

Call for Contributions: inspiring examples of permaculture approaches to climate adaptation

The Faculty of Sciences at Lisbon University, with the support of the UK Permaculture Association and the Schumacher Institute for Sustainable Systems, is preparing a new book about permaculture and climate change adaptation. This will be released as a free-to-access e-book and limited number print version, in the run-up to the International Permaculture Conference in London on September 8-9th 2015. Its production forms part of BASE, a major EU-funded research project on bottom-up approaches to climate adaptation, and came out of workshops at the International Permaculture Convergence in Cuba in 2013.

The book will include case studies of different ways in which people are applying permaculture to climate change adaptation worldwide. We're looking for examples from different biomes across the world, responding to all types of climate impact, and at scales from small and local through to international. The aim is to improve understanding of how permaculture can contribute to climate change adaptation and to communicate that understanding to a broader audience, particularly government at all levels. A key message will be the need for more holistic understandings of climate change, and hence for deeper responses that address needs for eco-social regeneration and transformation.

If you're involved in a project that you think could be included, please get in touch to tell us a little more about it, including links to websites and other background information if available. If you know of a suitable project, please either pass this on to them and encourage them to get in touch, or contact us with some details. We'll choose case studies based on how well they fit together and collectively support the aims of the book. We'll aim to have made a final selection by the end of October 2014.

We're also open to offers of participation. These could include helping to select, document and compile case studies; deciding how case studies will be presented and organised in the book; contributing to the editorial process – or anything else you suggest. We also welcome comments and suggestions about the book from the wider permaculture community, so please feel free to offer us your feedback.

For case study suggestions, offers of participation, any other comments, and for further information, please email Tom Henfrey:
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For further information:

<http://www.permaculture.org.uk/international/conference>

<http://base-adaptation.eu/>