto, Mark Boyle   |
|         | Omerod P, Butterfly Economics   |
|         | Local Money, Transition Handbook  |
|         | The Accumulation of Freedom: Writings on Anarchist Economics by               |
|         | Anthony J. Nocella, Deric Shannon and <u>John Asimakopoulos</u> (21 Feb 2012) |
|         | Anarchist Economics: An Alternative For a World In Crisis by Abraham          |
|         | Guillen   |
|         | Fields, Factories and Workshops Tomorrow by Petr Alekseevich Kropotkin        |
|         | and Colin Ward  |

Owning Our Future, Majorie Kelley Common Wealth

Green Gone Wrong: Dispatches from the Front Lines of Eco-Capitalism

Financial Permaculture calls/presentations/links

Solidarity Economy Intercontinental Network
Centre for Popular Economics
New Economics Foundation

#### Horticultural

So You Want to Start a Nursery

Growing Herbs from Seed, Cutting and Root by Thomas De Baggio

How to Propagate: Techniques and Tips for over 1000 Plants.

RHS, Propagating Plants

Practical Woody Plant Propagation for Nursery Growers

Hartmann and Kesters Plant Propagation: Principles & Practices

**Nursery Management** 

Essential Soil Science: A Clear and Concise Introduction to Soil Science

The Nature and Properties of Soils

A Student's Book on Soils and Manures

Soils: An Introduction

Teaming With Microbes - A Gardener's Guide To The Soil Food Web

Roots Demystified - Change Your Gardening Habits To Help Roots Thrive

Permaculture Soils

Growing Under Glass – RHS's Encyclopaedia of Practical

Ball Redbook: Greenhouses & Equipment V1 The Winter Harvest Handbook Eliot Coleman

Horticulture: Principles and Practices

Plant Names Explained: Botanical Terms and their Meaning

The New Organic Grower - A Master's Manual of Tools and Techniques for

the Home and Market Gardener

Science and the Garden: The Scientific Basis of Horticultural Practice

Principles & practices of Soil Science. Soil as natural resource, Backwell