Permaculture Design Courses & Seminar
by Robyn Francis
23 March - 14 April 2016, Hong Kong

Permaculture Design Certificate Course  23 March - 5 April 2016

Urban Permaculture Systems Seminar  6 April 2016 (19:00-21:00)

Advanced Course on Permaculture for Sustainable Aid Work  8-14 April 2016

A limited number of scholarship of 30%-50% tuition fee exemption will be allocated to suitable participants.

Language
English

Application
Please refer to KFBG website (www.kfbg.org) for full course details and online application. Application deadline is 15 March 2016.

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Robyn Francis is an internationally renowned permaculture pioneer, educator and designer, founder of Djanbung Gardens, Australia, and the Permaculture College Australia, and is regarded as one of permaculture’s most experienced trainers and practitioners. Over the past 25 years Robyn has been working for a sustainable future, empowering thousands of people through training, design and consulting on diverse projects, facilitating community initiatives and giving many voluntary hours to the national and international permaculture movement. She has taught over 130 Permaculture Design Certificate courses (PDCs) in fifteen countries, and as many advanced courses in diverse areas of professional permaculture practices including: Teacher Training; Community Facilitation; Ecovillage Design; Sustainable Aid and Development; Social Permaculture; Design for Food Security & Year-round Food Production. The KFBG team will assist in the teaching of the practical sessions.

13-day Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC) Course
Date: 23rd March – 5th April 2016* (*No classes on 27th March 2016)
Venue: Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden and the Green Hub
Fee: HK $7,500

Following the international PDC curriculum, this foundation course provides a comprehensive introduction to permaculture principles, applications and design practices. It will address all major climatic zones (temperate, subtropical, tropical & arid) and the breadth of permaculture applications for sustainable urban, rural & bioregional design and development. It will also give special focus to the sub-tropical climate and urban context of Hong Kong. The course will provide an inspiring and empowering experience for participants to gain the knowledge and skills to design the land-use for a property, create abundance, build a resilient community and bring practical sustainability into their personal life and their workplace.

7-day Advanced Course on Permaculture for Sustainable Aid Work (PSAW)
Date: 8th to 14th April 2016
Venue: Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden and the Green Hub
Fee: HK $4,800

This course was originally developed by Robyn Francis in 1991 and undergoes frequent revision in keeping with global changes and their impacts on the world’s poorest and most vulnerable people. Participants will develop specific awareness, knowledge and skills for being effective, appropriate and culturally sensitive in this important field of permaculture activism and education. Participants will discover tools for working with communities, to build resilience so they can better meet the impacts of climate change, resource depletion, food and water insecurity, and economic instability. Prior completion of a PDC is recommended.

Urban Permaculture Systems Seminar
Date: 6th April 2016 (19:00-21:00)
Venue: Hong Kong Science Museum
Fee: HK $50

Discover ways that permaculture is revitalising urban environments around the world. This seminar explores the numerous ways individuals, communities, developers and governments are making cities better places to live, building community resilience, and improving the urban environment by food production, energy efficiency and ecological design.

About Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden
Established in 1956 as a base for the Kadoorie Agricultural Aid Association (K.A.A.A.), the KFBG site near Lam Tsuen, Tai Po, is one of Hong Kong’s little known jewels. Nine kilometres of roads and twelve kilometres of paths wind their way up around organic farming terraces, botanic gardens and native forest to the summit of the mountain, Kwan Yum Shan, at over 1800ft above sea level. A wide variety of educational displays, sustainability features and wildlife rescue facilities complement the extensively landscaped gardens with their cobbled paths, pavilions, bridges, waterfalls and picnic spots. KFBG’s three core programmes - Nature Conservation, Holistic Education and Sustainable Living - are evolving as they address different aspects of the challenge of living in harmony with nature. In addition to the many on-site experiences, workshops and special events that have been developed for the education and enjoyment of visitors, KFBG’s activities extend throughout Hong Kong, and into South China and other parts of the region. Website: www.kfbg.org

About the Green Hub
The ‘Green Hub’ has been transformed from the Old Tai Po Police Station located in Tai Po, in Hong Kong’s New Territories. It is a Grade I listed historic building that was built in 1899. In 2010, the HKSAR Government selected Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden (KFBG) to transform the heritage site into a ‘Green Hub for Sustainable Living’. It demonstrates aspects of sustainable economy, and shows an integrated approach to conserving the historic, architectural, ecological and cultural aspects of a heritage site. The Green Hub is equipped with a vegetarian canteen, heritage display, theme-gardens, kitchen garden, guest rooms, a teaching kitchen, art workshops, and a seminar room. Website: www.greenhub.hk