

TEACHING PERMACULTURE CREATIVELY

An Intensive Permaculture Teacher Training Course with Dave Jacke • Chris Jackson • Kim Almeida
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Dear Educators,

You have in your hands (or on your computer screen) a few documents that will aid you in creating a Community Supported Educator program to help finance your participation in *Teaching Permaculture Creatively*. This innovative application of the Community Supported Agriculture concept excites us! We've worked to make it as easy for you as possible.

The basic idea is that you, the educator, find subscribers to invest upfront in a permaculture workshop or workshop(s) that you agree to produce following your participation in *Teaching Permaculture Creatively*. By supporting your professional development, subscribers get a discount on your workshop and help bring valuable skills pertinent to these changing, unstable times into their communities. You use most of the money from the subscribers to pay your teacher training tuition and some to produce the event (we propose you save about 20% for this purpose, but the amount you save depends entirely on your circumstances). The commitment to put on this workshop ensures you the opportunity to warm up your teaching skills right after the course. Your subscribers will attend the workshop, as will others to whom you will advertise your event after the course. Attendees who did not subscribe can be a potential income source for you. We recommend you plan your event within three to four months of the teacher training. We expect that the fact that you are trying to get teacher training will help you advertise and receive support for your event. If you are part of a CSA farm, you might start with members there who will have an easier time understanding what you are trying to do.

Your workshop could be an evening talk or a half day, one day, or two day workshop. During the course, we will support you to create and put on this workshop. We will provide you with budget templates, draft curricula, advertisement templates, our excitement about your work and access to our teaching experience. We will help you build new skills and gain confidence in the ones you already have. The work you develop before and during the course can be part of your workshop; we are stacking functions here. You will also be presenting to the public during the course, which can serve as a test-run for part of your workshop.

The agreement will be solely between you and the subscribers. We are here to support you, but we are not part of the agreement (we do not want to play the role of guarantor to your subscribers). We are only providing an idea and some support structures to help you create your own CSE program. We will put you in touch with other teacher training participants who are doing the same so you can collaborate if you like.

In this packet we've included a one-page flyer describing the CSE agreement to potential subscribers and a brochure about the Teaching Training course in case potential subscribers are curious about what they might fund. We suggest you fill in details about the workshop you will provide at the bottom of the attached flyer with the CSE header. We also include a number of one-page workshop flyers you can use as templates or samples to help create your own workshop flyer. Some of these are pdfs. Contact us to work out receiving some of those pdf workshop flyers in a computer format that works for you if you want to use them as templates to make flyers for your event. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any other questions.

Isn't this a sweet idea?

In support of you and your work,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Faubus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Dave, Chris, and Kim