Elpidohori (Hopeland) is very happy and proud to present Peter Cow's PDC course on its premises

It gives us great pleasure to announce that for the first time ever the acclaimed Permaculture expert Peter Cow will be arriving in Greece to host an International **Permaculture Design Course** (PDC) at the beautiful location of Elpidohori (Hopeland) in the south of Greece.

The PDC will take place from **27th of June to the 8th of July, 2014** on location at Elpidohori.

Participants will complete the full 72-hour syllabus and will receive the internationally recognised **Permaculture Design Certificate** at the end of the course.

Participants will learn to observe patterns and principles in the wild, in self and in society, and explore how to use them in **designing** and **decision making** in many areas of life - from house construction to gardens to community development.

The course is not just about imparting information and techniques – there is plenty of knowledge accessible these days. This course will show you **how** and **where** to use the techniques, and support you in choosing or birthing the most appropriate ones.

Learning methods used are so diverse and well-ranged that they cater to visual, auditory, kinaesthetic and verbal dominant learners, supporting everyone to make the most of the course, and have a vibrant journey along the way.

The course starts with an **introduction to permaculture**: its thinking, principles and design tools.
This core **theory** is then illustrated by exploring **practical** permaculture solutions for many areas of life: water systems, gardening and broadscale landscapes, lifestyle choices and self resilience, the built environment, community development, financial systems and designing in different climate zones. Towards the end of the course participants carry out a **group design project** for the site to explore and integrate the design processes more fully.

This particular course will have a **focus** on community development and water harvesting/storing in the landscape, alongside the traditional wide ranging, life changing PDC curriculum, covering land design, eco building, social permaculture, food forests, soil improvement, working in different climate zones and much more.

This is a course that requires no prior knowledge, no special skills or experience; it is available to everyone!

Prices and Facilities

The price for the 12 days is €495, which includes all meals, camping, hot showers, all on-site facilities. There is also limited dormitory accommodation available for an additional €75 per person for the duration of the course.

Included in the price are three delicious vegetarian meals per day, all created by our specialist vegetarian chef with vegetables from our own organic garden or supplied locally.

To enrol for the course you will need to send us an email at seminars@elpidohori.gr so we can send you a booking form. We also ask for a deposit of €100, which can be paid either by bank transfer or Paypal. Details of how to do this are included in the booking form. If neither of these is possible, or in case you are facing any other issues please do not hesitate to contact us and we will work something out.

The object is to re-educate ourselves, open our hearts and our minds and have fun! There is bound to be lots of positive energy and a great selection of multicultural people from different backgrounds. So do not forget to bring your musical instruments or any other fun-making hobby of yours...

A few words about our trainer - Peter Cow

Peter took his PDC in 1998, and went on to co found an eco community in Devon, UK, where he lived for 7 years. He has been teaching since 2007, and has experience leading PDCs around the world. His courses are certified by the Permaculture Association (Britain), with whom he is also an active Diploma Tutor. He has wide design experience including woodland management, food forests, eco buildings, community development, personal resilience and event design, in both cool temperate and Mediterranean climates. He is deeply involved in social permaculture, and was co-facilitator with Looby Macnamara at the first ever People and Permaculture Facilitator Training course in 2013.
For more information you can visit his website www.livingincircles.com

So, if you are interested in a cutting edge permaculture learning adventure in Greece this summer, please email us for more information and the booking form - seminars@elpidohori.gr . The event link to our website is here Elpidohori PDC . Feel free to share and spread the word!

Attending this course makes you part of a much greater thing!

*A big part of the proceeds will go towards funding a **'Permaculture Caravan'** that will take Peter around the country for three weeks, spreading the word on permaculture and sustainable living to the parts of the Greek countryside much in need of such knowledge and motivation. This has never been done before and we are counting on your support to make it happen!*

Come join us create a better world, for you, for us, and for many many more…